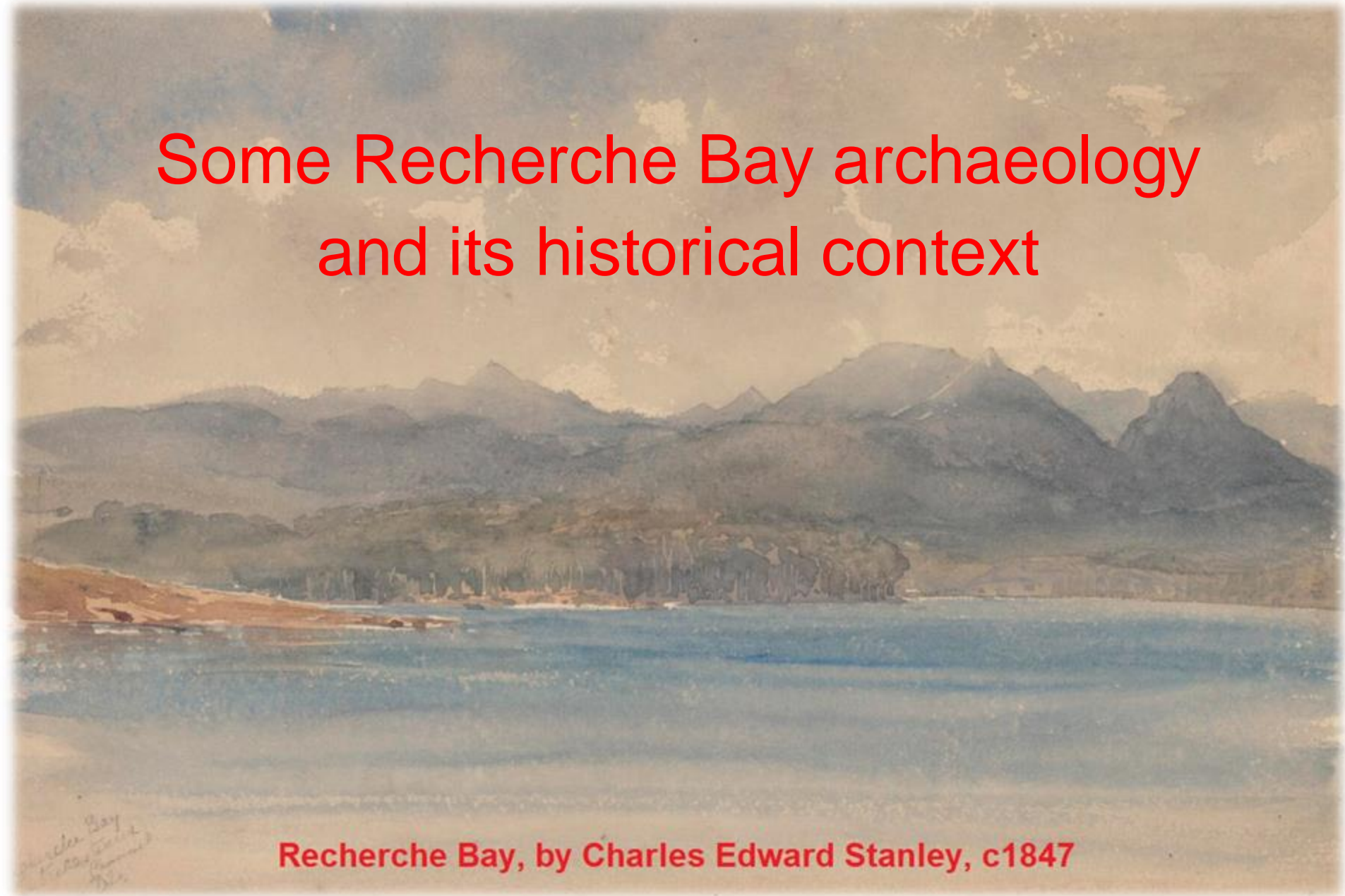


# Some Recherche Bay archaeology and its historical context



Recherche Bay, by Charles Edward Stanley, c1847

Having fun in the far south

Recherche Bay, by Charles Edward Stanley, c1847

Recherche Bay  
1847  
Stanley

## Note on Pronunciation

‘Thomas Driscoll, mailman and special constable for Recherche (or Research with an emphasis on Re) is a spare built sinewy man ...’

*Mercury*, 12 September 1885, supplement, page 2

‘The following day we got as far as Recherche, or ‘Research’ as it is called, and anchored off the town (?) of Ramsgate ...’

*Mercury*, 1 February 1892, page 2
























D'entrecasteaux Watering Place  
Historic Site

DAY USE AREA ONLY — NO CAMPING



By MARTINE HALEY  
Chief Political Reporter

REMAINS of a garden built by French explorers at Recherche Bay more than 200 years ago have been found intact, say the Tasmanian Greens.

And the Greens called yesterday for the area to be immediately protected from logging operations.

With the support of two Australian archaeologists, the Greens argued that the discovery strengthened calls by local residents for what they describe as a culturally significant site to be protected by national park status.

Greens leader Peg Putt called on Premier Jim Bacon to rescind approval for a road to be built through an adjoining conservation area into the privately owned location of the French garden.

Ms Putt said the garden had been found by Tasmanian farmers Helen Gee and Bob Graham with support from the local Recherche Bay protection group.

She said the garden was eight by nine metres and clearly outlined with stone boulders forming a rectangular shape with two square plinths in the centre.

Tasmania's Australian Greens senator Bob Brown said a separate stone wall more than 20m



[Mercury,  
19 February 2003]

**GENUINE:**  
Senator Bob Brown says the site has authenticated international historical significance.

long and 1m high, located at Bennetts Point south of the garden, could be the observatory set up to study the planets during the expedition by Bruni D'Entrecasteaux.

Senator Brown said archaeologists John Mulvaney of Canberra and Anne Bickford of Sydney had recently visited the area separately and authenticated its international historical significance.

Ms Putt said a heritage protection order needed to be immediately placed on the area pending the granting of national park status.

"The grouping of historic sites on the north-east peninsula of Recherche Bay is extraordinary and of outstanding significance in national and international terms, the rediscovered French garden being the jewel in the crown," she said.

The site's owner has contracted Gunns Ltd to log the area.

State Government spokesman Craig Martin said the landowner had every right to carry out logging operations.

Mr Martin said the land was declared a private timber reserve in 1996 with an additional plot declared in 2001 and on both occasions went through all necessary approvals without objections.

"The Heritage Council will look at all aspects of the case presented by interested parties including the Recherche Bay protection group with a view to protecting as far as possible the heritage values of the area," he said.

"Once the Heritage Council has received all the evidence it will determine whether all the criteria under the Act are met to have the area heritage-listed."



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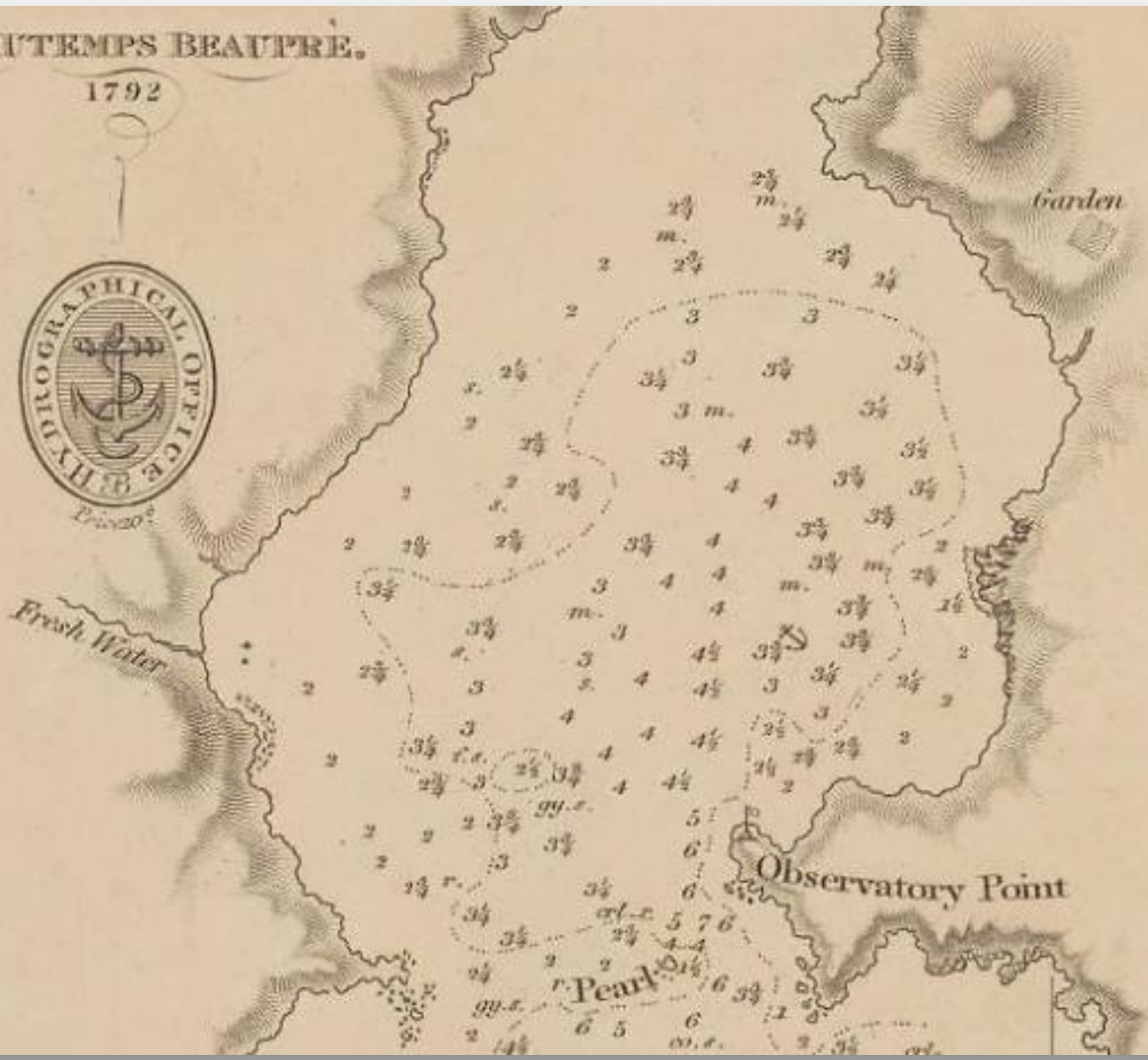
Paris 20°

Fresh Water

Garden

Observatory Point

Pearl





D'Entrecasteaux  
River

Leprena

Moss  
Glen

Pigsties  
Bay

Coal Pit  
Bight

Bennetts  
Point

Quiet  
Cove

Sullivan  
Point

Blackswan  
Lagoon





The “Garden”

(Coal Pit Bight)



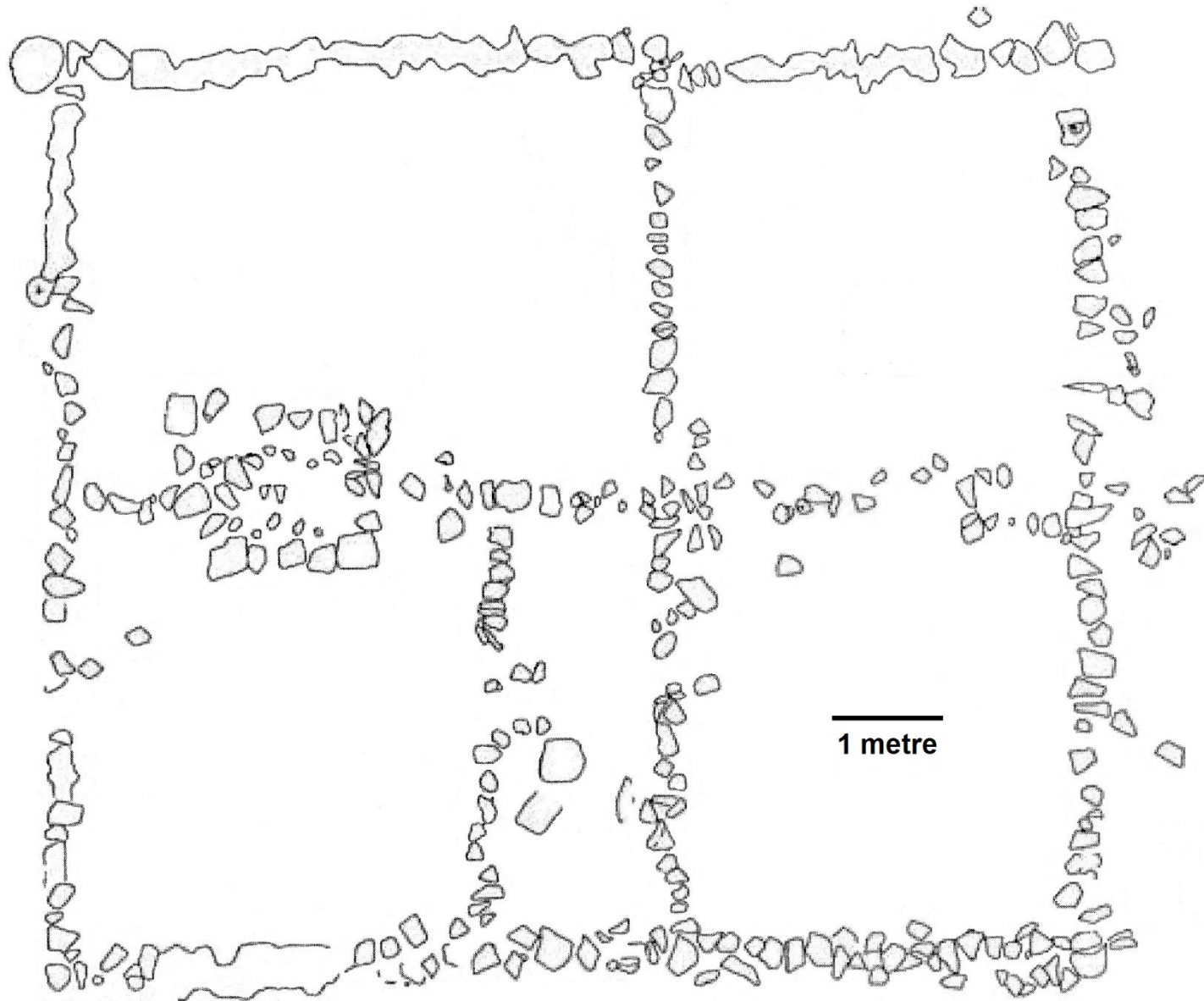








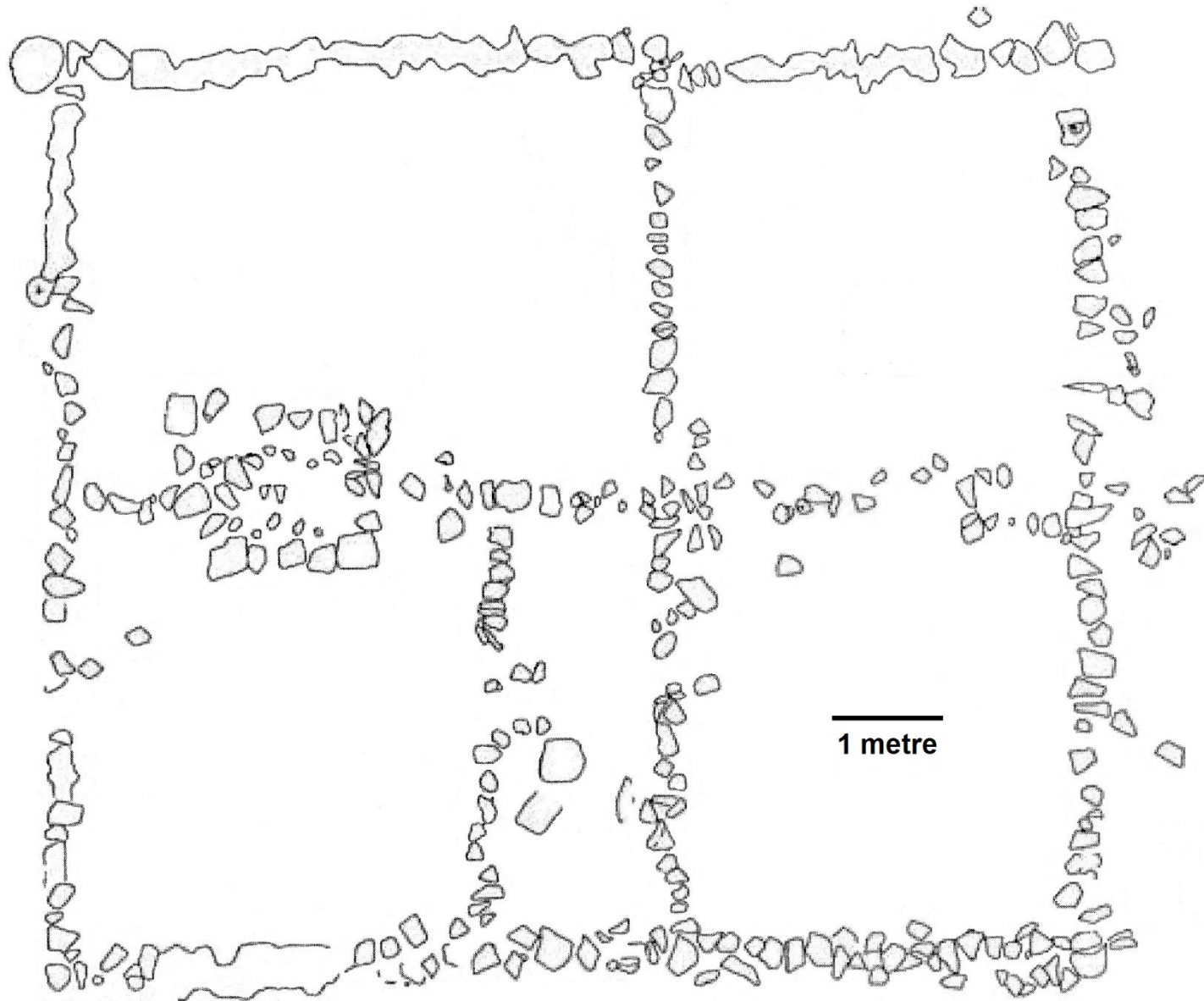






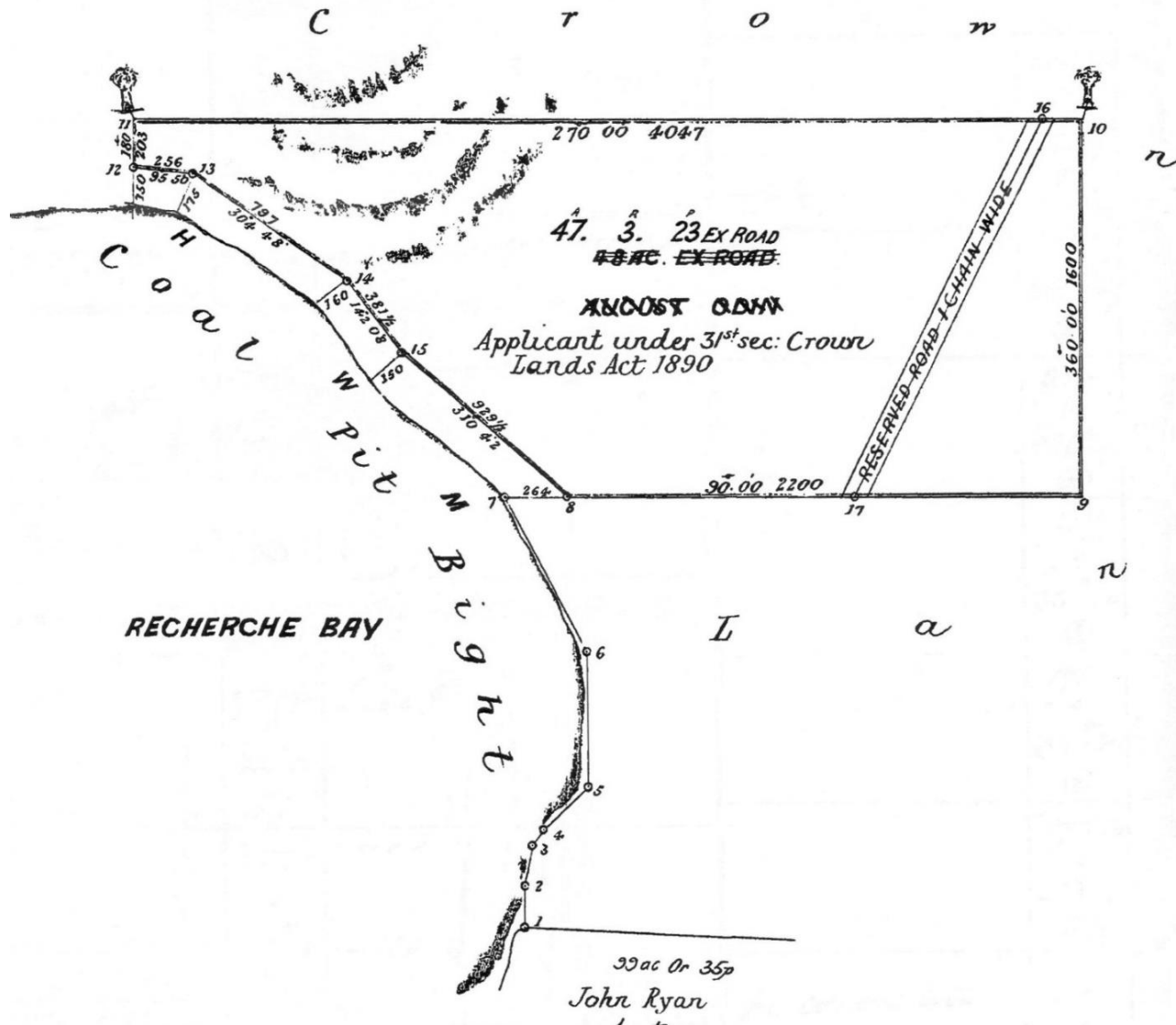
“The geophysical and archaeological study of the area around the stone feature as well as the soil sampling strategy and the close observation of the 1792-93 maps of the area suggest that the stone layout cannot be the garden of Delahaye ...

The stone layout found in 2002 is probably an uncompleted structure associated with the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century development of the area.”





# Kent County, Survey Diagram 18/31, November 1891



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Loving memory  
of

HERMON ODIN.

*Only dearly loved Son of*

AUGUST & MARIA ODIN

Accidentally drowned at Hastings

25<sup>th</sup> July 1901.

Aged 10 Years & 3 Months.



# The “Observatory” Wall

(Bennetts Point)







## Colonial Activity at Bennetts Point

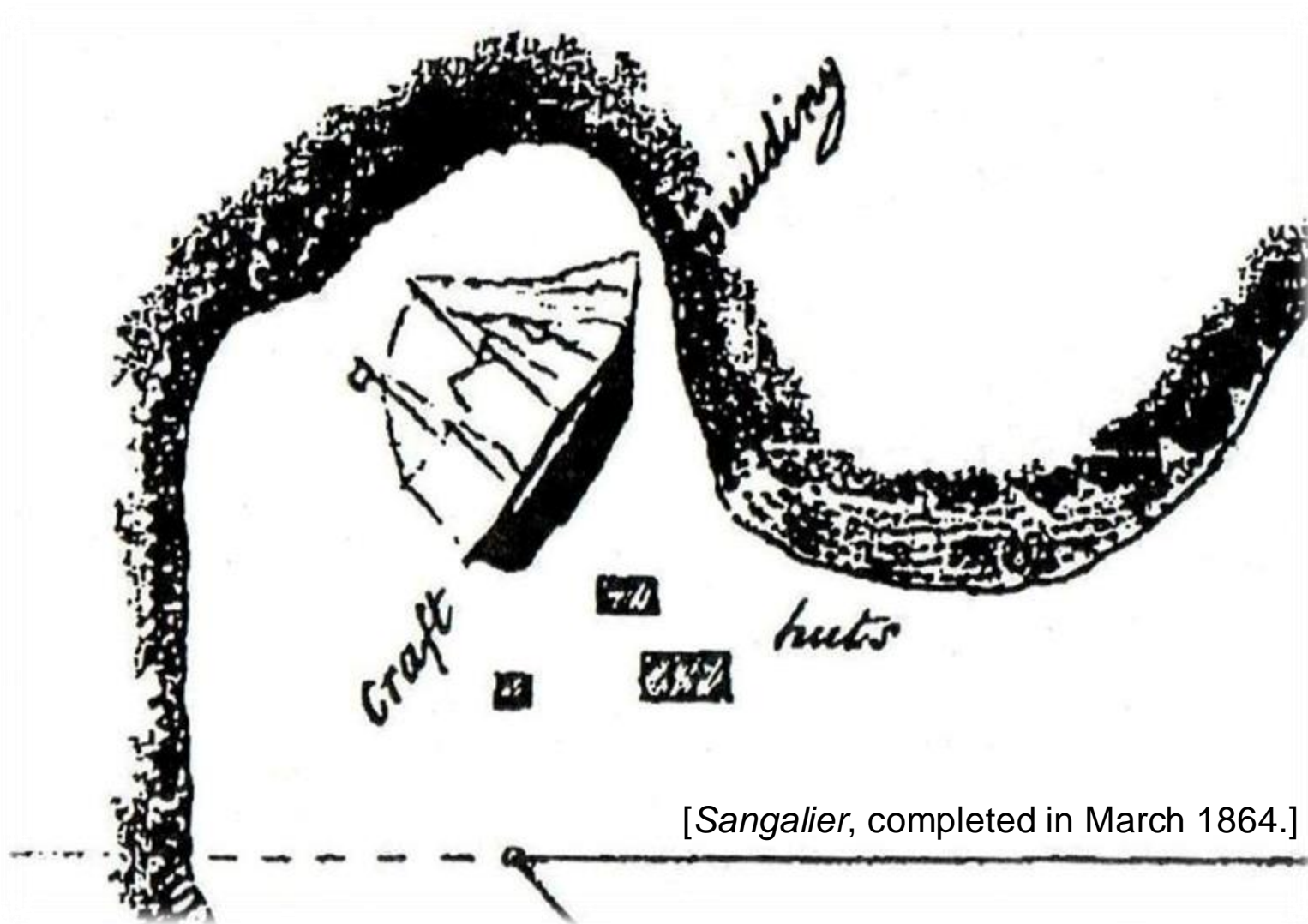
- 1838 Visit to “Observatory Point” by Lady Franklin
- 1853-c1858 William J. Tilley, 500-acre lease
- 1863 Ship built by William Bennett
- 1863 Labelled “BENNETT’S POINT” on diagram
- 1867 5-acre block granted to Joseph Dalco
- c1871-c1875 Michael McIntyre living on Dalco’s land
- 1892 John Ryan selects nearby land
- 1894 Ryan also renting Dalco’s original 5-acre block
- 1898-1899 House built for Ryan family
- 1900 Labelled “McINTYRE’S POINT” on diagram
- 1924 Death of John Ryan
- 1925 Ryan family leaves



## Lady Franklin's Visit, December 1838

“Our next object was to land on Observatory Point on the E. side of the entrance to the Port du Sud (D'Entrecasteaux's anchorage) and where the astronomers of the expedition made their observations. By the emptied oyster shells, the cleared and trodden grass, the remains of cinders and wattled windcreens it appears to be now resorted to as a place for bivouacking, as was lately the case with a boat going to Port Davey.”

Kent County, Survey Diagram 3/17, October 1863



[Sangalier, completed in March 1864.]



*Tasmanian Mail*, 30 April 1898, Page 19; “La Perouse from the Pigsties”



























SITE OF  
MAGNETIC FIELD  
STRENGTH MEASUREMENT  
D'ENTRECASTEAUX EXPEDITION

11 MAY 1792

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11 MAY 1992





Other activities on the “North-East Peninsula”

Convict era coal-mining, 1840-1843













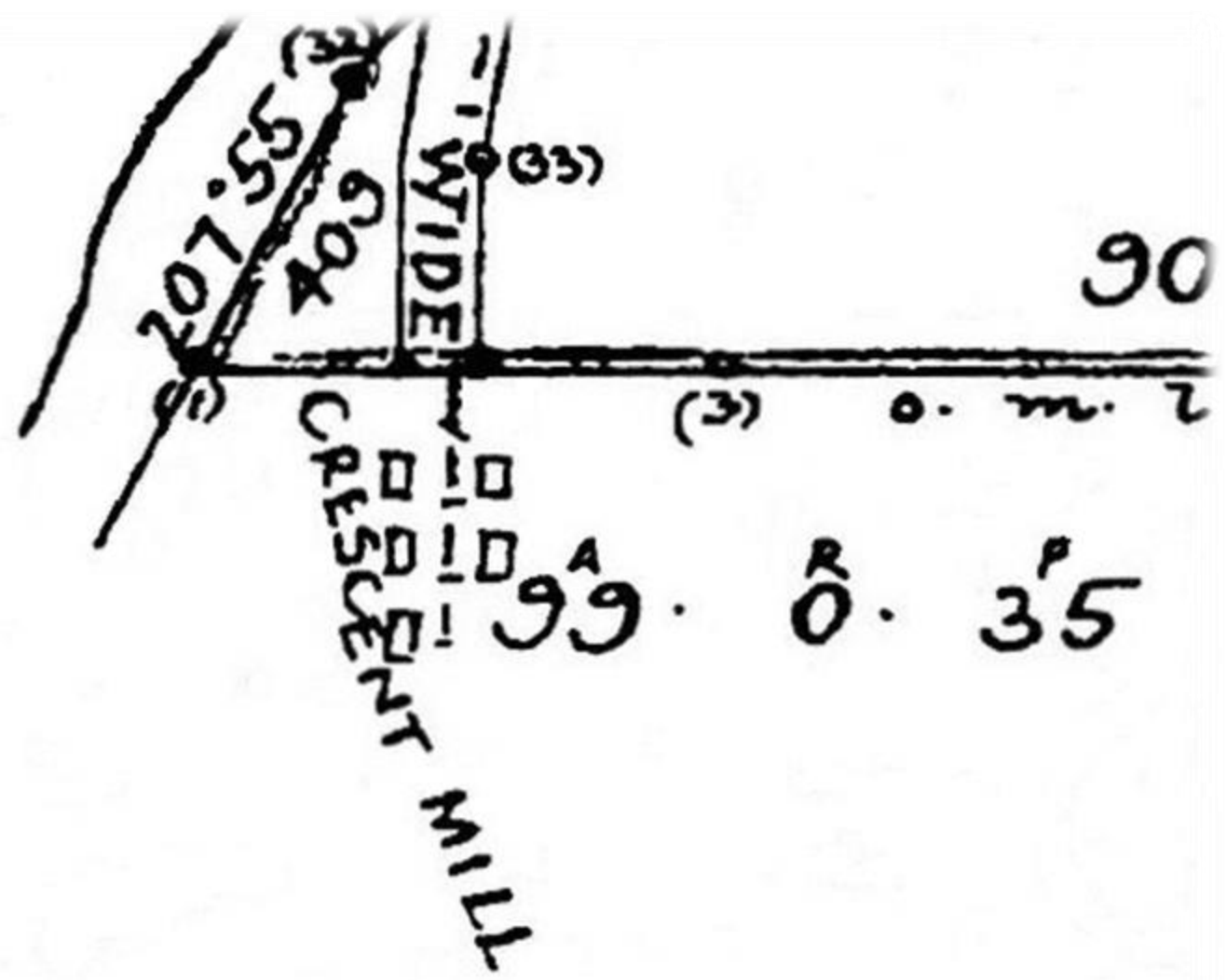


Other activities on the “North-East Peninsula”

Crescent Sawmill, 1904-c1912



























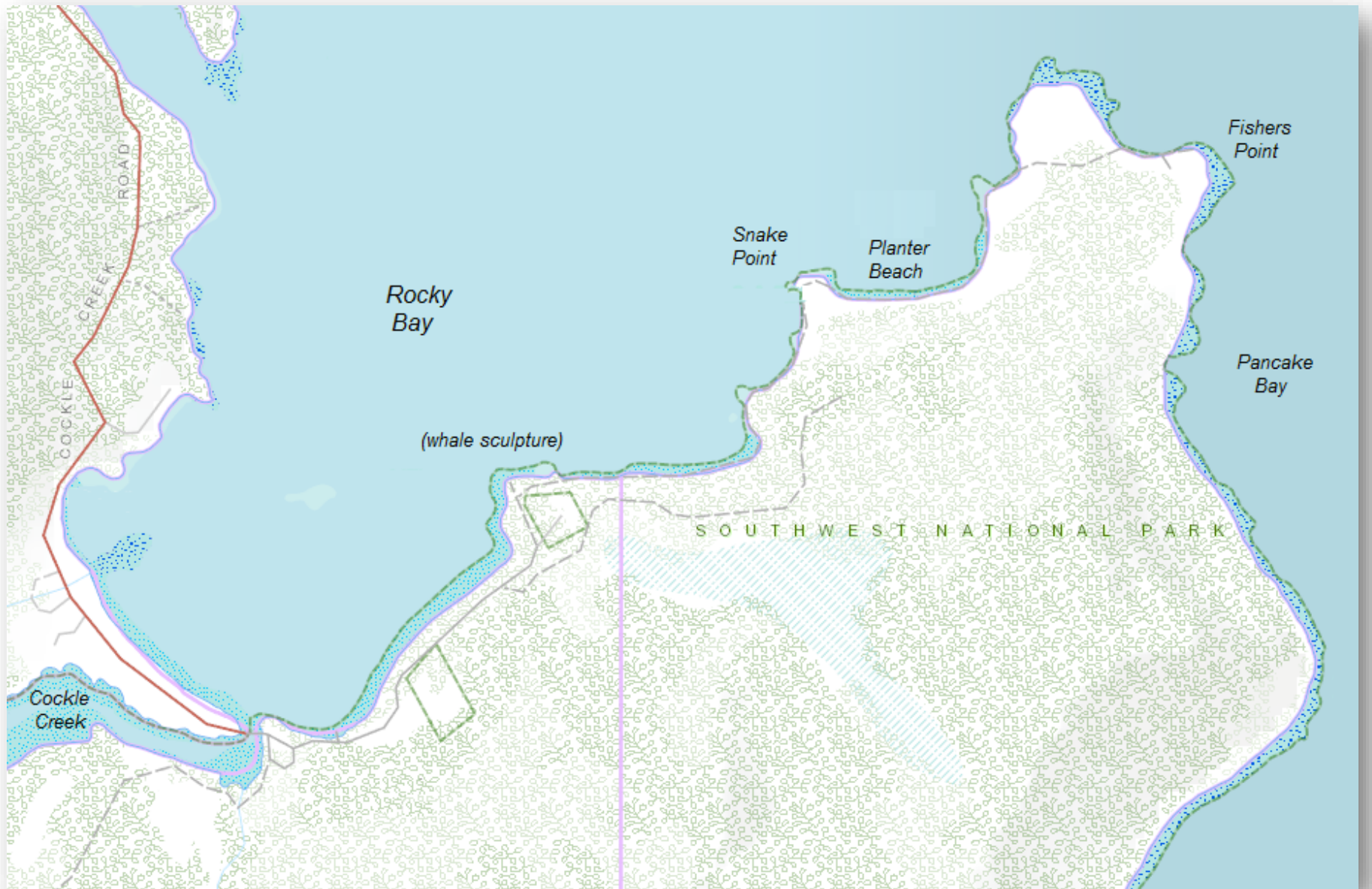






Fishers Point





Rocky Bay

(whale sculpture)

Snake Point

Planter Beach

Fishers Point

Pancake Bay

Cockle Creek

SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARK

COCKLE CREEK ROAD















## Fishers Point – Information Board

At its height bay whaling employed 1000 men, often in remote and harsh conditions. In the 1850s over 40 ex-convicts were working as whalers or sawyers at Recherche Bay. The Pilots Station was leased by ex-whaler Captain Fisher and Samuel Claxon as a licenced public house. At this time there were two public houses on Fishers Point, both named the Sawyers Arms!



“The L.G. approves of John Thomas being permitted to occupy the premises at Recherche Bay recently occupied by the Pilot stationed there, on condition of paying £10 a year in advance & keeping the buildings in repair ...”

[CSO 24/1/267/5907, page 259; 28 January 1852]

“I have to request ... that you will inform me by what authority you occupy the Pilot Station at Recherche Bay?”

[S.G. to Richard Woolley, 29 July 1853; LSD 16/1/12, pages 112-113]

Sawyer’s Arms, Recherche Bay, Richard Woolley and William Carver

[Publican’s Licences, *Hobart Town Gazette*, 4 October 1853]

Richard Whalley (*sic*), Recherche, Publican, Rental

[Jury List, *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 January 1855]



Richard Wooley, Recherche Bay, Leaseholder; J. Thomas, Lessor  
[Electoral Roll, Division of Franklin, *Hobart Town Gazette*, 15 April 1856]

“The G. approves of the transfer of the permission to occupy the old pilot station at Recherche Bay from Mr. John Thomas to Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Woolley ...”

[CSD 1/1/111/3575; 11 February 1857]

“... I beg to inform you that, on payment of £1, a licence will be granted to you for the occupation for one year, of a piece of Crown Land in the Township of Ramsgate, known as the Pilot Station.”

[S.G. to W. Fisher, LSD 16/1/20, Page 290; 29 June 1866]



## Valuation Rolls

<i>Description</i>	<i>Occupier</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Rate</i>
House and land	William Fisher	The Queen	5 ac	£5
<i>[Hobart Town Gazette, 22 January 1867]</i>				
House and land	William Fisher	The Queen	5 ac	£7
Bush Land	William Fisher	Said W. Fisher	10 ac	£1
<i>[Hobart Town Gazette, 19 November 1878]</i>				
House and land	William Fisher	The Queen	5 ac	£7
Bush Land	William Fisher	Said W. Fisher	10 ac	£1
<i>[Hobart Town Gazette, 14 November 1882]</i>				
House and land	William Fisher	William Fisher	10 ac	£6
<i>[Hobart Town Gazette, 27 November 1883]</i>				

**WEDNESDAY, November 17.**

**PROPERTY AT RECHERCHE.**

**MURDOCH BROS., IN CONJUNCTION WITH DARLING AND REYNOLDS,** under instructions of **Mrs. W. H. Fisher,** will sell at their Rooms, 77 Macquarie-street, at 12 o'clock,

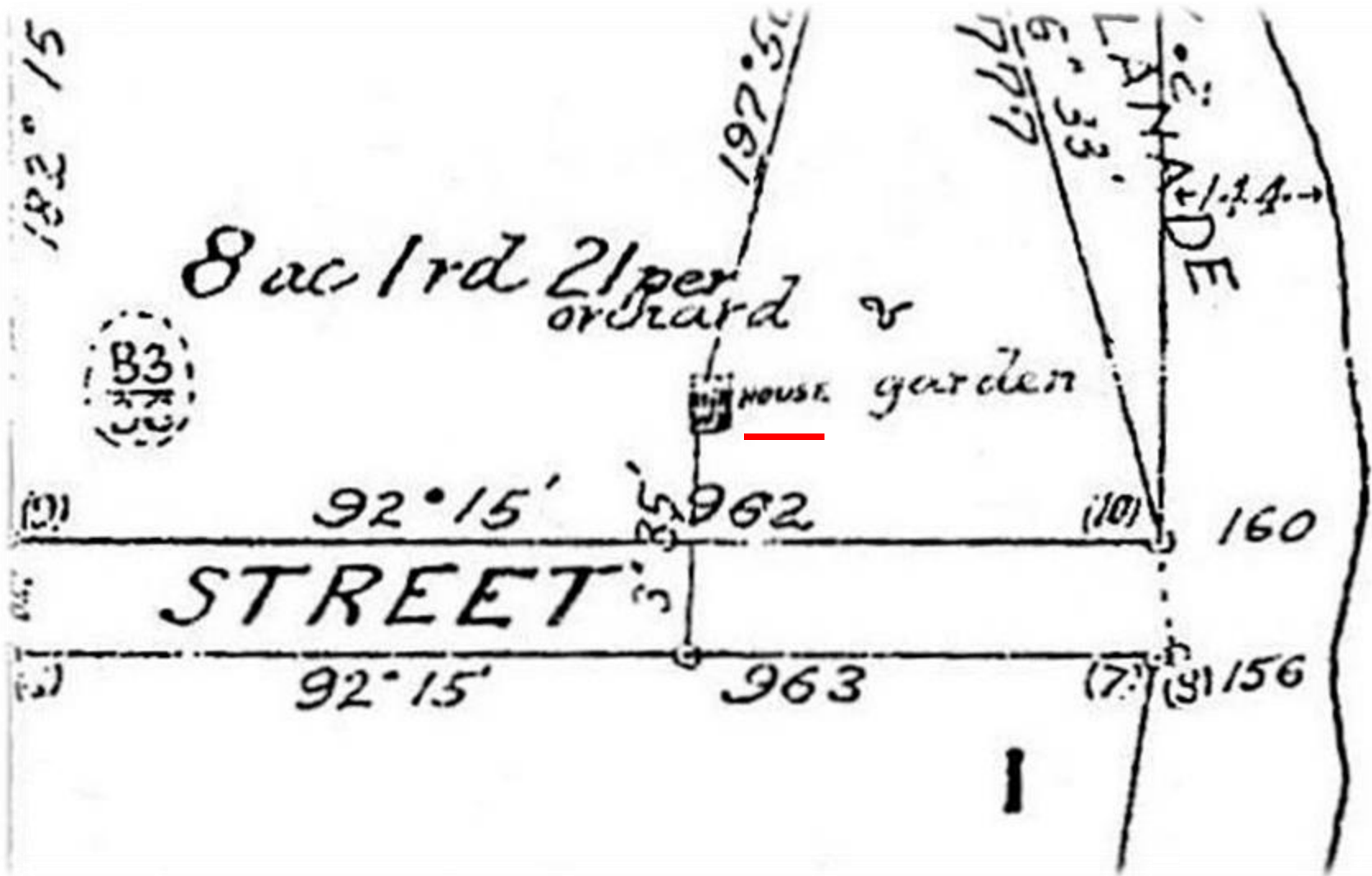
**T**HE PROPERTY, **WOODBINE,** fronting on Pancake Bay, excellent fishing, comprising 17 acres 1 rood 37 perches first-class black soil, about an acre garden; the Mills take all produce grown; wells for watering stock, and tanks.

Plan and photo of the good 6-room Cottage at the Mart.

Title—R.P.A. Terms—25 per cent. deposit, balance on completion. Reference—Perkins and Dear, Solicitors.

























A dark, rectangular metal object, possibly a piece of equipment or a marker, lying on a bed of brown leaves and twigs. The object has embossed text in two lines. The top line reads "ROMATIC" and the bottom line reads "CHINAPPS". The metal appears weathered and slightly greenish. The background is a dense layer of dry, brown leaves and twigs, suggesting a forest floor.

ROMATIC  
CHINAPPS

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