

- 17 Graham's Bakery*** No remains. Operational up to late 1950's. Ned MacNamara started work for Harry J Graham Snr in 1888 (aged 14) and finished in approximately 1948. Harry A Graham Jnr (who later became Wollongong's first Lord Mayor) took over the bake house and delivered fresh bread baked daily in a special 'Baker's Cart' pulled by a draft horse
- 18 Ring Track** junction of new and old Cordeaux Roads, now a fire trail and part of the NPWS walking trail (Old Benjamin's Rd)
- 19 Hostlers Residence & Mine Dam*** (private home) Water for Mt.Kembla mine and Pit Horses, after dam (14) in village was abandoned
- 20 Windy Gully Cemetery** created 1902 to cater for the large number of mine disaster victim's burials - in fact, 33 victims were buried here - see the Self-Guided Cemetery Tours Brochure for more information
- 21 Working Men's Clubrooms** later converted into small residences - recently burned down. This was the first licensed gaming club in the Wollongong area. The nearest other club was at Helensburgh. Late 1800s
- 22 Graham Residence**
- 23 Windy Gully Lookout** Tracks from here lead to the Mount Kembla summit and down to the Ring track - follow the signs
- 24 Bridle Path to Dapto West**
- 25 Road to Cordeaux** was a thriving agricultural village with a small school. Most residents moved away when the land was resumed by Sydney Water and the river was dammed as a source of water for Wollongong. Two orchards existed in this area until 2007 when Bruce Rees sold his orchards back to the Sydney Water Authority
- 26 Site know as 'The Flat'** The central area of village
- 27 Butcher's Shop and Residence**
- 28 2 x Corrugated Iron Shacks - mining family homes** There are people in the area who lived in these batches as children. Privately owned
- 29 Village Green*** community outdoor gathering place used for Annual Mt Kembla Mine picnic day and many village gatherings. Located at the junction of the three main Mt Kembla Villages

* Denotes no remains present

Mt Kembla Area History Timeline

1770	25th April Lt. James Cook notes 'Hat Hill' in ship's log, hill shaped like Admiral's Hat
1810	Cedar getters active in area
1818	First land grants
1820's	Small, self-sufficient farms
1840's	The village of American Creek was formed
1849	Oil bearing shale found by Rev W B Clarke
1858	Church of England built
1859	First school 'Violet Hill' - also the name given to the area
1864	Methodist Church built in Kembla Heights
1865 to 1878	Kerosene oil was refined on the site of the present Dendrobium Mine Buildings
1865	Graham Bros. sent first load of kerosene from shale oil production on American Creek to Wollongong
1874	Graham Bros. sold kerosene works to the Mt Kembla Coal & Oil Company
1879	Mt Kembla Coal & Oil Co floated in England with British capital
1881	Rail line authorized to be built from Mt Kembla to Red Point (Kembla Bay)
1883	Mt Kembla Mine opens & Post Office established at Mt Kembla
1883	900ft long Kembla Jetty designed by William Burrell completed at Port Kembla
1883	27 Jan - SS Arawatta brings 75 dignitaries from Sydney to visit Mt Kembla Mine and the first load of Mt Kembla coal leaves Port Kembla
1883	John Graham was appointed Post Master
1884	A larger school built - name changed to Mt Kembla School
1888	Presbyterian Church built in Kembla Heights
1893	Roman Catholic Church, St Clements built on private land "The Willows"
1893	The telephone was connected
1895	A fine stone school and residence built
1902	July 31 - Mt Kembla Mine explosion - 96 men and boys killed at approximately 2.03pm. 336 men employed at Mt Kembla Mine
1913	Mine name changed to Mt Kembla Collieries Ltd
1955	New Kembla Heights Hall opened after funding by local public subscriptions
1970	Mt Kembla Mine closed
1878 - 1970	Coal mined - over 14 million tonnes
1970 - present	The predominately mining community has changed to a more diverse mix of occupations - an escarpment village community
1973	A modern building on the site of the original school
2001 - present	New BHPB Dendrobium Mine approved by NSW Government for Mt Kembla. It is the first new mine in NSW in more than 20 years
2002 - present	2002 present Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Festival (Annual end July) Community commemorates Centenary of Mt Kembla Mine Disaster 1902

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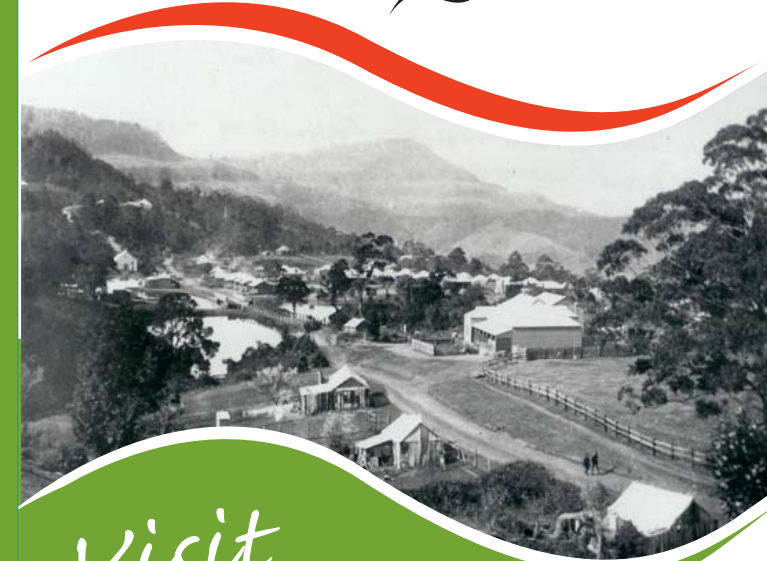
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Historic Mining Community of Mt Kembla Village

Kembla Heights

Windy Gully



Visit

Walk 2 Kembla Heights & Windy Gully

Site of Australia's most devastating mine disaster

31st July, 1902

96 Souls

*The past we inherit
- the future we build*

Self-Guided Walking Tours

7 Doctor's Surgery



15 Single men's huts



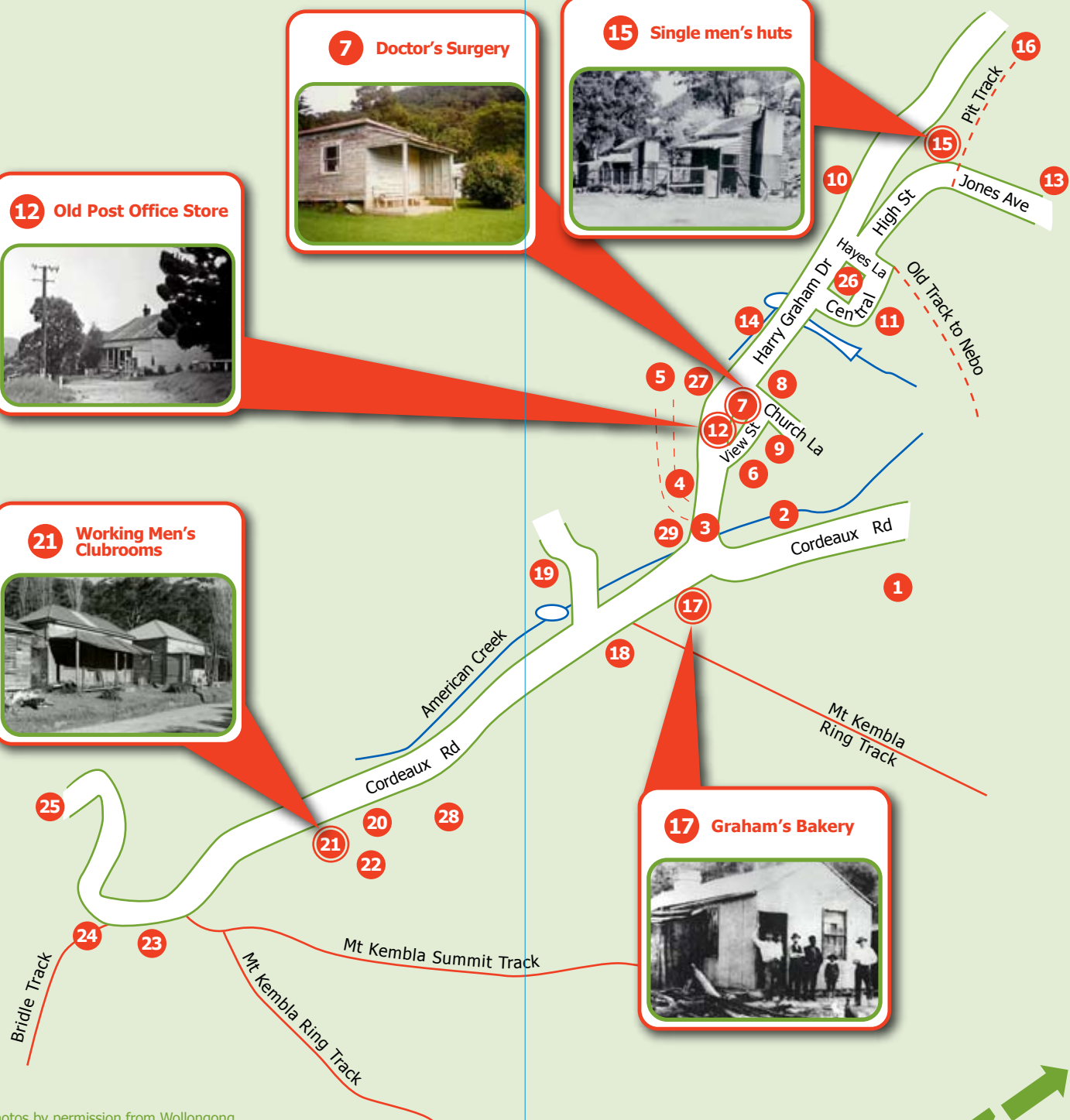
12 Old Post Office Store



21 Working Men's Clubrooms



17 Graham's Bakery



- 1 'Top Slaughter Yards' *** no remains - on BHPBilliton land
- 2 'Lovers Rock'** new road cutting on Cordeaux Road
- 3 American Creek Bridge**
- 4 Saw Mill** (Waugh Brothers) on private property
- 5 Walker's Farm*** (known as Jordie Walkers Hill) on private PHPB property
- 6 Presbyterian Church*** 1888 - early 1900's when the building was burned down 1915 - 1960's a fibro - cement church, dismantled 1975
- 7 Doctor's Surgery** a doctor visited regularly, one of the last being Dr Lee, and used this small building as his consulting room
- 8 Methodist Church* 1884** Services held in the open air, then under a tent until a new building was built in 1885. 1940 - 1956 Anglican Church acquired the building and held services there
- 9 New Tennis Courts & Club Rooms** Built in early 1950's to allow room for Bowling Club to be built on old courts (8)
- 10 Dance Hall*** Constructed Circa 1880 of corrugated iron. Abandoned in mid 1950's when new Hall was built near Post Office Store (Now Ruby's)
- 11 Row of Miners Huts*** 'Batches' - once an extension of View St
- 12 Old Post Office Store** Circa 1880 one of the few original buildings in Kembla Heights now restored as Ruby's Restaurant
- 13 Mine Manager's Residence "Kembla Cottage"** (private residence) no access
- 14 Dams** for horses and mine - prior to construction of Mason's Dam at Windy Gully (19)
- 15 Single Men's Huts*** 'Batches' - Known as "The Pit Track"
- 16 Mount Kembla Mine Site** Mt Kembla Coal & Oil Co. Ltd 1878 -1913, Mt Kembla Collieries Ltd 1913 -1946 Australian Iron & Steel Ltd 1946 -1970. At present, in a dilapidated, overgrown condition on unsafe ground - access not recommended

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