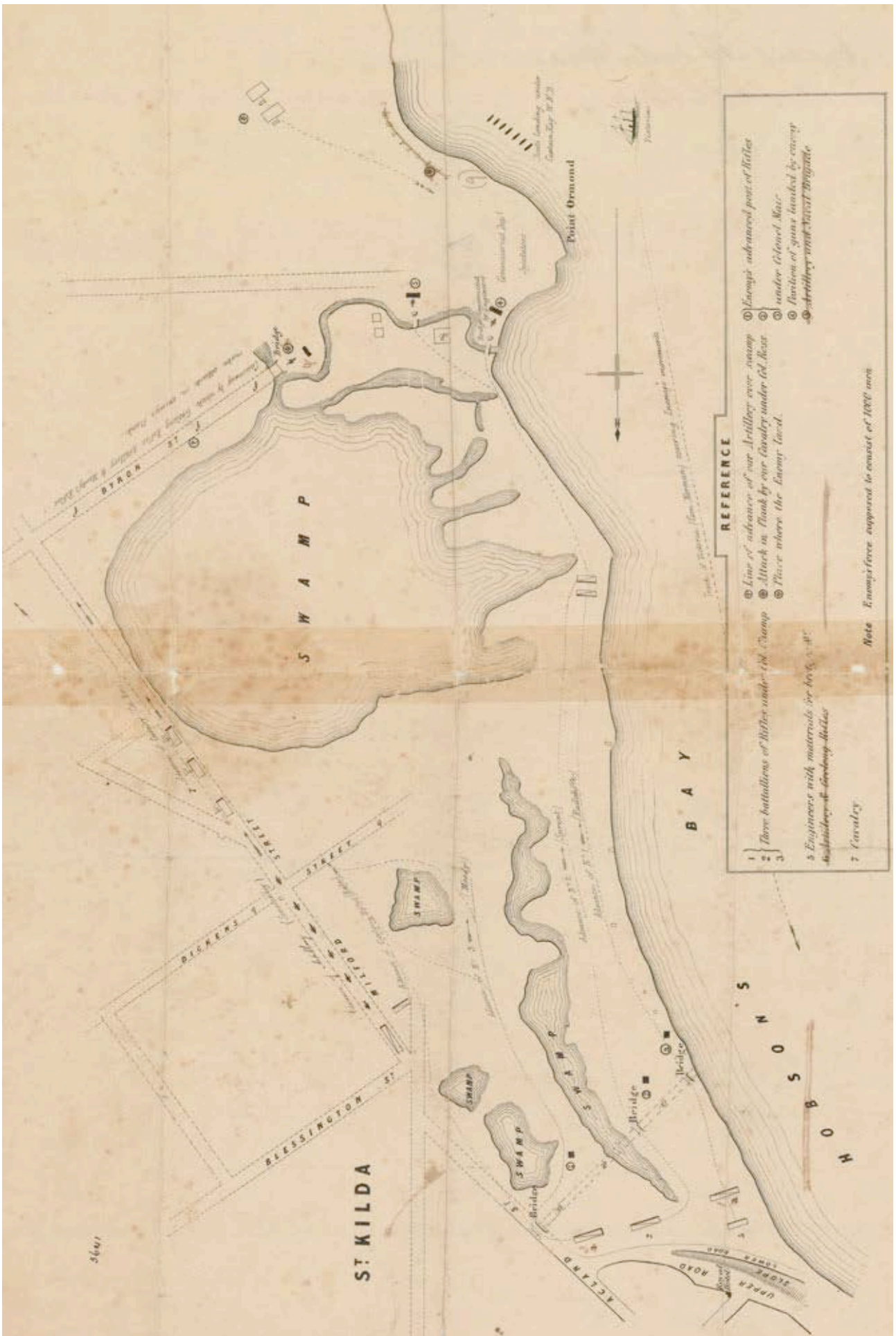


VILLAGE BELLE walk - 21 March 2013





View of Village Belle Hotel in ca 1865, carte de visite, St Kilda Historical Society Collection.

1. ST KILDA RACECOURSE & CUP

- 1848 January 4 - 1st race meeting held, *Belle's Life* 15.1.1848 p.2
Races held on the Quarantine ground, *Maitland Mercury* 19.1.1848 p.4
- 1850 First running of the St Kilda Cup
- 1867 race now known as St Kilda Handicap
- 1867 July 26, sale of Crown Land bayside of Acland & Mitford Streets, *Argus* 17.7.1867 p.3
- 1868 Last entry found for the mention of St Kilda racecourse, *Argus* 30.12.1868
- 1869 Oct 22, sale of Crown Land bayside of Acland & Mitford Streets, *Argus* 9.10.1869 p.6
- 1879 June 27, first mention of St Kilda Cup & St Kilda Coursing Club, *Argus* 28.6.1879 p.5
- 1886 1st running of St Kilda Cup at Caulfield, *Argus* 22.2.1886 p.10
- 1952 Last running of the St Kilda Cup at Caulfield Racecourse
- 1953 From this year on know as St Kilda Handicap until at least 1959

2. VILLAGE BELLE HOTEL, 198 Barkly Street

- 1854 May 9, Henry Peel's licence application rejected due to premises unsuitability
- 1855 April 17, Edward Stead's licence application approved. Wooden building constructed or existing ? Image of old hotel inside pub?
- 1873 'Gunn's Railway Cars' run from St Kilda station to VB Hotel meeting every train
- 1891 February, William Pitt (1855-1918) architect lets tenders for new hotel
 - Shopping area in Barkly Street given the name Village Belle
 - From 1918 houses in Acland street gradually replaced by shops

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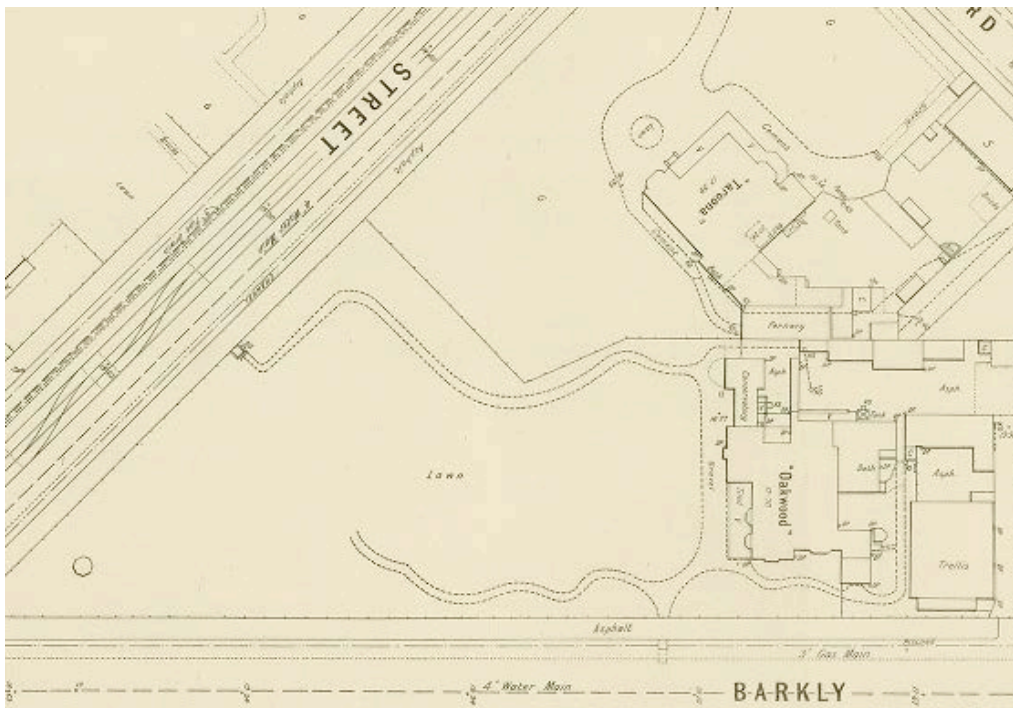
View in ca 1870 [Port Phillip Collection]



View in ca 1930 [Port Phillip Collection]

3. HOFWYL SCHOOL, 192 Barkly Street

- 1863 January 14, James Bonwick opens new boarding school in Carlton House, SW cnr Robe and Acland Street
- 1866 January 17, James Bonwick opens new school building in Barkly Street
- 1872 Alexander Gillespie leases school for seven years, then establishes St Kilda Scotch College several houses north at 172 Barkly street.
- 1979 Mr Bradley leases Hofwyl School
- 1881 Bradley buys Bonwicks interest and renames it Queen's College
- 1922 Building converted to flats
- 1940 ca. New block of shops with flats over constructed in front garden



MMBW Detail Plan #1375, dated 1897

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4. WHEATFIELD / OAKROOD

(former site of Oakrood Tea Rooms, Elite Skating Rink, Barkly Theatre)

VILLAGE BELLE walk - 2 December 2011

- 1857 Council sells land previously reserved for Municipal purposes
- 1860 Wheatfield constructed for Thomas Loader MLA, later known as Oakrood
- 1908 ca. Francis Beyer buys Oakrood, soon has Tea Rooms operating from front garden
- 1910 Elite (roller) Skating Rink constructed, covering most of the garden
- 1915 ca. renamed Barkly Theatre
- 1921 Cinema moves to Victory. Building becomes a market and auction rooms
- 1937 Corner demolished for new shops to the design of Arthur G Hedley architect
- visit remaining section Theatre in Acland Courtyard

5. **BEACH HOUSE** (now National Theatre) 20 Carlisle Street

- 1852 ca. Beach House constructed for William Campbell, later known as Irwell house
- 1855 Miss Cooper advertises school for young ladies at Beach House *Argus* 26.9.1855 p.3
- 1856 Mrs Williams school for girls removed to Beach House *Argus* 5.1.1856 p.8
- 1920 May 6, building permit given to W E Foreman to erect a theatre, *SKBP*#1459
- 1921 April 18. New Victory Cinema opens, designed by Cecil Keeley architect Opened
- 1928 Major additions designed by Cedric Ballantyne for Hoyts Pictures Ltd
- 1971 Hoyts sells to National Theatre. Alterations commence to convert to a school

6. **CAMBO**

- 1861 sale of the insolvent estate of William Baker – no house
- 1869 alterations by Reed & Barnes, architects for James Stewart Hume
- 1876 Fanny & Martin Simonsen, opera singer & conductor
- 1894 Fanny becomes insolvent
- 1896 Sept 19, Fanny dies at Cambo
- 1899 Nov 28, Martin shoots himself

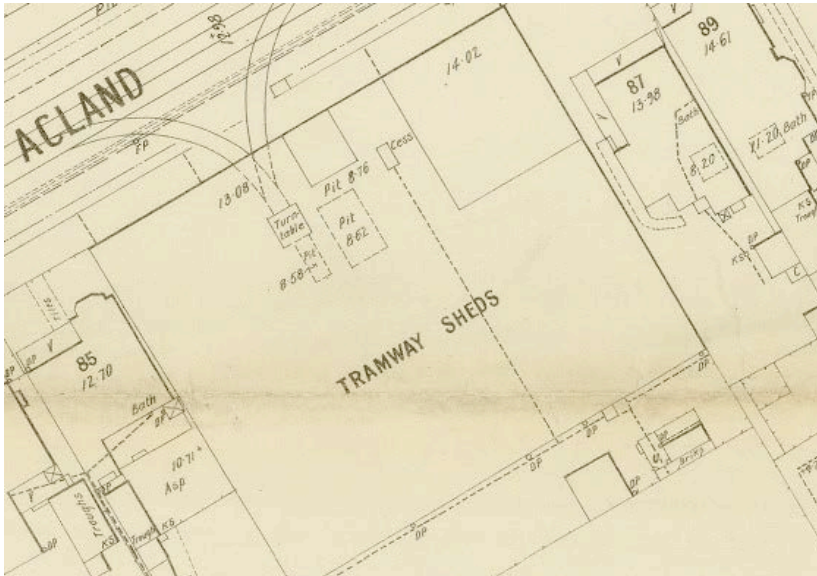


7. Tallageira in ca 1900

8. **TALLAGERIA** (later Memorial Hall built on front garden area)

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- 1880 ca. Tallageria house built by ?
- 1885 Isaac Jacobs buys Tallageira
- 1922 Feb 24, St Kilda Patriot League decides to pay £4,000 for front garden of Tallageria. Competition held for design, won by Hudson & Wardrop (architects for Shrine)
- 1924 Nov 11, Building opened
- 1927 Jan, Hall obtains permit to operate as a cinema
- 1957 Ceases operation as cinema



MMBW Detail Plan #1376, dated 1897

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9. TRAMWAYS SHEDS (now shops and Safeways at rear)

- 1890 pre probably empty blocks
- 1891 Tram shed constructed for new cable car branch line from Windsor
- 1924 ca New shops constructed along the Acland Street frontage. Rear used as a bus shed.
- 1970 ca New Safeways supermarket constructed