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14 To Cemetery

Market St

12 St Matthews Church

Sculpture Garden

Cartwright St

New St

Pioneers Park

10 Pioneers Park

11 Rose Cottage

6 Rydal Mount

8 Hotel Alexander

7 Rydal Union Church

4 Rydal Cottage

5 Former Police Station

Bathurst St

Ford St

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9 Greg Featherstone Park

Gazebo

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1 Rydal Railway Station

Forest View

Sydney Rd

To Gt Western Hwy and Mt Lambie/Bathurst

Dirt Road

To Hampton, Lithgow, Sydney

Rydal Village NSW

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RYDAL HERITAGE WALK

VILLAGE OF RYDAL

Rydal was first known as Solitary Creek.

Governor Sir George Gipps however changed it to Rydal in 1843.

The English village of Rydal at the time was the home of the Poet Laureate William Wordsworth best known for his poem "The Daffodils".

The construction of the western train line made Rydal a very busy place from 1870 to 1876.

Many of the Rydal buildings have heritage listings. See asterisks.

*This property has a local heritage listing.

**This property has a state heritage listing.

Remember: homes listed are private properties and while you are welcome to view the outside, do not enter the grounds



1 RYDAL RAILWAY STATION (1869.)** Rydal was the end of the western line until it was extended to Bathurst in 1876. It is a rare example of a combined station/residence. Another part is a public library, run by volunteers. The station was staffed until 1984. The line through Rydal is still the main western line to Perth. The XPT comes through daily but you have to book it to stop for you. Accommodation bookings: www.rydalrailwaycottage.com.au

2 SIGNAL BOX AND GUARD'S VAN

It was once an important part of the railway station when points and signals were operated by individual levers which are no longer required. The restored 1898 Guard's Van has been restored with the heritage colours of the day.

3 WAR MEMORIALS There is a World War 1 Memorial on the Railway Station and a World War 2 Memorial at the entrance to the Rydal Show Ground. Honour Boards are in the Union Church.

4 RYDAL COTTAGE C 1890 This small former worker's cottage, typical of the era in which it was built, has now been restored and has an extensive garden.

It has self contained accommodation and is pet friendly. Email cla12derlyons@gmail.com

5* FORMER POLICE STATION

An escort station was first erected in Rydal in 1850 with cell accommodation. The last policeman, William Harmer, left in 1942. The house was restored in 2006. It has self contained accommodation. Email k.mahony@skymesh.com.au

6* RYDAL MOUNT – FORMER RYDAL SCHOOL (1869)

The school residence was built in 1876. The school closed in 1985. It is available for group accommodation. Email info@rydalmount.com.au

7* THE UNION CHURCH (1899) was built in the late 19th Century Carpenter's Gothic Style for the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodists, hence the title Union Church. The School room was added by the Methodists, in 1963. The church is used for Ecumenical services, concerts and community meetings. It has an unusual and restored World War 1 Honour Board with names and photos. The war records of the soldiers are there as well.

8* ALEXANDER HOTEL (21.01.1914) is on the site of a former hotel known as the Commercial Hotel, which was licensed from 1868 and burnt down in 1903. There was a brief use of the hotel for the documentary "A Steam Train Passes" produced by Anthony Buckley and made in 1974.

9 GREG FEATHERSTONE PARK BATHURST STREET: (2000)

This Park was built on Railway land as a community project complete with picnic facilities and named after a long serving Station Master of Rydal.

10 PIONEERS PARK MARKET STREET

This is a Rydal Village Association initiative where Crown Land has been turned into a landscaped park and picnic area.

11* ROSE COTTAGE (c1860) Cartwright Street is the oldest remaining cottage in Rydal. Restoration began in 1999.

The cottage can be seen in the Historic Photograph of Rydal in front of Rydal Mount. It has bed and breakfast accommodation. Email rosiewynter@hotmail.com

12* ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH (1869)

This church was designed by the well-known Bathurst architect Edward Gell. It is built from local stone in a modified Gothic style with narrow lancet windows. New windows were installed in 2007. Regular church services are held.

13* RYDAL SHOWGROUND The buildings were constructed at various stages since 1921 on community recreation land, which once included tennis courts and a cricket pitch. The Rydal Horticultural and Agricultural Society conduct shows on the first Saturday of February www.lisp.com.au/~rydalshow. The Bicentennial National Trail passes through Rydal.

14* RYDAL CEMETERY contains memorials dating from 1869 and was expanded in 1899 for extensions to the Presbyterian, Anglican, Catholic and Methodist sections. The cemetery is still in use. Visit www.rydal.com.au for digital images and notes of every visible inscription.

15 CHAPEL HOUSE** This property is located about a kilometre from the centre of the village. The earliest building, the Queen Victoria Inn, was erected in 1832.

Chapel House was added later for the Franciscan brothers when the property became a seminary for the order in 1920. It closed in 1925.

The celebrated artist John Olsen lived here for a while. Today, Chapel House is particularly known for its magnificent 9-acre garden and opens for advertised special events. It also has accommodation which can be booked.

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SIGNIFICANT VILLAGE PLAQUES

PLAQUE FOR MARIE BASHIR AC CVO

Governor NSW, in Greg Featherstone Park. She visited Rydal in 2006 and opened Daffodils at Rydal.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JOHN WELLINGS

This is located behind the western end of the Rydal Railway Station. John was a Rydal resident from 1997 to 2006. His vision for Rydal helped with many improvements for the village.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR NOEL HAWLEY

Located on the Rydal Railway Station, Noel was tragically killed by an assailant while on duty on 14 September 1973.

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL PLAQUES

Visit the Gazebo in the Greg Featherstone Park and see all the awards the village was won.

PLAQUE: BATHURST ROAD

Near railway crossing and bus shelter.

The plaque is dedicated to Percy & Gloria Miller for their years of loyal service to the NWGR as the ganger & gatekeeper at Rydal 1955 to 1989. Erected 4 December 2005.

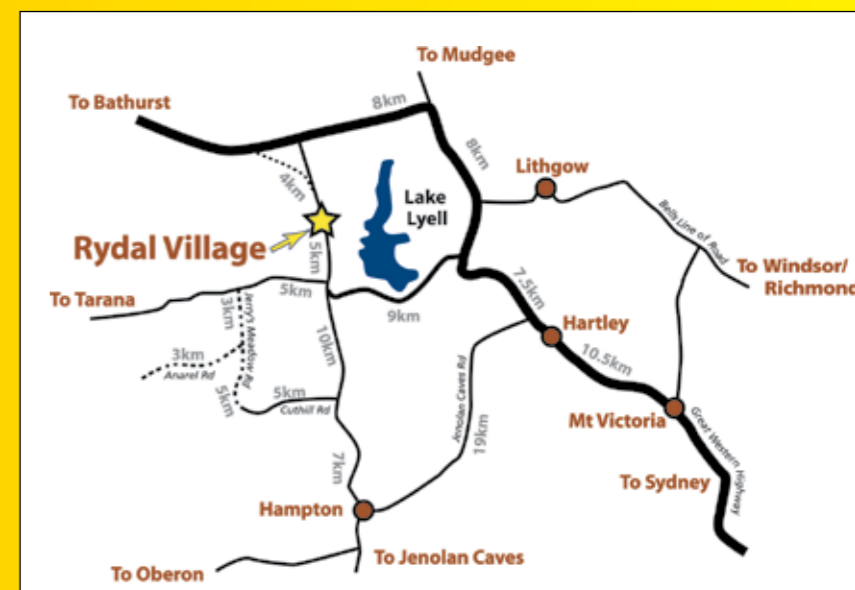
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Early in September the village celebrates Daffodils at Rydal, when several of the properties listed here have their gardens open.

The village parks and gardens have thousands of daffodils and like Rydal in England; you can see a host of golden daffodils. For this year's dates for Daffodils at Rydal visit www.rydal.com.au.



OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

RYDAL BUSHFIRE SHED (1996)

A comparatively new building for Rydal although the Rydal Bushfire Brigade began in 1939. The Rydal Bushfire Brigade is very active and run entirely by volunteers.

FORMER RYDAL DAIRY

19 Stacks Rd Rydal.

The land where the dairy was located was originally settled in 1838 and the simple cottage is one of Rydal's early buildings.

THE SCULPTURE GARDEN

New Street: Rydal. This is the studio of well-known artist Antony Symons. Open by appointment. Phone 6355 6297

FORMER GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE – now private homes in Bathurst Street.

The General Store, initially operated by the Cale Family was in business from 1921 to 1972. Postal services were offered in Rydal from 1859. A purpose built Post Office was adjacent to the General Store. It ceased operation as a post office in 1994.

ROAD CHANGES IN RYDAL

The first road through Rydal dates from 1832 when Major Mitchell came down the current Hampton Road. This road turns near the Fire Station and passes in front of the Hotel and changes its name to Bathurst Street. However, Major Mitchell headed up the hill towards the old Victoria Inn.

It was a steep climb so the route was changed to go along the Western road, towards Mt Lambie. Until 1929 Rydal was on the main road to Bathurst but was bypassed during changes to the Gt Western Highway.

THE RYDAL STATION WAITING ROOM has a collection of Rydal Family Photos and records. It is open on Saturday morning when the library is open.

If you or your family have a connection with Rydal you might have some pictures, letters or interesting stories you would like to share with others. Leave a message at the Hotel or email rydalaffs@gmail.com or ring **Helen 02 6355 6360**, or **Lindsay 02 6359 3237**.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RYDAL EVENTS, DATES AND FULL DETAILS OF ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE VISIT WWW.RYDAL.COM.AU