

GABRIEL'S GULLY

150TH ANNIVERSARY



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18-21 MARCH 2011 • OTAGO ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

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WELCOME

It is my privilege to welcome and invite residents and visitors to Lawrence to join in the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the first payable gold in New Zealand - the beginning of the Otago Gold Rush. Gabriel Read made that first gold strike in the gully that is named after him in Lawrence, on the Tuapeka gold fields.

It was to be a defining moment in history for Lawrence, for the city of Dunedin and for the nation. For four days over Otago Anniversary Weekend, Lawrence will revel in its proud history, its hardy people and its enduring spirit.

In Gabriel's Gully, at the Chinese Camp and in the township, allow Lawrence to turn on its charm for you as you travel back in time to relive those heady days when the region was gripped with gold fever. In the past 10 years the small township of Lawrence has been enjoying a commercial revival as old buildings breathe new life as cafés, galleries and retail outlets. Lawrence was the first rural town to introduce free 'wi-fi' in its commercial area – once again leading the way in New Zealand.

Enjoy the impressive programme of events, from *The Drama of the Tuapeka* to Lawrence Area School's drama production, from the Swaggers Dance to the Sesquicentennial Ball; tour Gabriel's Gully and get lost in thought in the Heritage Centre; there's family genealogy to track and family fun to be had; explore the Chinese Camp and revel in the colour and entertainment.

And don't forget to spend time in the Lawrence township where you will enjoy a level of hospitality that will make you want to come back for more.

I wish to thank all those in the community who have given their time and energy to bring these events to fruition. You've done a magnificent job, now sit back and let the Lawrence of old tell its story.

Enjoy!



Bryan Cadogan
Mayor of the Clutha District

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“The gold was shining like the stars in Orion on a dark and frosty night”.

On a late autumn afternoon on 20 May 1861 Gabriel Read walked from Evans Flat, over a spur into a back valley and followed a creek downstream. He stopped at a likely place where a shallow bar cut into the stream. Using the simplest of tools, a butcher's knife, spade and gold pan, he dug a hole 75cm deep – and struck gold! He wrote, “The gold was shining like the stars in Orion on a dark and frosty night”.

He found enough gold to earn an award of £1000 offered by the Otago Provincial Council for finding a payable gold field. He also earned himself a place in history by starting the first New Zealand gold rush, and his name on the map – Gabriel's Gully.

It took a few weeks for Dunedin people to believe that a gold field was on their back doorstep.

On 6 June the Otago Witness newspaper printed a short cautious article about the gold find just reported to the Council. But it was not until the first guarded coach, the “Escort,” cantered into Dunedin on 12 July 1861 with 500oz of gold from the diggings, that workers dropped their tools. Men and boys stampeded out of town, tramping off over the hills like a row of ants, most of them not knowing where they were going or even what to do when they got there four days later.

A canvas shantytown appeared almost instantly in Gabriel's Gully. By the end of September, 13 butchers, 7 bakers and 44 storekeepers had set up shop to supply the thousands of diggers who thronged into the area in a mad scramble for gold. The mining camp of Gibraltar, halfway up the valley, included the government courthouse and the warden's office. The Tuapeka gold field expanded to include Gabriel's Gully, Blue Spur, Wetherstons, Munro's Gully and Waitahuna. By the end of 1861 at least 11,500 miners (twice the population of Dunedin) were working on the field. From 1861 to 1871 over £23 million worth of gold was recovered by hard-working diggers in Central Otago.

Written by author and historian, Dianne Miller



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CHINESE CAMP

The Lawrence Chinese Camp, 1.2km west of Lawrence, was established in 1867. By the time the first Chinese gold miners arrived in Otago in 1866, most other miners had left to try their luck elsewhere. The Chinese were part of the second wave of gold miners who found just enough gold left to make a living, and to send money home to their families in China. By 1869, there were 1200 Chinese in Otago, and in 1871, almost two thousand more arrived.

The Chinese suffered some intolerance and in 1867 a borough council bylaw prohibited them from living and doing business in the township of Lawrence. The local Chinese were given a block of marginal wetland and there they set up what became a thriving Chinese settlement that became known as the Lawrence Chinese Camp.

By the 1870s the Chinese Camp had stores, a hotel, boarding houses, physicians, a butchery, gambling facilities and opium dens. The permanent residents of the camp were all Chinese trades' people but it also had a population of temporary residents comprising the miners who came periodically to replenish supplies, itinerants and sick people, altogether about a hundred people. The camp eventually became a major attraction in the region and during the Chinese New Year attracted many Chinese and European visitors. The last resident of the camp, Chow Shim, died in 1945.



Main street, Chinese Camp 1904. *Otago Witness*

In 2004 the land on which the Lawrence Chinese Camp was built was purchased by the Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust (LCCCT). The LCCCT, led by Dr Jim Ng of Dunedin, aims to develop the site as a tribute to the New Zealand Chinese miners and has plans to restore the site and create a major visitor experience.

Since 2005 four large archaeological excavations have been carried out on the site in a joint partnership between the LCCCT, the University of Otago and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. The archaeological work has offered a unique insight into the everyday 19th century life of an individual resident at the camp.

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FRIDAY 18 MARCH

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THE DRAMA OF THE TUAPEKA

The celebrations begin with a spectacular full-scale production on the goldfields. *The Drama of the Tuapeka* will take its audience on a journey that will traverse: the formation of the land and the precious metal within it told through Māori legend; the discovery of gold and the onset of the gold rush; the drama of the lawless Garrett Gang; the hard road the Chinese miners trod; the merchants and their boom time trade; farming and its place down through the years; and the vision of the future.

This ambitious spectacle has a cast of almost 90 and

features the haunting sounds of Maori wind instruments, the skirl of bagpipes and the stirring sounds of the Roxburgh Silver Band.

6.30pm – 8-15pm Gold coin donation
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ROXBURGH SILVER BAND

Following *The Drama of The Tuapeka*, the Roxburgh Silver Band will provide live entertainment in Lawrence township where cafés, restaurants and bars will be open for dinner and beverages.

8.30pm-Late LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Lawrence 1908, then the centre of an extensive gold mining district. *Otago Witness*





SATURDAY 19 MARCH

GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

\$5 entry to the Reserve

16yrs and under free.

All events inside the Reserve are free unless otherwise stated.

Gabriel's Gully Historic Reserve becomes a tent city to host many of the events during the celebrations. Make a day of it in the Gully. Live bands will be performing and food stalls will be open.

CAR PARKING: All car parking will be on farmland off Gabriel's Gully Road. Vehicle access to the Reserve will be limited to authorised vehicles and holders of a Mobility Parking permit. A shuttle service will also run from the Car Parking area in Gabriel's Gully Road to Gabriel's Gully Historic Reserve.

GABRIEL'S GULLY SHUTTLE SERVICES:

A shuttle service will run throughout each day from Lawrence Township to Gabriel's Gully Historic Reserve.

Sat 19 & Sun 20 - 10am-5pm,

Mon 21 - 10am-3pm.

OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening will be marked by the arrival of those who have travelled for four days on foot from Dunedin to Lawrence, sleeping in woolsheds along the way. Also arriving will be those who have ridden on horse back from Dunedin following the trail that Gabriel Read took to reach Lawrence. Following the opening ceremony the festivities will begin in the Gully.

10.30am GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

GOLD RUSH HERITAGE CENTRE

Look for the large marquee housing the Gold Rush Heritage Centre. Inside are historical displays of memorabilia, such as photographs and artefacts

along with arts and crafts from the gold rush days 1861 – 1911. The Heritage Centre exhibition is the result of a nationwide appeal for family items and stories that have links to the Tuapeka Goldfields: Gabriel's Gully, Munro's Gully, Waipori, Waitahuna, Wetherstons, Lawrence, Beaumont and Tuapeka Flat. Personal items belonging to Gabriel Read have come to light from that appeal and will be on display. Another very exciting find has been a rare nitrate film from 1912 that shows gold miners in Lawrence and scenes of early Dunedin.

There is also a number of commercial stands in the Centre and memorabilia is for sale.

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

ROCK CAIRN MEMORIAL TIME CAPSULE

In May 2011 a rock cairn memorial will be erected in Lawrence to commemorate the 150th celebrations. A time capsule will be interred within the cairn to be opened in 2061. Visit the Heritage Centre and be part of this legacy by contributing your message for the future. Bring a rock for the cairn.

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

PIONEER STORIES

Come and hear stories handed down over the generations; tales of miners, merchants and mudlarks. If you have a story to share about your descendants, just arrive on the day and head for the Heritage Centre.

2pm-4pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE



SATURDAY 19 MARCH



TRADITIONAL OLD TIME GAMES

Dressed in period costume, the children from Lawrence Area School will play 19th-century games.

2pm-4pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

VICTORIAN BICYCLE CAMP

Try your skill at riding a penny farthing. Oamaru penny farthing enthusiasts dressed in Victorian period costume will give regular penny farthing riding demonstrations, and will offer riding lessons to the public on both penny farthings and early 1900 safety cycles. There will also be a supply of bikes for children to ride and the Gabriel Challenge Cycle Races will run regularly throughout the festivities.

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

VINTAGE VENTURE

A Vintage Car Rally from Dunedin will arrive in Lawrence around lunchtime. The vintage cars, from the Otago Branch of the Vintage Car Club NZ, date from about 1912 to 1960, with the main 'Vintage' group dating from 1919 to 1931.

FROM 12noon VINTAGE CARS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON WAIPORI RD, OPPOSITE THE GOLF CLUB.

GOLD PANNING COMPETITION

The gold miners of 1861 fossicked buckled over with a pick, shovel and pan, and had to work extremely hard in all weathers to see the glitter of gold in the black sand in their pan. In this competition we make it a lot easier. Panners stand upright at a tub of water to wash their pan full of gravel, which is salted with a

few flakes of gold. It's a race against time as 5 minutes is added to your time for every piece of gold you lose.

\$10 entry fee, 10am Registrations open, 3.30pm Prize Giving
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OTAGO MUSEUM'S GREAT GOLD SCIENCE SHOW

Get set to follow the journey of gold from its creation when stars explode, all the way to its transformation into dazzling jingly jewellery, with exciting experiments, facts and fun.

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

INTERPRETIVE TRACK

Walk the Interpretive Track for views over the entire gully.

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

SWAGGERS DANCE

The Swaggers Dance in Gabriel's Gully will be a good old-fashioned country hoedown with the local skiffle band Wanderers and Friends singing and creating their toe tapping, infectious rhythms with guitar, banjo, fiddle, tin whistle, piano and bottle tops. There are prizes for best-dressed swaggers and the winner of the 'Grow a Beard' competition will be announced. Supper is provided and there's a cash bar. Throw your swag over your shoulder and head to the big marquee in Gabriel's Gully. This will be one hoedown to remember!

7.30pm till late
TICKET PRICE: \$40, Tickets available through ticketdirect.co.nz
0800 4TICKET (484 2538) plus gate sales on the night
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SATURDAY 19 MARCH

CHINESE CAMP

Visit the historic Chinese Camp just out of Lawrence and explore this significant heritage site. Time your visit to coincide with an explosive 'Chinese Welcome' (1.30pm and 3pm), when firecrackers, Dragon Flags and a Lion Dance (Saturday) and Dragon Dance (Sunday) will entertain you with traditional Chinese pageantry.

Learn about life at the Chinese Camp in the gold mining era – What was the Joss House? What form did gambling take? Where did the opium come from? What do we know about the families who lived there? Tents on the site will display intriguing artefacts that have been found in the archaeological digs on site and you can view two existing wells that have been uncovered.

Self-guided tours of the archaeological site will be well signposted and a computer show will add to your understanding of life at the Chinese Camp.

Gold-panning will also be possible on site.

A Chinese pig oven will be fired up and for a gold coin donation you can feast on roasted hot pork or hogget. Emerson's Brewery has created a Special Brew to mark the occasion, which will be on sale along with books and memorabilia.

1.30pm-5pm

Entry: Free or gold coin donation

Plenty of car parking available.

OFF BEAUMONT RD, 1.2KM OUT OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

LAWRENCE CEMETERY TOUR

A short history of some of our early settlers as you wander through the monuments which have been erected in memory of them.

2pm-3pm.

MEET AT THE LAWRENCE CEMETERY, GABRIEL ST

GLENDHU FOREST TOUR

Board a bus for a guided tour of the water races in Glendhu Forest, which provided water for sluicing in Gabriel's Gully.

11am-3pm. Buses depart on the hour from Gabriel's Gully.
Tour duration 60mins

TICKETDIRECT

Tickets to the Swaggers Dance and the Sesquicentennial Ball are on sale at TicketDirect Venues including the Regent Theatre, Dunedin and the Lawrence Service Centre, 5 Peel Street, Lawrence.

Ph 0800 4 TICKET(0800 484 2538) or purchase online at www.ticketdirect.co.nz. A booking fee applies.

SWAGGERS DANCE SAT 19 MARCH

\$40 per person/\$375 for Table of 10 (Ticket price inclusive of light supper and a complimentary drink).

SESQUICENTENNIAL BALL, SUN 20 MARCH

\$80 per person/\$775 per table of 10 (Ticket price inclusive of dinner and a complimentary drink).

EVENT ENQUIRIES

Ph: 03 485 9222

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SUNDAY 20 MARCH



GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

\$5 entry to the Reserve

16yrs and under free.

All events inside the Reserve are free unless otherwise stated.

- Gold Rush Heritage Centre
- Victorian Bicycle Camp
- Merry-go-round
- Interpretive Track
- Old-time Family Games (2-4pm)
- Pioneer Stories in the Heritage Centre (2-4pm)
- Festive bands performing
- Food stalls

10am-5pm

See Saturday's listings for full details of these events

CHURCH SERVICE

Local ministry will lead this service, which will have a New Zealand flavour to reflect the early Christian miners.

10.00am,

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LAWRENCE CEMETERY TOUR

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2pm-3pm,

MEET AT THE LAWRENCE CEMETERY, GABRIEL STREET

OTAGO MUSEUM'S GOLD MASK MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the glitz and glamour of gold to your face with a gold mask workshop. Create your own shimmering faces around the theme of gold. Whose mask will shine brightest?

10am-5pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

STARS OF GOLD BOOK LAUNCH

'Stars of Gold' is a picture book based on the story of the Gabriel's Gully gold rush, which is being launched to coincide with the 150th celebrations. The story is based on typical events of the gold rush and includes historical facts about this period. The book is written by Dianne Miller and illustrated by P G Rob. It is aimed at children around 6 to 10 years old. Copies of 'Stars of Gold' will be on sale at the book launch and there will be a competition for children to come dressed as 'diggers' – with prizes for the best costumes.

2.30pm, GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

GLENDHU FOREST TOUR

Board a bus for a guided tour of the water races in Glendhu Forest, which provided water for sluicing in Gabriel's Gully.

11am-3pm, Buses depart on the hour from Gabriel's Gully.

Tour duration 60mins

CHINESE CAMP

Refer to listing on Saturday 19 March.

1.30pm-5pm

OFF BEAUMONT RD, 1.2KM OUT OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

SESQUICENTENNIAL BALL

The Sesquicentennial Ball, featuring the New Zealand Army Band, is the gala event of the Gabriel's Gully 150th celebrations. The highly entertaining New Zealand Army Band is one of New Zealand's most diverse musical entertainment establishments. Under the roof of a giant marquee that can seat 600 for dinner, this will be a fabulous night in the Gully. A three-course meal will be served and there will be a cash bar. With the blessing of a clear night, the Stars of Orion will shine on the Sesquicentennial Ball.

7.30pm till late - Dress to impress - Black tie,

Ticket price: \$80. Tickets available through ticketdirect.co.nz

0800 4TICKET (0800 484 2538)

GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE



MONDAY 21 MARCH

GABRIEL'S GULLY HISTORIC RESERVE

\$5 entry to the Reserve

16yrs and under free.

All events inside the Reserve are free unless otherwise stated.

- Gold Rush Heritage Centre
- Victorian Bicycle Camp
- Merry-go-round
- Interpretive Track
- Pioneer Stories in the Heritage Centre (2-3pm)
- Festive bands performing
- Food stalls

10am-3pm

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**Pumping water for mining with a traction engine
at Lawrence, Otago Witness**

OTAGO MUSEUM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

10am-3pm

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EVENTS OF THE GOLDFIELDS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CHILD

The final chapter in the celebrations comes from those who represent the future — the children of Lawrence Area School. The school children present a drama based on events during the Otago Gold Rush. The development of the drama was facilitated by Evelyn Mann from Dramaworkz, who is also the Director and Producer of the play.

2pm-3pm

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Otago gold miners' camp

CLOSING CEREMONY

The official closing ceremony of the 150th celebrations will take place immediately following the conclusion of the school drama production.

3pm

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These events occur each day during the celebrations.

TUAPEKA VINTAGE CLUB

During the day visit the Tuapeka Vintage Club on Gabriel's Gully Rd and view the club's fantastic displays of old-time farming machinery and vintage cars.

10am-5pm GABRIEL'S GULLY RD

TUAPEKA GOLDFIELDS MUSEUM

Visit Lawrence's history-rich museum. An exhibition of gold pans painted by local and national artists will also be on display, and can be bid for in a silent auction.

10am-5pm, 17 ROSS PLACE

HART'S BLACK HORSE BREWERY

Once the 'Fun Capital of the Gold Fields', Wetherstons is home to the ruins of Hart's Black Horse Brewery. In its heyday the Black Horse was Otago's most successful provincial brewery.

Enjoy the spectacular woodland garden walks featuring a secret waterfall. Bring a picnic or come for an evening stroll through the well-lit gardens. BBQ facility available, Beer Tasting, Girdle Scones, Souvenirs, Historic Displays, Local Art & Photography, Music, and Showgirls.

View the campaign to have Wetherstons officially spelt correctly as Weatherstons.

10am onwards.

Entry \$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Concession/Senior, \$2.00 Children (Under-5s Free) All proceeds toward the resurrection of the brewery as a tourist site. Group Tours Available - POA Enquiries Ph 03 485 9968 blackhorsebrewery@xtra.co.nz WETHERSTONS IS 2.5KM FROM LAWRENCE. THE TURNOFF IS ON WHITEHAVEN ST NEXT TO FOX'S AUTO SERVICES.

Historic Tour

Tour a selection of Lawrence's heritage buildings which date back to the gold fields era.

1pm, MEET AT LAWRENCE INFORMATION CENTRE & MUSEUM



Hart's Black Horse Brewery 1897



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LAWRENCE INFORMATION CENTRE & MUSEUM

17 Ross Place
Ph: 03 485 9222

ACCOMMODATION

Visit Clutha i-SITE
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Ph (03) 418 0388

BUS SERVICE

Hoppit Bus Co. will run buses between Dunedin and Lawrence throughout the weekend and charters can be arranged for larger or smaller groups. Dunedin bus stop is outside the Empire Hotel, 396 Princes St. Lawrence bus stop is outside the Information Centre & Museum, 17 Ross Place. Bookings essential: secretary@hoppit.co.nz or 0800 TAXISERVICE (0800 829 473)

TOILETS

Toilets are located on the main street in Lawrence next to 1 Ross Place. There are also toilets at the Chinese Camp and at Gabriel's Gully Historic Reserve.

THE WILD WALNUT CAFÉ HAMPERS

Pre-order picnic hampers from The Wild Walnut Café in Lawrence.
Ph (03) 485 9529
www.thewildwalnut.co.nz

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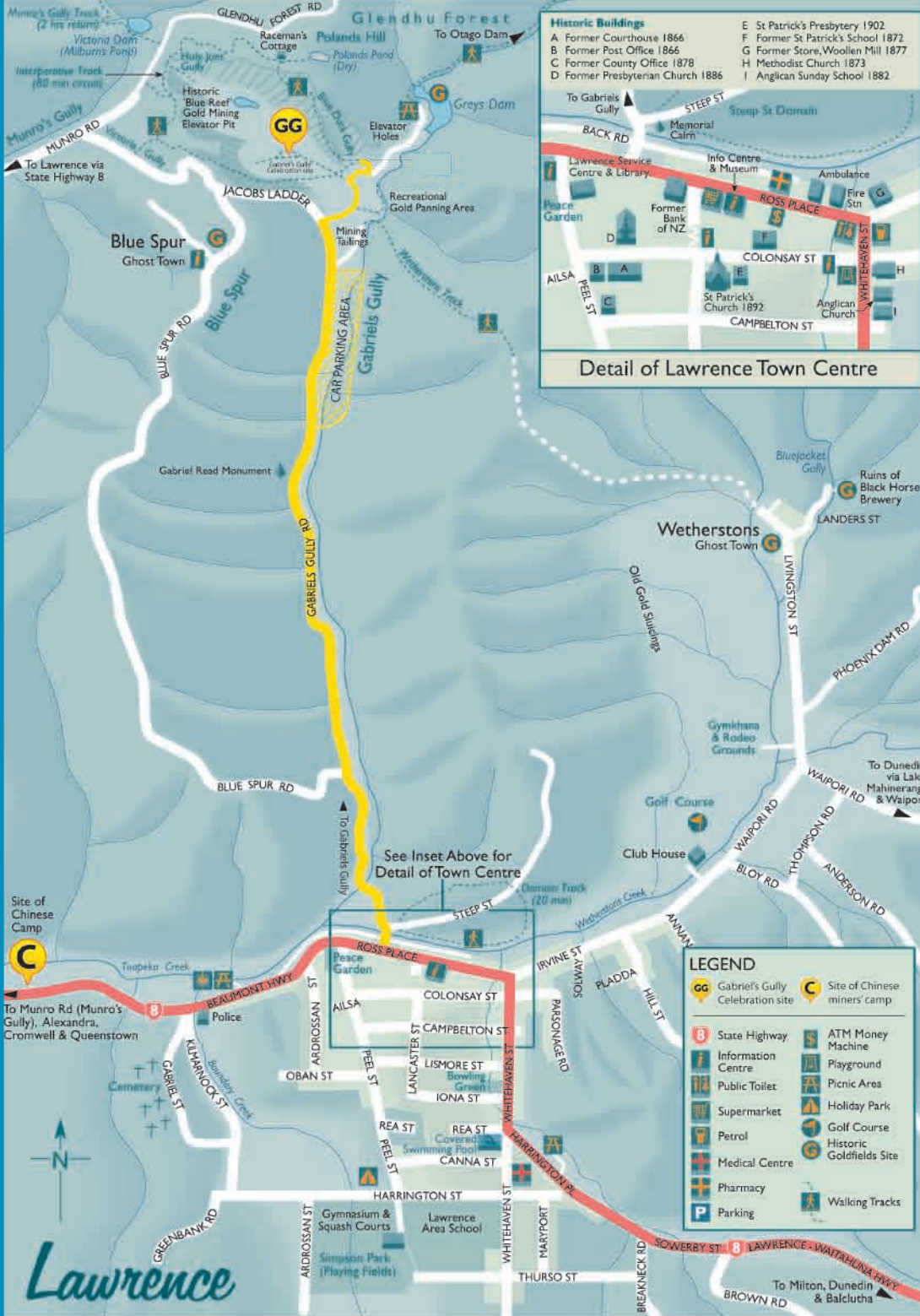
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Historic Buildings

A Former Courthouse 1866	E St Patrick's Presbytery 1902
B Former Post Office 1866	F Former St Patrick's School 1872
C Former County Office 1878	G Former Store, Woollen Mill 1877
D Former Presbyterian Church 1886	H Methodist Church 1873
	I Anglican Sunday School 1882

Detail of Lawrence Town Centre

LEGEND

GG Gabriel's Gully Celebration site	C Site of Chinese miners' camp
8 State Highway	\$ ATM Money Machine
I Information Centre	A Playground
PT Public Toilet	P Picnic Area
SM Supermarket	HP Holiday Park
P Petrol	GC Golf Course
MC Medical Centre	G Historic Goldfields Site
Ph Pharmacy	WT Walking Tracks
P Parking	

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