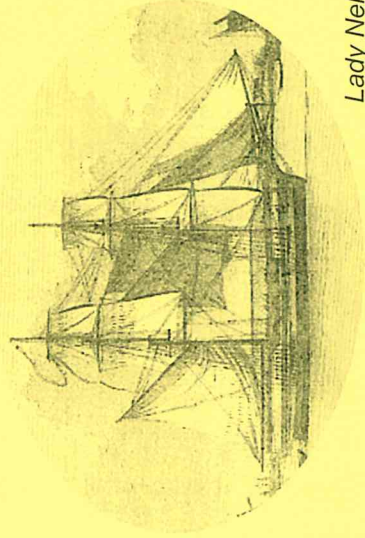


## Historical Rhyll

- 1798:** George Bass makes sounding of nine fathoms off Rhyll Bluff.
- 1801:** (March) Lieutenant James Grant in 'Lady Nelson' names Lady Nelson Point at Rhyll as a memorial to his vessel.
- (December) Lieutenant John Murray anchors off Lady Nelson Point and comes ashore at Rhyll.
- 1826:** (November) Dumont D'Urville anchors under the Rhyll Bluff in 'Astrolabe', comes ashore, meets sealers and explores the hinterland. Ship's artist Louis de Sainson, makes several paintings of Rhyll and Inlet. (Map ref.5)
- (November) Captain Wright in 'Dragon' and Captain Weatherall in 'HMS Fly' anchor at Rhyll and come ashore to set up a fort and take formal possession, dig wells and clear four acres of land.



Lady Nelson.

## Walk Description

This Historical Walk is marked by a combination of upright Jetty Timber posts with Bronze Plaques and Cairns (markers).

This map groups these markers into three general areas.

For your convenience and safety we recommend that you park and walk for markers 1 – 8 and 12 – 16. Both areas have BBQ and Toilet facilities.

Markers 9 – 11 can be accessed by car before driving on to the southern coastal area, between the Jetty and Boat Ramp (markers 12 – 16).

Please exercise caution when crossing all roads and walking along rural roadsides. Remember to face oncoming traffic where possible and watch out for cars with boats and trailers!

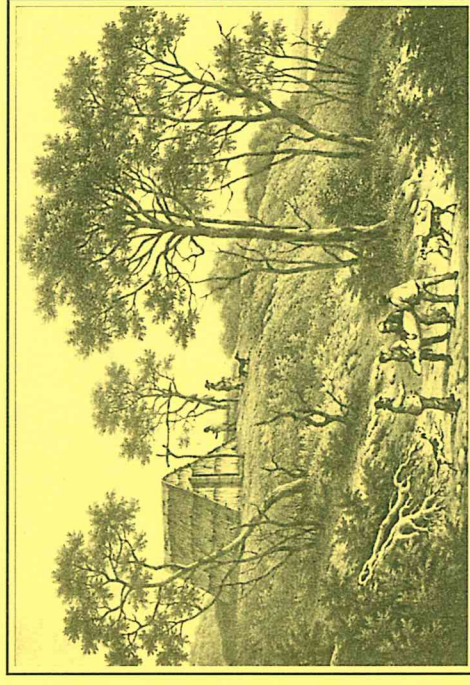
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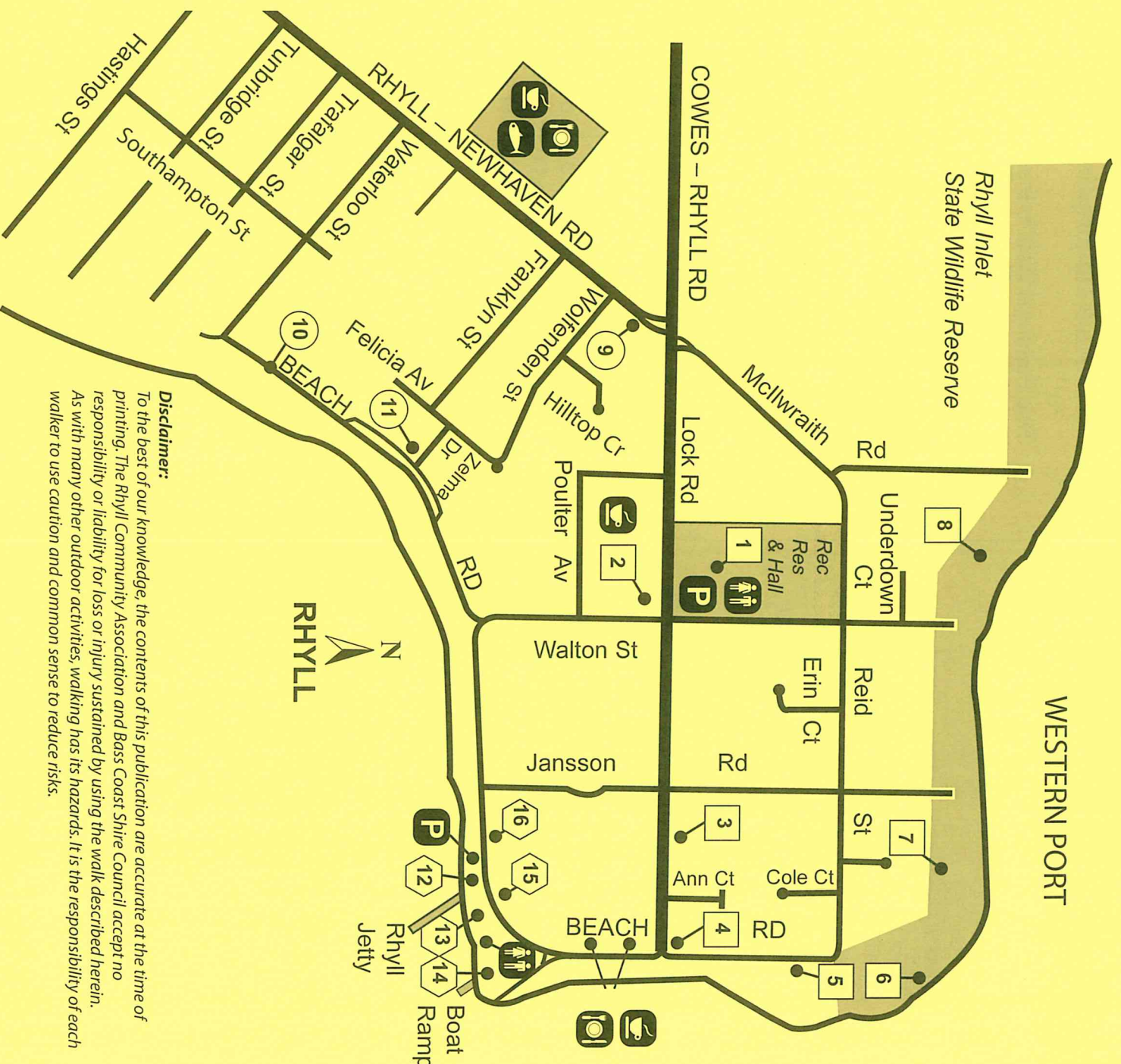
House of the Seal Fishermen of Western Port  
*Louis de Sainson, Nov 1826*

Latrobe Picture Gallery, State Library of Victoria

The earliest pictured European habitation in Victoria.  
(Map ref.5)

# Key to Map

- 1: Park your car here to begin walk.  
Rhyll Mechanics Institute 1891.
- 2: Rhyll Post Office and General Store.
- 3: Jansson House c1893. 14 Lock Rd.
- 4: Site of Oystering settlement mid 1850–1860.  
8 Beach Rd.
- 5: Site of Sealers' hut 1826.  
Behind Rhyll Yacht Club boat yard.
- 6: Lady Nelson Point named by Lt. Grant 1801.
- 7: Site of Capt. Weatherall's Fort.
- 8: Underdown House c1900.  
Strawberry Farm c1920's – 1950's.  
*Return to your car via Walton Street.*
- 9: Drive up Lock Rd, turn left into Rhyll–Newhaven Rd & take immediate left into service road. Park here.  
Cairn commemorating proclamation of Phillip Island as a British possession.  
Rhyll–Newhaven Rd.  
*Drive to No. 10 and 11 via Waterloo St*  
Rimutara Farm-gate on Beach Road
- 10: Capt. Lock's House c1869 and first site of the Rhyll Post Office. 1889. 4 Zelma Dr.  
*Continue to drive to No. 12 and park at the Rhyll Jetty carpark.*
- 11: Rhyll Jetty and Goods Shed.
- 12: Historic Cairn commemorating George Bass Landing, 1798.
- 13: Capt. Wright's Well, 1826.
- 14: Plaque marking remains of ferry 'Ventnor' beached 1930; ferry 'Genista' sunk 1923; wreck of tug 'Minah', ex Geelong.
- 15: Richardson House, 1887.  
Beach Rd opposite Map ref 13
- 16: Phillip Island and Western Port Steam Shipping Company Workshop and Storage Shed



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