

BEACONSFIELD is famous for the gold that lies below its surface, but the real riches of Beaconsfield are more valuable than gold. These riches are the people who build the community.

The Walk of Gold will introduce you to the history of Beaconsfield through stories about the town's buildings and some of its people.



WALK OF GOLD: Starts from outside the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre.

LENGTH: 1.8 kilometre round trip, taking a leisurely 40–50 minutes. There are 15 signs along the way. The walk is on a paved surface and mostly on level ground.



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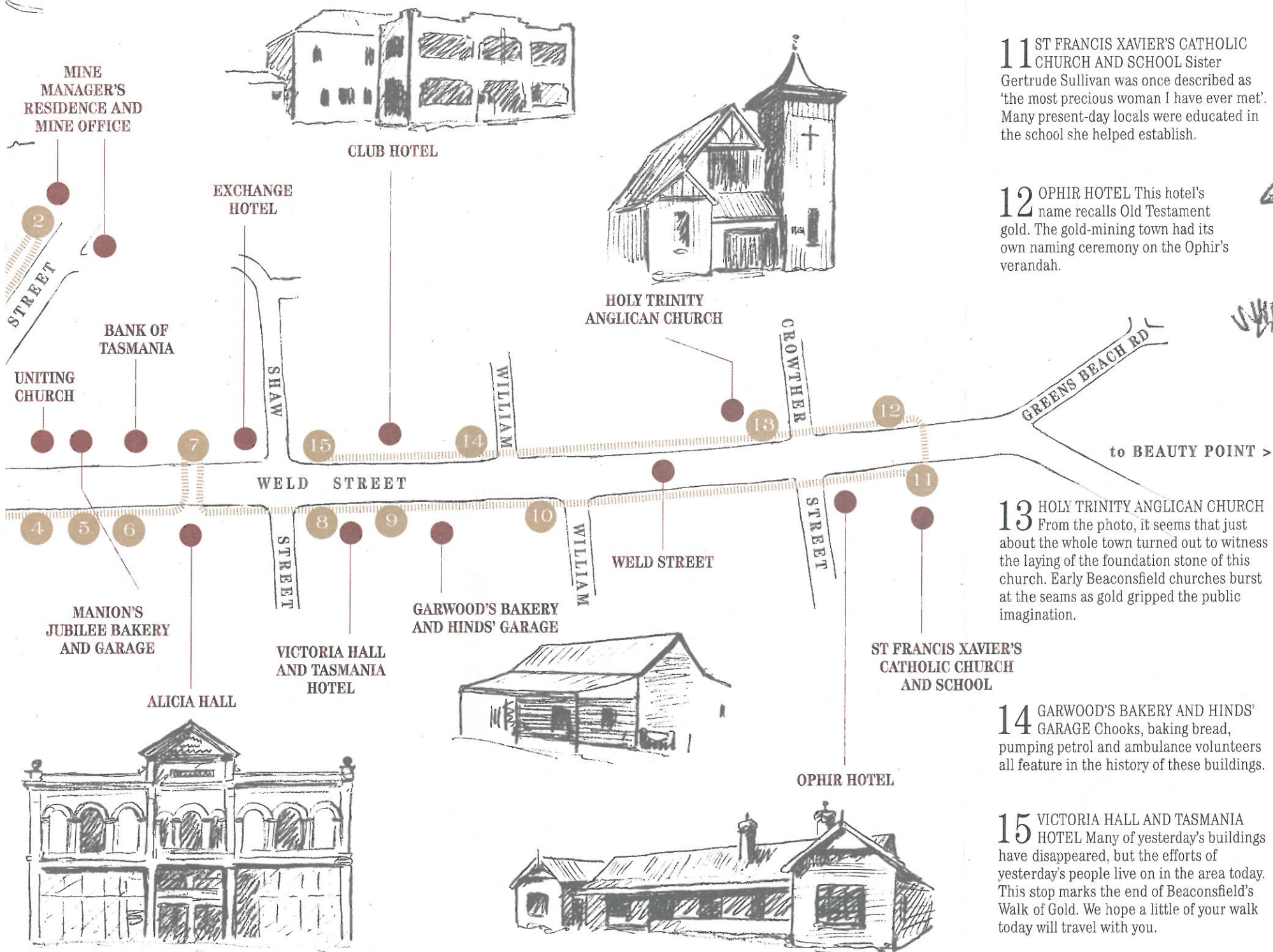
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11 ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL Sister Gertrude Sullivan was once described as 'the most precious woman I have ever met'. Many present-day locals were educated in the school she helped establish.

12 OPHIR HOTEL This hotel's name recalls Old Testament gold. The gold-mining town had its own naming ceremony on the Ophir's verandah.



13 HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH From the photo, it seems that just about the whole town turned out to witness the laying of the foundation stone of this church. Early Beaconsfield churches burst at the seams as gold gripped the public imagination.

14 GARWOOD'S BAKERY AND HINDS' GARAGE Chooks, baking bread, pumping petrol and ambulance volunteers all feature in the history of these buildings.

15 VICTORIA HALL AND TASMANIA HOTEL Many of yesterday's buildings have disappeared, but the efforts of yesterday's people live on in the area today. This stop marks the end of Beaconsfield's Walk of Gold. We hope a little of your walk today will travel with you.