

SEBASTOPOL HISTORICAL WALK

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STARTING POINT: Vickers Street Health Hub. Depart from **Victory Park**, created to reflect the efforts of local citizens who served Australia in World War II. A **swimming pool** was built here opposite the Community Health Centre.

1 Travel east toward Albert Street, turn left into Beverin Street (named in honour of Borough Councillor). Walk north toward Gray Street passing the St George Reserve soccer field on the left. The next historic site is the **Former Eureka Valve factory** established in 1954. Built on the site of the former St George mine, with its iron and non ferrous foundry the company became Sebastopol's major industry employing 250 workers. Eureka Valves Company founder and philanthropist Bill Rosenow established the Salvation Army Opportunity Shop, now located at the former Gordon Irish site.

2 Agricultural machinery builder Gordon Irish occupied the South West corner of Gray Street in the 1960's, until transferring to another site. Turn right into Gray Street and head toward Albert Street.

3 Turn right again and proceed along the western side of Albert Street heading south. The Uniting Church was established in the 1930's following the discontinuation of the Rubicon Street Wesleyan Church.



Walk a bit further past Sebastopol Discount Auto Parts. Cross the road to the eastern side of Albert Street.

4 You have now reached the site of the **South Star Mine**. The original mine office, the only remnant building of its type in preservation, currently houses the **I Made It Café**.



The mine was the deepest in the district at 3112 feet (948m) and was one of the last of the mines to cease operation in Sebastopol, closing in 1909.



The former tram route ran alongside the footpath. The trams were discontinued in 1971, replaced with buses, ending a proud tradition that had commenced with horse-drawn rolling stock almost 90 years earlier. The line terminates at the Royal Mail Hotel at the end of the 3km journey. Again cross Albert Street at the lights, take note of the building to the right of the empty block. The house was the **Mine Manager's residence** where Vice Regal guests changed before and after going underground in The South Star Mine during the tour in 1904. Head south from the pedestrian lights to Vickers Street, turn right and travel 150 metres to return to the starting point.

