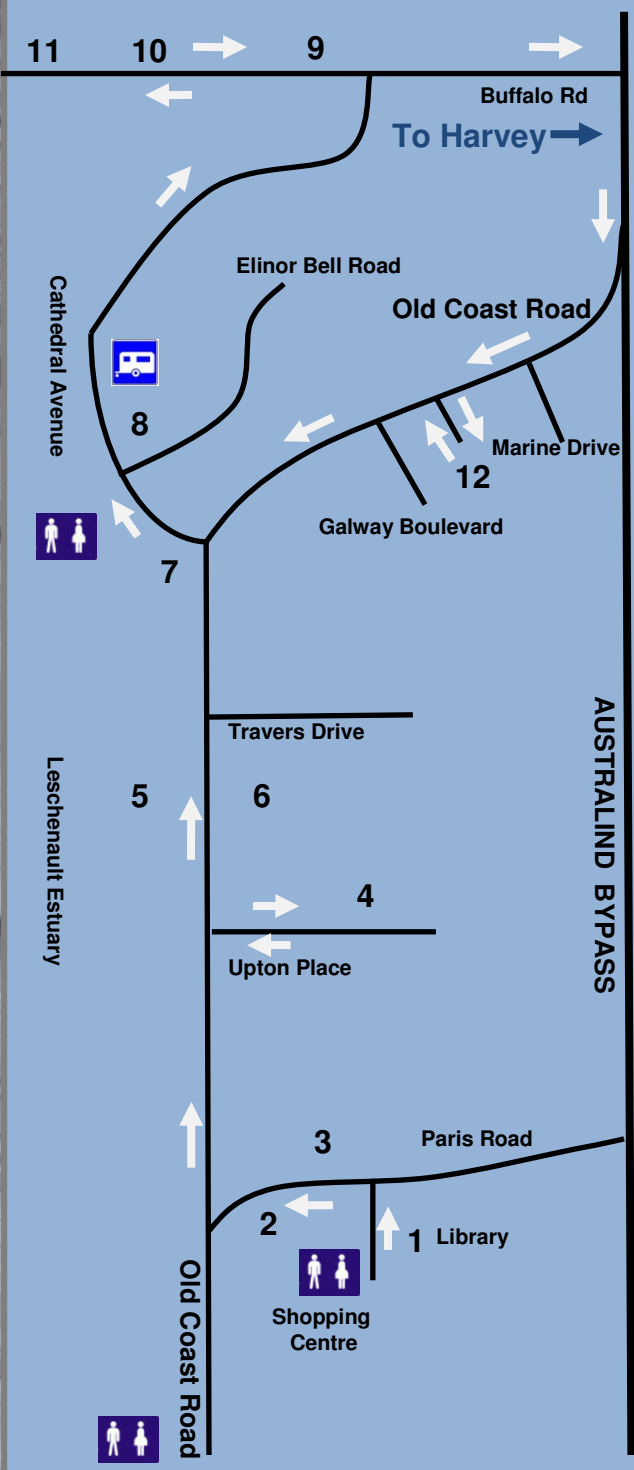


# Map of Trail



# Legend

- 1 Historical Plaque – Benjamin and James Piggott
- 2 Henton Cottage
- 3 St Nicholas Church
- 4 Upton House
- 5 Memorial Seat
- 6 Pioneer Memorial Park
- 7 Cathedral Avenue
- 8 Historical Plaque – Australind State School Site
- 9 Historical Plaque – Parkfield School Site
- 10 John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial
- 11 John Boyle O'Reilly Wetland Trail
- 12 Australind Cemetery
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The name AUSTRALIND was coined by its founders, The Western Australian Company, from a contraction of Australia and India.

The West Australian Company was formed in London in 1840 to promote a Land Settlement in Western Australia under the Wakefield System. This prescribed that land in the colonies should not be granted but sold and the proceeds used to bring migrant labour to the colony.

The Company purchased 165,000 acres from Colonel Latour and Sir James Stirling in the Leschenault region and set out to find Investors/Settlers.

The "Island Queen" in 1840 was the first ship to arrive at Australind, with a party of surveyors to mark out the townsite and rural allotments.

In the meantime in England, hearsay reports regarding the land, had the company in turmoil; and the directors decided to abandon the scheme and re-locate to Port Grey (now Geraldton).

Marshall Waller Clifton, Chief Commissioner for the scheme, left London with 93 passengers on board the "Parkfield" with the intent of collecting the surveyors and head for Port Grey. The surveyors had not received any dispatches regarding the change of location. After much discussion with Governor Hutt, Marshall and Pearce Clifton and the Government Surveyor it was decided to proceed with the original scheme.

The following two years saw more settlers arrive to take up land but by 1843 the Company was no longer financial and operations ceased. Many settlers left the area and the few that remained took up abandoned blocks and laid the foundations of the rural settlement.

Today you can see that the dreams and hopes of those early pioneers have finally come to fruition.