

(Extract from Guidebook)

Map 1

Town of Buninyong

Buninyong, settled in 1839, was a major inland community of pre-gold rush Victoria. Gold was found nearby in 1840. By 1871 there were 2281 people and 20 hotels! at Buninyong.

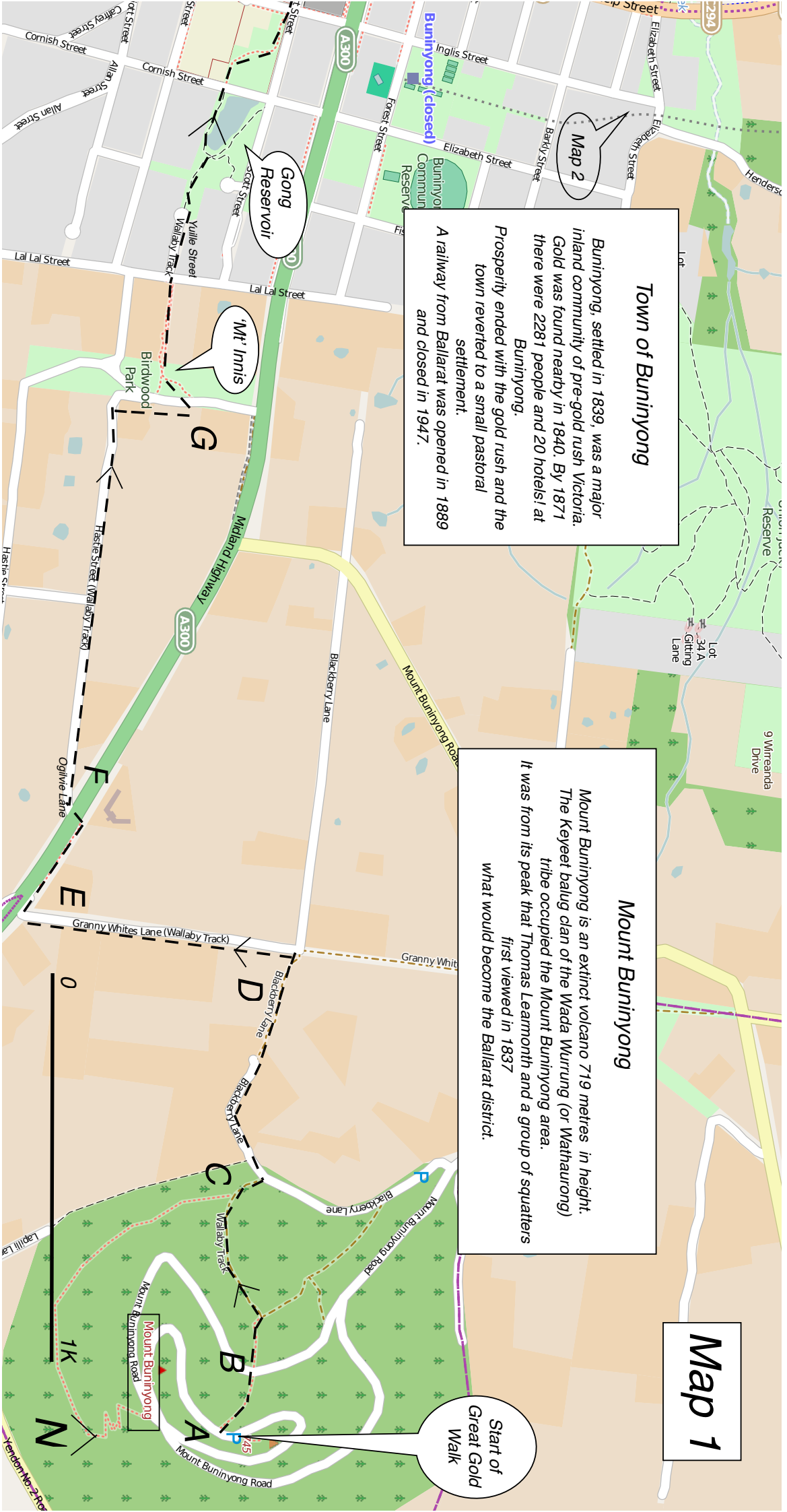
Prosperity ended with the gold rush and the town reverted to a small pastoral settlement.

A railway from Ballarat was opened in 1889 and closed in 1947.

Mount Buninyong

Mount Buninyong is an extinct volcano 719 metres in height. The Keyseet bailing clan of the Wada Wurrung (or Wathaurong) tribe occupied the Mount Buninyong area.

It was from its peak that Thomas Learmonth and a group of squatters first viewed in 1837 what would become the Ballarat district.



Start of Great Gold Walk

Gong Reservoir

'Mt' Innis

Map 2

Mount Buninyong

Yendon No. 2 Rd