

200 Years Anniversary Celebration

Hobart, Tasmania

November 26th – 29<sup>th</sup>

2020



ITINERARY

# Welcome Aboard!

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We are sailing on the Derwent River to celebrate the arrival in Hobart of the 260 ton barque *Skelton*, captained by James Dixon and carrying our ancestors William and Margaret Wilson on the 27th of November 1820 – exactly 200 years ago today! The *Skelton* had departed Leith Roads in Scotland on the 19th of June for the voyage to Australia.

William and Margaret, having paid the huge sum for those days of £75 per person were cabin passengers aboard the vessel. The *Skelton* arrived in Hobart Town at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27th of November 1820, after some 5 months at sea; it was only the third ship to carry free settlers to the Colony and the first immigrant ship to sail direct from Scotland. The voyage (for the time) was uneventful – the seas were calm and only one person had died!



No. II.			
List of Passengers per Skelton,			
From LEITH and PORTSMOUTH, bound to CAPE of GOOD HOPE, NEW SOUTH WALES, and VAN DIEMAN'S LAND, embarked at LEITH and PORTSMOUTH.			
Names.		Where Embarked.	Where Settled.
Mr T. Roadknight .....	...	Portsmouth.	Died outward passage.
W. Roadknight, jun. ....	...	Do.	
Herriot Ditto, .....	...	Do.	
William Ditto .....	Children.	Do.	Settled Eight Miles above New Norfolk.
Thomas Ditto .....			
Henry Ditto .....			
Herriot Ditto, .....	...	Do.	
Mr T. Roadknight, jun. ....	...	Do.	
Mr William Wilson ....	...	Leith.	Architect at Pitt Water.
Mrs Margaret Wilson ....	...	Do.	
Mr Colin Campbell ....	...	Do.	
Mr Donald McDonald ....	...	Do.	Port Dalrymple.
Mr Donald Campbell ....	...	Do.	
Mr Allan McLean .....	...	Do.	

As we sail today on a ship not too different in size to the *Skelton*, we might contemplate the momentous undertaking upon which William and Margaret were engaged. They had left family, friends and homeland in the sure knowledge that they would likely never see them again. The journey was well in excess of 15,000 km and would take 21 weeks to complete. They would be accommodated in a tiny, wooden-hulled ship that, while probably representing the state of the sailing art at that time, would be hazardous, cramped, uncomfortable and, by modern standards, unhealthy. Months of poor food, stale water, constantly at the mercy of sea and wind and apprehension of the unknown – what a journey! And for what? Van Diemen's Land at that time was a penal colony and prior to 1820 free settlement had been actively discouraged by the British Government. There was little in the way of the amenities and social system that we rely on so much today. In the words of Captain Dixon:

*“The settler, at such an immense distance from home, begins now to feel the difficulties of his situation, especially when every kind of useful thing is enhanced three times its real value, by the avarice of the merchants; who, however, it must be admitted, certainly run great risk in selling their goods; but if they get half they charge they are well paid”.*

**But if William & Margaret had not done this, it is very probable that none of us would be enjoying the lifestyle that we now take for granted.**

This chart is designed to provide some comparisons of your sailing vessel with the *Skelton*.

FEATURE	SKELTON	WINDEWARD BOUND	LADY NELSON
IMAGE			
BUILT	WHITBY, UK, 1818	HOBART, 1996	TASMANIA, 1988
HULL CONSTRUCTION	WOOD, COPPER-SHEATHED	EUCALYPT, HUON PINE, & OREGON	BLUE GUM & CELERY TOP PINE
BUILDER	HOLT & RICHARDSON	THE WINDEWARD BOUND TRUST	TASMANIAN SAIL TRAINING ASSOCIATION
RIGGING	BARQUE	BRIGANTINE	BRIG
TONNAGE	260/ <sup>1</sup> 350	105	60
LENGTH	86' 6"	110'	52'6"
BEAM	26' 1"	20'	17'6"
DRAUGHT	15'	11'	9' 2"
DECKS	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	SINGLE
HEIGHT BETWEEN DECKS	5'5"	6'4"	6'
MASTS	3	2	2
MAINMAST HEIGHT	?	85'	52'
GUNS	2	NONE	1 Caronade
FATE	SANK, ANGUILLA ISLAND 1828	CRUISE/TRAINING SHIP	CRUISE/TRAINING SHIP

<sup>1</sup> With extra deck added for accommodating passengers

# Event Program Itinerary

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## Thursday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: WELCOME DAY

**2.30 - 5 pm. Narryna Museum Welcome Gathering** – Narryna is a 15min easy walk from RACV Hotel hub – refer walking map below.

**2.30pm - Assemble in rear garden/courtyard areas** (<sup>P</sup>Entry Fees Pre-paid). **2.30pm to 3pm - <sup>P</sup>Tote Bag Welcome Packages and name tags distributed.**

**3.00pm** - MC **Mark Wilson** to introduce the full Celebration Programme, including what is paid and what is not, what is arranged and what is not, description of contents of Arrival Package (Maps, Flash Drive, Origins, etc) in tote bags, today's events and introduce Speakers

- 3pm-3.05pm - Brief Opening Welcome addresses by **Shirley, Narryna Representative (TBC)**
- 3.05 – 3.15pm - Brief Power Point presentations '*Scotland Origins*' – **Laurie Wilson**; '*Australian Beginnings*' – **Mike Wilson**
- **3.15pm – 4.00pm** \*sequenced tours of the Museum Rooms and Collections (includes Family memorabilia) interspersed with "*Explore Your Family Tree*" display and '*Signing of signature tea-towel*' artboard, Faces/Bonnie William videos on loop during tours
- **4.00-4-20pm – '*Jane Stevens and the Frederick Langloh line*' – Briony Kidd**
- **4.20 – 4.45pm '*The Story of William's Fiddle*'** presentation followed by a rendition of Scottish music on William's Fiddle; – by **Jane Wilson**.
- **4.45 – 4.50pm** - Official presentation of the Skelton Arrival Painting to Narryna Museum; **Laurie and Mike Wilson**
- 4.50pm - MC announcement of:
  - Thursday DIY Dinner (maybe some suggestions, including nearby Gluten-free restaurants?)
  - Next Day's programme/deadlines
  - RACT as Hub
  - Safety Matters over course of events; Close

## Friday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: ARRIVAL ANNIVERSARY DAY

**8 am to 8.30pm/9 pm - Coach Tour to Richmond, Lunch at Richmond Arms, Tall Ships Cruise, RYCT Family Dinner.**

CRC Hostess: **Emma** to guide day's Group Movement. Coach captains provide commentary. **Coach Captains:** Coach 1 to Richmond – **Shirley**. Coach 2 to Richmond – **Jane**. Coach 1 to ships – **John**. Coach 2 to ships – **Karen**

- 8 am Assemble in RACV Lounge, 154 Collins Street; **refer Coaches Rep. Emma for boarding**
- 8.30 am <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for Richmond – ETA 9.15am; Brief Coaches tour of village highlights
- Assemble for Group Photograph at Bridge – coaches will deposit all at the Bridge
- Until 11.15 am - free time to explore Richmond Village and shops
- 11.30 am – <sup>P</sup>Catered Light Platter luncheon at Richmond Arms Hotel (drinks at Bar prices). **(Special Diet Needs Catered for)**
- 1.15 pm – Coaches depart for Elizabeth Pier Hobart for ETA 2pm
- 2.15 pm – <sup>P</sup>Board Tall ships for 2.30pm departure for Derwent Estuary Sailing
- 4.15 pm– Ships dock at Elizabeth Pier and '*A Toast to William & Margaret*' – on board each ship
- 4.30 pm – <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for RYCT – 5 pm to 6 pm **Happy Hour\*\***, 6pm to 8pm - **Roasts Dinner\*\* (Special Diet Needs catered for)**
- MC, **Mark Wilson** – 5.45 pm Invites all to seats for family dinner & outlines Evening Programme – Speaker(s), Kids Activities & Awards, and special musical rendition.
- 7 pm - MC introduces Special Guest at RYCT dinner – Address by **Chris Merridew (On Hobart)** and presentation of children's Sailing Awards
- 7.30pm – 7.45pm - MC introduces Mal Lanham and his rendition "*The Ballad of Bonnie William & Margaret*"
- 7.45pm - MC outlines the Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Programme, advises early coach departure.
- 7.45pm to 8.30pm - <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for RACV **(plus other down-town inner city drop-off points)**

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>: FAMILY SITES TOUR

**8.30am to 5pm – Coach tour of Hobart & Environ family sites - Hestercombe cemetery, Derwent Valley Estate lunch, Clarendon-on-the-Derwent site viewing drive-by, return via St Mathews Glenorchy**

**CRC Hostess: Emma** available for morning coach loading only. Coach captains to initiate kids' activity & provide commentary.

**Coach Tour Captains:** Coach 1 to Sala/Hest/DEV – **Jane**, Coach 2 to Sala/Hest/DEV – **Shirley**. Coach 1 to Gretna/Glenorchy – **Jennie Towan**. Coach 2 to Gretna/Glenorchy – **Jenny Brown**

- 8.30 am-10 am Free time at Salamanca Market (**10 minute walk** to Salamanca Place from RACV)
- 9.30 am - All others assemble in RACV Lounge, 154 Collins Street; **refer Coaches Rep. Emma**
- 9.45 am <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for Brook Street Pier for pick-up of Salamanca Market attendees
- 10 am <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart Brook St Pier – **en-route drive-by of Hobart locations\*\*\***, to Hestercombe
- ETA 11.15am Hestercombe Cemetery – Graveside Scottish Lament played on William's violin **Jane or TBA**
- 11.45am <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for Derwent Estate (Mt Nassau) – wine-tasting\*\*, **luncheon\***, (**Special Diets catered for**)
- 2.15pm <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for '**Clarendon on the Derwent**' – vantage point viewing/photos
- 3.15pm <sup>P</sup>Coaches depart for walking visit to Saint Mathews, Glenorchy
- Return to RACV for drop-off.

**En-route - Coach Captains:** (i) remind all that Saturday dinner is DIY, and (ii) Outline Sunday Programme

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: CHURCH SERVICE.

**9.30 am – 12.00 pm. Walk (10 minutes from RACV Hotel) to St. Andrew's Old Scots church & museum for Commemorative Ceremony, morning tea, and Programme Close.**

**Note: This day's events are still tentative and require confirmation by Church Council et al**

- 10 am Scots Church Service – pre and post Service Trouping of the Colour (St Andrew's Day)
- 10 am to 10.45 am – Church Service with commemorative tributes; Monikie Pewters on display
- Commemorative Address - by **Anne Watchorn**
- 11 am - Post Church Service Pipe band recital
- 11.20 am – In Main Church Hall for <sup>P</sup>morning tea and Closing Farewell Address and Expression of Appreciation – **Shirley Davies OAM.**

#### Notes:

<sup>P</sup>These items will have been pre-paid

\*\*Bar/Vineyard prices apply

\*\*\*Jane Wilson architecture itinerary details TBA - **Jane**

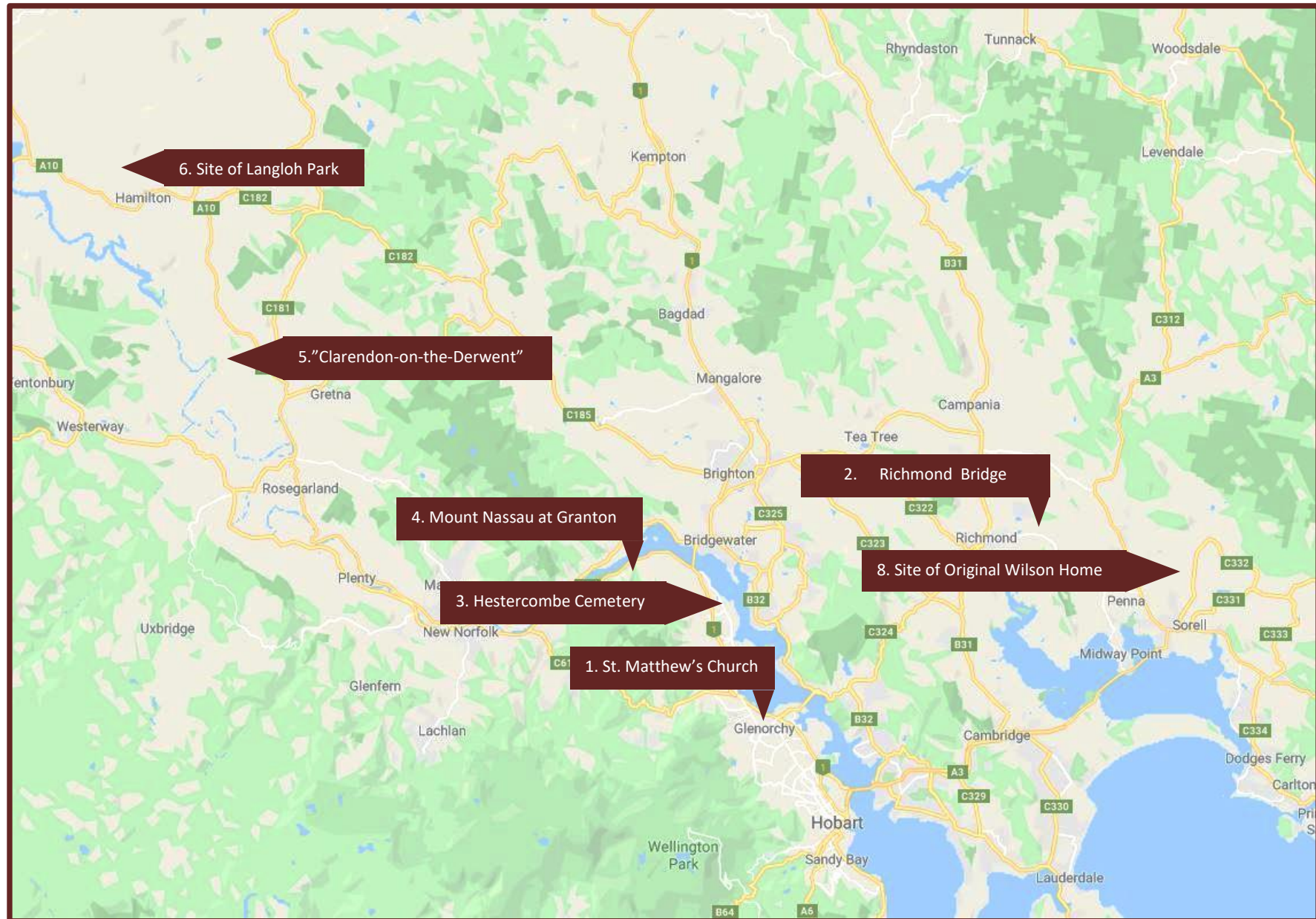
Key Point Guide Scripts to be produced for MCs & Speakers - **Laurie**

**MC** – Master of ceremonies; **CRC** – Coal River Coaches; **Sala** – Salamanca; **Hest** – Hestercombe Cemetery; **DEV** – Derwent Estate Vineyard (Mt Nassau); **Gretna** – Clarendon on the Derwent; **RACV** – Royal Auto Club of Victoria Hotel (Hobart);

Coach boardings and de-bussing to be managed by **CRC Hostess (Emma)** **SAFETY!**



## Wilson Sites - Hobart Environs



## Legend – Hobart Environs

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### 1. St. Matthew's Church:



St. Matthew's Church of Scotland at O'Brien's Bridge (now Glenorchy) where John Bowman Wilson married Agnes Eliza McDonald in June 1851.

### 2. Richmond Bridge:



William Hartley Wilson was the Superintendent of Stonemasons responsible for the construction of Australia's oldest stone bridge which was built in 1823/4 and is still in use today.

### 3. Hestercombe Chapel & Cemetery at Austin's Ferry:



William, Margaret and their son Frederick Langloh Wilson and his wife Jane are buried in the cemetery behind the chapel.

### 4. Mount Nassau:



The home of Margaret Wilson and her son Frederick and his family after 1870; Margaret passed away at Mount Nassau in 1875. Today the house is part of the Derwent Estate winery.



## 5. Clarendon on the Derwent:



The still-standing home of William Borrodaile Wilson on his grant of 247 acres near Gretna. William's daughter Eliza married our William Sorell Wilson in 1856.

## 6. Langloh Park:



William and Margaret's shipboard friend Frederick Langloh owned the 2200 acre property he named Langloh Park near Hamilton - little of which remains today except coal mining relics that remain from a colliery established on the site in 1938.

## 7. Site of William & Margaret's Home near Pawleena:



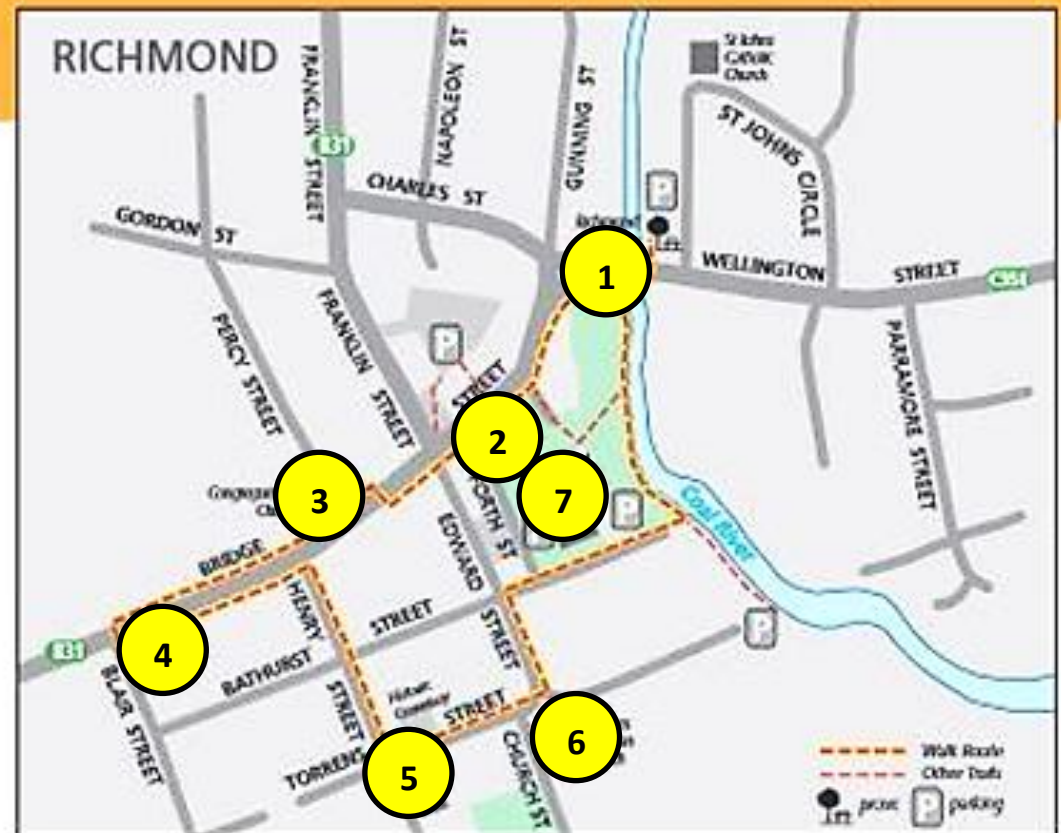
William & Margaret lived on their Grant of land at Mt. Orielton during the construction of the Richmond Bridge in the early 1820s. The home site (little of which remains today) is on the Sorell Rivulet on the private property "Hampden Park" on Pawleena Road.

## Self-guided Walking Tour of Richmond

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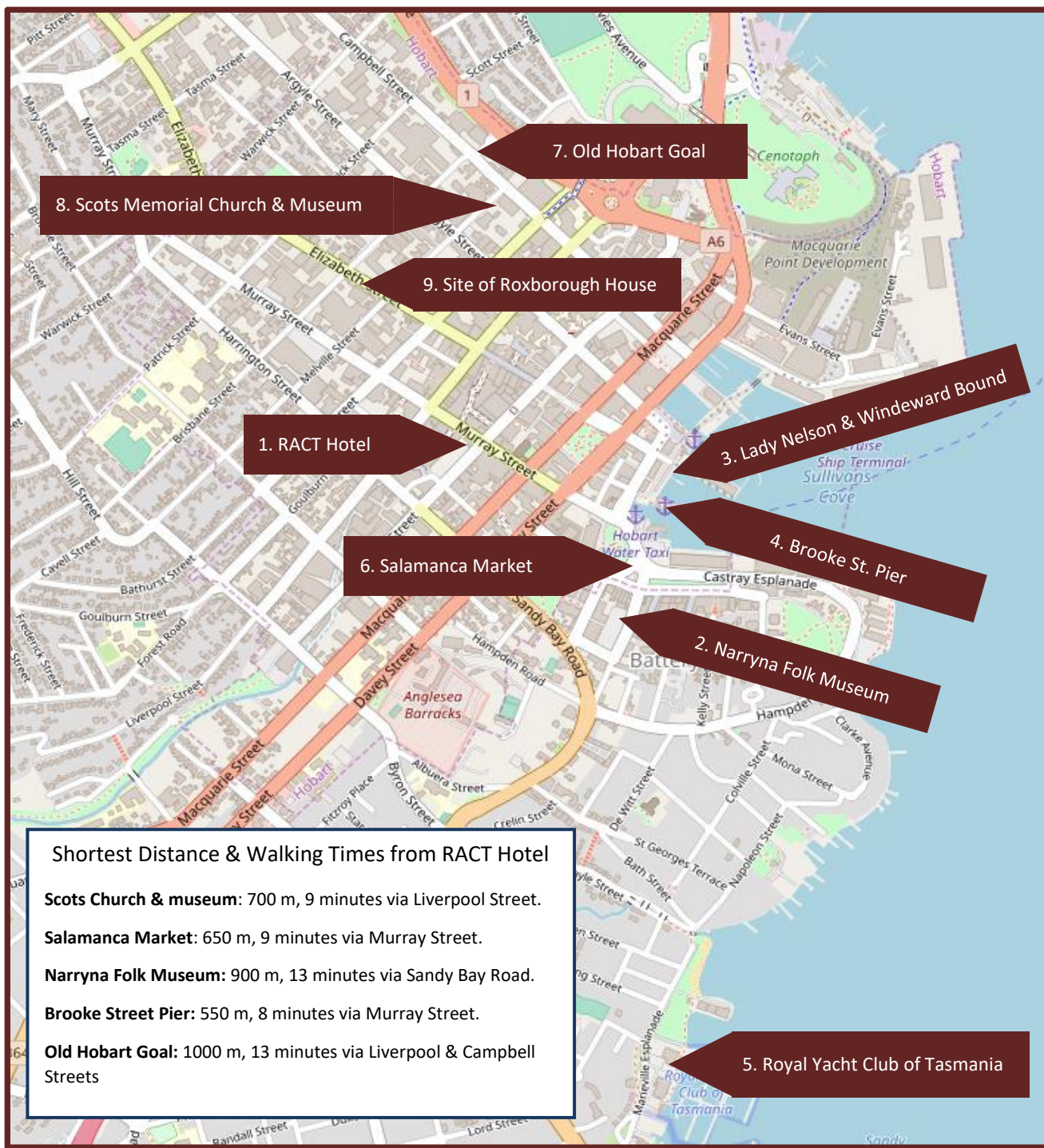
Richmond is a 19th century Georgian village rich in convict history. The walk passes many of Richmond's most important historic sites. It can be done in either direction. Finish the walk with a picnic on the riverbank.

1. **Richmond Bridge** is Australia's oldest stone bridge built by convicts in 1823. Nearby St John's Church is the oldest Catholic Church in Australia.
2. **Richmond Court House** was built in 1825. It was used as Council Chambers from 1861 until 1993 when Richmond municipality amalgamated with Clarence City Council.
3. **Congregational Church** was constructed in 1873 after the original church on a different site was damaged in a storm.
4. **Oak Lodge** was once the home of Richmond's noted American-born doctor, William Clark. Now owned by the National Trust, it houses the Coal River Valley Historical Society.
5. **Old School House** was built by convicts in 1834, it is the oldest continuously used public education facility in Australia and is now used as the Richmond Primary School library.
6. **St Luke's Anglican Church** was designed by John Lee Archer and built by convict labour in 1834. Convict James Thompson, who was responsible for the original timberwork inside the building was granted his freedom as a reward for his work.
7. **Richmond Gaol** was built in 1825. One of its infamous inmates was convict Ikey Solomon, said to be the model for Dickens' Fagin. The gaol is open daily for inspection. Admission fees apply.



Length: 2.2km  
Parking: Richmond Bridge, Richmond Gaol, Franklin St carpark or the riverside carpark off Torrens St.





1. Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania Hotel, 154-156 Collins St, Hobart

2. Narryna Folk Museum, 103 Hampden Rd, Battery Point, Hobart

3. Elizabeth Street Pier (Sailing Ships Departure), Hobart

4. Brooke St Pier – pick up point from Salamanca Market

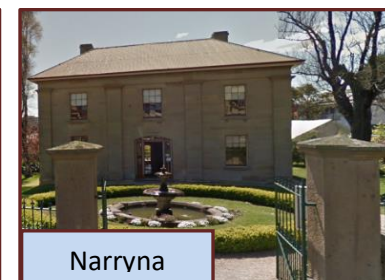
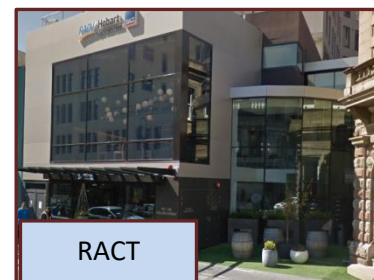
5. Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay

6. Salamanca Market, Salamanca Place, Hobart

7. Old Hobart Goal, Cnr Brisbane & Campbell Streets, Hobart 29

8. Scots Memorial Church & Museum, 29 Bathurst St, Hobart

9. Site of 'Roxborough' (Fredrick Langloh's house), 162 Elizabeth St.





## NOTES

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