RICHMOND TIGERLAND WALK

This walk takes in many locations that have significance to the **Richmond Football Club** and also has a couple of interesting historical sites.

There are parking restrictions in the streets of Richmond. If you combine the walk with a visit to the **Richmond Museum** at the **Punt Road Oval** or with a game at the **MCG**, you can leave your car in the **Yarra Park** car park. Otherwise, you can take the train to **Richmond, Jolimont** or **West Richmond** stations. Alternatively, take the No. 48 or 75 tram from the city to **Bridge Road** or the No. 70 tram to **Swan Street**.

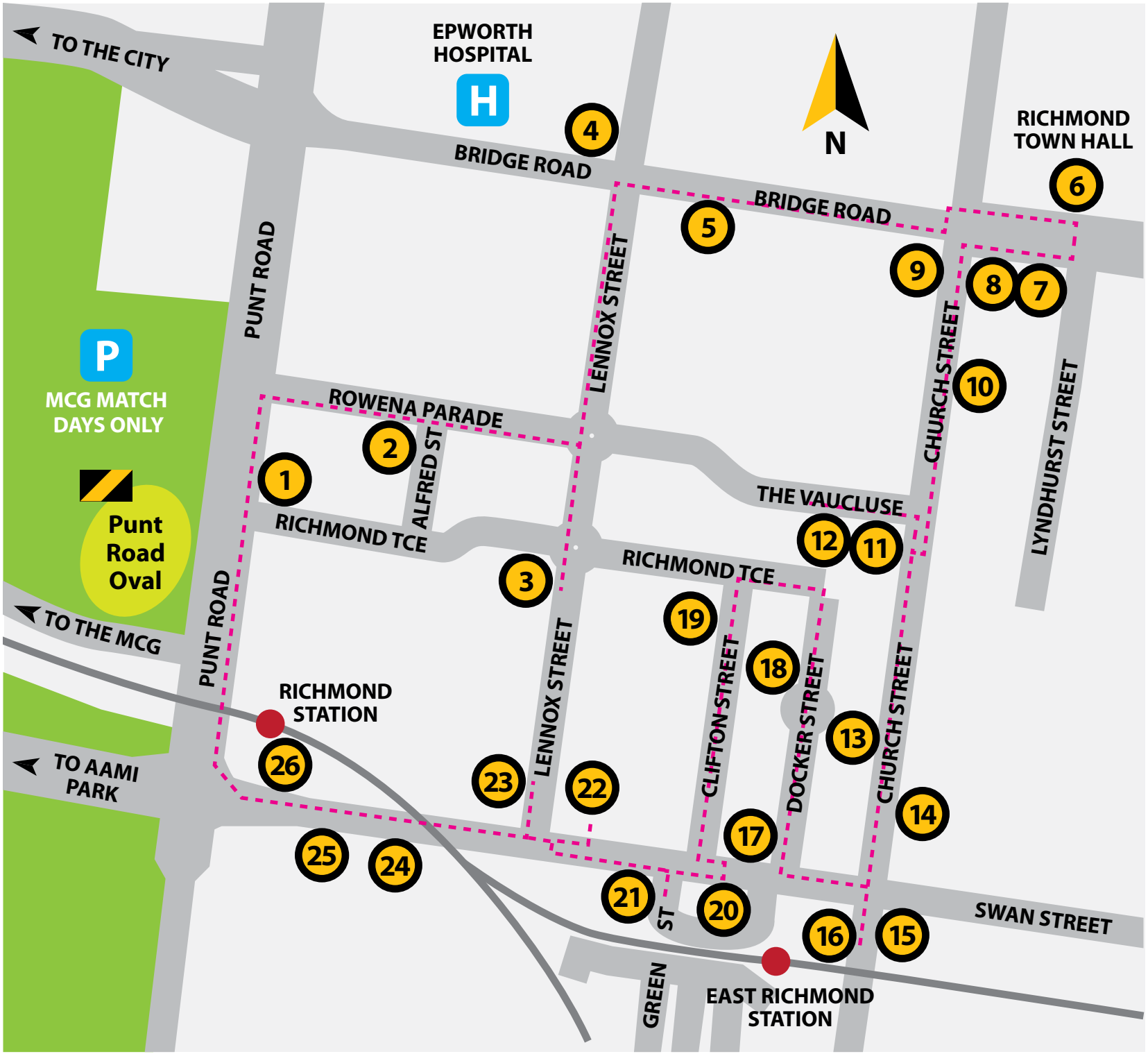
The walk starts at **The Royal Hotel, 287 Punt Road**, just opposite Richmond's **Punt Road Oval**. However, you can start the walk at any point you like.

Time: Allow 2 hours
Distance: Approx. 5 kms

You may decide to take longer and have a coffee in one of the many cafes on **Bridge Road** or **Swan Street** or a counter meal at the **Vaucluse Hotel** or **London Tavern**.

For more information on each of the places of interest, follow the walk on your phone or tablet at:

www.richmondtigerlandwalk.com



1 THE ROYAL HOTEL, 287 PUNT ROAD

The Richmond Football Club was formed here at a meeting on 20th February 1885.

The hotel was run by brothers Gordon and Doug Strang from 1933 to 1935. The Strangs played together in Richmond's 1932 premiership side. Their coach, Frank 'Checker' Hughes, took over as publican and ran the pub until 1937.

John Northey (1967 and 1969 premiership player) worked here in 1970.

Walk north up Punt Road towards Bridge Road. Turn right into Rowena Parade.

2 DUSTIN MARTIN MURAL, CNR ROWENA PDE & ALFRED ST

A magnificent representation of Dustin Martin by artist Danny Awes on the side wall of the milk bar in Alfred St. Richmond AFLW player Monique Conti is also featured.

Continue along Rowena Parade. Turn right into Lennox Street at the roundabout.

3 THE LONDON TAVERN HOTEL, 238 LENNOX STREET

This was a favourite watering hole for players in the 1970s. Jack Dyer (312 games 1931-49) called this establishment 'The Richmond Hilton'. Robbie McGhie (1973-74 premiership player) worked here as a barman.

In 1975 Brian 'The Whale' Roberts, Neil Balme, Craig McKellar and Gareth Andrews were involved here in an unauthorised drinking session. Committee men Ron Carson and Neil Busse caught them in the act after discovering the secret players' knock, which they used on the private entrance door. The offending players were each fined $50.

The hotel was subsequently owned by Peter Wilson (54 games 1987-89) and later still by John Northey.

Visit the bar to see the premiership posters and player photographs displayed on the walls.

Turn around and walk back up Lennox Street.

After crossing Rowena Parade, look to your right at the house at No. 221. Constructed in 1848, it is thought to be the oldest house in Richmond.

Continue up Lennox Street to Bridge Road.

4 FORMER HOME OF MARTHA NEEDLE, 137 BRIDGE ROAD

When you reach Bridge Road, look to your left at the shop at number 137 on the opposite side. The upstairs section was the home of Martha Needle, known as the 'Black Widow of Richmond'.

Having previously poisoned her husband and three children with arsenic, she was arrested here in 1894 while attempting to poison the brother of her new fiancé.

Martha was found guilty of murder and hanged at the old Melbourne Gaol.

Turn right into Bridge Road.

5 LOCATION OF TOM HAFEY'S MILK BAR, 154 BRIDGE ROAD

Tom Hafey (premiership coach 1967, 1969, 1973 & 1974) ran a milk bar here with his wife Maureen in the late 1950s.

Proceed to the intersection of Bridge Road and Church Street. Use the pedestrian crossings to get to the opposite side of Bridge Road on the Town Hall side.

Walk 30 metres down Church Street and admire the Jack Riewoldt mural on the wall next to the carpark on your right.

Retrace your steps and turn left into Bridge Road.

6 THE G.H. BENNETT FOUNTAIN OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL

Bennett was mayor of Richmond in 1886-87 and president of the football club from 1887 to 1908. Surrounded by hundreds of jubilant supporters, ruckman Barney Herbert stood on this fountain with two crayfish in his hands after Richmond won the 1920 Grand Final against Collingwood.

"What did we do to 'em?" yelled Barney.

"We ate 'em alive!" roared the fans.

Use the pedestrian crossing in front of the Town Hall to cross to the opposite side of Bridge Road.

7 THE FORMER TOWN HALL HOTEL, 288 BRIDGE ROAD

Now called the Sporting Globe Bar and Grill, this was a hotel run by Jack 'Skinny' Titus (294 games 1926-43) and his mother from 1934 to 1937. Jack is Richmond's highest goal kicker with a career total of 970.

Return to the intersection with Church Street.

8 THE VINE HOTEL, CNR BRIDGE RD & CHURCH ST

This hotel, now known as Richmond Republic, was managed by five-time premiership player Francis Bourke (302 games 1967-81) in the mid-seventies. It was later run by Max Oppy (184 games 1942-54) and his son Grant, who played one senior game in 1970.

9 LOCATION OF ALEXANDERS MENSWEAR, CNR BRIDGE RD & CHURCH ST

Look to the opposite corner at the old Alexanders menswear store. When Richmond played in finals in the late sixties and early seventies the display windows were entirely given over to spectacular exhibitions of all things Richmond in the days leading up to the games. In 1968 proprietor Benny Alexander was made a life member of the club.

Turn left into Church Street and walk up Richmond Hill.

10 THE FORMER LALOR HOUSE, 293 CHURCH STREET

Peter Lalor, the leader of the miners at the battle of the Eureka Stockade in Ballarat in 1854, died in this gothic mansion, the home of his son, in 1889.

Use the pedestrian crossing to cross to the opposite side of Church Street. You are now at the highest point of Richmond.

11 SAINT IGNATIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Construction began on this church in 1867. It has the second highest spire in Melbourne.

Tom Hafey was baptised here in 1931. The immortal Captain Blood, Jack Dyer, married Sybil McCasker here on 25th November 1939.

Turn right and then left into The Vaucluse.

12 FORMER ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

The St. Ignatius Centre is directly behind the church. This was formerly St. Ignatius College.

Jack Dyer attended this school on a sports scholarship at the age of 12 in 1926. He transferred to De La Salle College later that year on another sports scholarship.

Retrace your steps to Church Street and turn right.

13 LOCATION OF JACK DYER'S MILK BAR, 394 CHURCH ST

Jack and Sybil ran the Tiger Milk Bar and Newsagency here in the 1940s. For a time they lived at the rear of the shop.

14 LOCATION OF THE TIGERS DEN, 401 CHURCH STREET

Look to the opposite side of the road. Staffed by volunteers, this shop sold Richmond merchandise from the mid-seventies to the mid-eighties.

15 THE SWAN HOTEL, CNR CHURCH ST & SWAN ST

It was here at a meeting on 31st October 1907 that the club decided to leave the Victorian Football Association and apply for admission to the Victorian Football League. The bid was successful and they joined the VFL in the following year. Wayne Campbell (297 games 1991-2005) was a part owner of the hotel in the late 1990s.

You are now in Swan Street, the scene of raucous celebrations after Richmond won the 2017 and 2019 Grand Finals.

Cross Swan Street at the pedestrian crossing.

16 LOCATION OF JACK TITUS' CAFÉ, 454 CHURCH STREET

Jack Titus ran a café here in the 1940s.

Retrace your steps to Swan Street and cross to the opposite side by using the pedestrian crossing. Turn left.

17 THE FORMER VAUCLUSE HOTEL, 155 SWAN STREET

Des Rowe (172 games 1946-57) owned this hotel , now known as the Richmond Social when he was coach of Richmond in the early sixties.

Legendary powerbroker Graeme Richmond ran the hotel in the 1970s.

Both Royce Hart (187 games 1967-77), a four-time premiership player, and Francis Bourke worked behind the bar. Mal Brown lived here when he played for the Tigers in 1974.

Turn right into Docker Street.

18 JACK DYER'S OLD ADDRESS, 28 DOCKER STREET

Jack and Sybil raised their children here, although the present two-storey house was constructed after the Dyers moved away. Their son John played three senior matches for the Tigers in 1960.

Proceed to Richmond Terrace at the end of Docker Street, turn left and cross Waverley Street. Then turn left again into Clifton Street.

Sir John Monash, Australia's greatest general of World War 1, lived in this street as a boy in 1873-74.

19 FORMER HOME OF TOM HAFEY, 10 CLIFTON STREET

This was Tom Hafey's first family home after he was born in 1931.

Descend the hill back to Swan Street. Turn left and cross to the opposite side of the street on the pedestrian crossing. Turn left again.

20 LOCATION OF SYBIL DYER'S FLORIST SHOP, 202 SWAN STREET

Sybil ran a florist shop called 'Primrose' here in partnership with Jack, along with club president and secretary Maurie Fleming and his wife Ida.

Proceed along Swan Street in the direction of the city. Turn left into Green Street.

21 AUSTRALIAN ICONS MURAL, GREEN ST

From right to left, look for the images of Dale Weightman (274 games 1978-93), five-time premiership player Kevin Bartlett (403 games 1965-83) and Jack Dyer. A 1980 Premiership poster is included in the display.

Retrace your steps to Swan Street and turn left. Walk along Swan Street until you come to the pedestrian crossing at Lennox Street. Cross, turn right and then left into Carroll Street.

22 TRENT COTCHIN AND DAMIEN HARDWICK STREET ART

The street art is located on your left as you walk up Carroll Street.

Retrace your steps to Swan Street. Turn right and use the pedestrian crossing to cross Lennox Street. Turn right into Lennox Street.

23 FORMER HOME OF KEVIN BARTLETT, 316 LENNOX ST

Kevin Bartlett lived here as a teenager with his family in the early 1960s.

Retrace your steps to Swan Street and turn right.

After passing the Corner Hotel turn right into Stewart Street. Inspect the footballers painted on the railway wall on the left.

Retrace your steps to Swan Street, turn right and walk under the bridge.

24 THE PRECINCT HOTEL, 60 SWAN STREET

Formerly known as the Greyhound Inn, this hotel was run by Frank 'Checker' Hughes for 20 years from 1942. Royce Hart and Craig McKellar owned this establishment in the early 1970s.

Continue down Swan Street.

25 FORMER SITE OF RON CARSON'S GARAGE, 50 SWAN STREET

Now a car rentals business, it was a car yard owned by Ron Carson and a favourite meeting place in the 1970s for Richmond players, officials and journalists. They would often spend Sundays here with a barbecue and a few beers out the back.

26 RICHMOND LEGEND MURAL OUTSIDE RICHMOND STATION

An outstanding piece of street art by Nick Howson, featuring a Depression-era Tiger player looming over the industrial landscape of the suburb.

Turn right at Punt Road and return to the Royal Hotel.

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