

EXPERIENCE HISTORY

To enjoy this walk and experience our past it is suggested that you begin at the Yarram Courthouse, walk down Commercial Road on the right hand side until you reach Memorial Park, cross the road at the Service Station - once the site of the Strand Hall, and continue walking back to the Courthouse.

If you wish to do a longer stroll, continue to St Mary's or even the Mechanic's Institute.



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HISTORIC YARRAM

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West Side

The Yarram Courthouse

Opened in 18th August 1908, and the first sitting of the County Court under Mr J.W. Clarke was heard on October 13th. Cases continued to be heard December 1989.

1. Wynne's Drapery

Formerly the Yarram Bakery and "Garden of Roses Cafe". Jim Princas opened the "Garden of Roses Cafe" on the site - there is still a cafe on the site today. A banquet and reception room was also included in the building. Today, the building houses a clothing and drapery store.

2. Cenotaph

Unveiled August 10th 1921. The Soldier's Memorial was used as a standard design of H.B. Corban, for a total cost of £550 which included a chain fence. It took until 1929 to record the names of 74 dead soldiers on the memorial.

3. Regent Theatre

Regent opened on June 14th 1930 as the last purpose built picture theatre in Gippsland. Built for publicans Mr & Mrs Thompson it cost £20,000. Following refurbishments the Regent still serves as the main entertainment centre in town.

4. Yarram Post Office

Designed by E. Scanlon and built in 1888 to serve the needs of a growing town the new post office cost £355.

5. Former Bank of NSW

Established in 1938 on current site, the bank was closed from 1943 to 1947, after a merger of banks in March 2000 led to the sale of the premises.

6. Commercial Hotel

First hotel opened here in 1881. The current building was erected in 1893. In 1881, the hotel opened with William Carder as the first known licensee.

7. Yarram Drapery

A drapery business has been conducted on this site since 1907. This original building was constructed in 1907 for H.H. Trounce - Specialist in Drapery & Mercery.

8. Lords Corner

Former site of a Coffee Palace (1904). Later Lords Chemist which occupied the site for a number of years. It is now the premises of Yarram Real Estate.

9. Union Bank

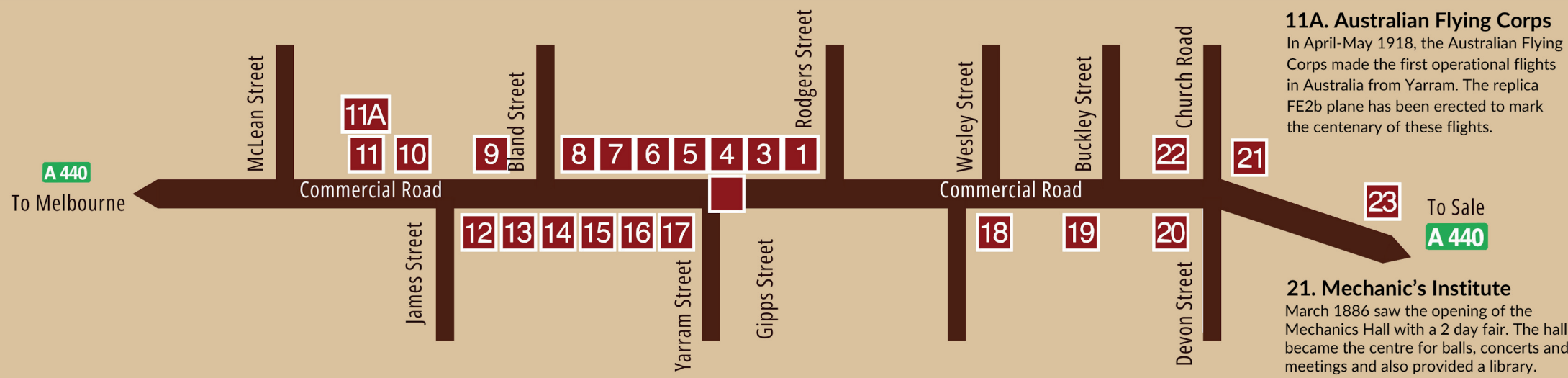
Opened in July 1914. Today this building is used as the Yarram Community Learning Centre for Adult Education.

10. Duke's Yarram Hotel

A new two storey hotel was built in 1910 replacing previous hotels on this site. After numerous re-buildings the present structure was completed in 1910 at a cost of £2000. In 1977 it became shire property and was converted for office use which is its function today.

11. Yarram's First Cemetery

In 1873 land was leased from John Walsh to establish a cemetery, 54 burials were recorded by 1880s. By 1913, it was moved to a new site and the area became a public reserve. Rotunda was erected in 1930 and is now known as Memorial Park.



11A. Australian Flying Corps

In April-May 1918, the Australian Flying Corps made the first operational flights in Australia from Yarram. The replica FE2b plane has been erected to mark the centenary of these flights.

21. Mechanic's Institute

March 1886 saw the opening of the Mechanics Hall with a 2 day fair. The hall became the centre for balls, concerts and meetings and also provided a library.

East Side

12. Federal Coffee Palace

Built in 1888 as a hotel for James Barkley. With the renewal of the hotel opposite, the Federal Coffee Palace was designed to cater for travellers.

13. Bakery

Yarram's earliest bakery was run by J.S. Wood who conducted trade on this site from the early 1900s. Since that time bakeries have been conducted from various premises in the town, this building now functions as a pizza restaurant.

14. Club Hotel

The first hotel established by C. Stockwell was replaced in the early 1900s.

15. Stockwell Terrace

Yarram's first brick building; an accommodation house with 9 rooms and a coffee palace was opened in October 1887 by Charles Stockwell.

16. Gippsland Standard

Newspapers have been produced in this building since 1875, although fires in 1910 and 1923 led to the destruction of many historic records. Since 1971 the Yarram Standard has been produced weekly by the Giles Family.

17. Hairdresser & Tobacconist

Les Lenowry purchased the hairdressing business in June 1925. The salon had 3 chairs and a couple of employees. Later it was run for many years by his son Alan with 1 chair. The business continues today as a unisex hairdresser.

18. Uniting Church

Formerly the Presbyterian Church opened in March 1896. 1920 saw the addition of a steeply if Oregon and Pine by James Nicol to house the bell he donated. It became known as St Andrews in 1927. The first Uniting Church service was held in June 1977.

19. Holy Trinity Anglican Church

The foundation stone was laid in February 1918 by Bishop Cranswick of Gippsland, who also officiated at the consecration in May 1924. April 1930 saw the dedication of a new rectory and hall. Further improvements have taken place in 1960 and 1978.

20. Yarram Hospital

The will of John Moore left £500 to establish a hospital within 5 years. A fete in 1914 opened the hospital. Over the years several additions and additional facilities have been added, with latest improvements being completed in 2004.

22. St Mary's Yarram

Foundation stone laid in October 1915. The brick church building replaced the first Catholic Church (a small wooden one). With a donation of land, from Patrick Brennan and a bequest of £500 from John Moore. During the 1960s the church was completed and the bell tower finished.

23. Yarram Butter Factory

Opened in October 1861, with souvenir 11lb packets of Butter. Extensions took place in 1901. This was followed by a new building in August 1909. It is now the home for YDHS which opened in 2012.