EDUCATION, FLAGELLATION AND RECREATION: A WALKING TOUR OF ROYAL PARK

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Time line of key dates. (Sources of information in brackets)

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c.1884 Ma	kaminer, 11/7/1882, p.2)
	unceston Bowling Club established at a meeting, 18 May. (Examiner 18/5/1883, p.1)
100	arine Board reclaimed and drained Invalid Depot Grounds; created a 'fine sandy beach'.
(Da	aily Telegraph 30/4/1884, p.2; Examiner, 3/6/1886, p.3)
Tar	mar Regatta Association established. (<i>Mercury,</i> 25/1/1884, p.3)
Lau	unceston Bowling Club first used green, December. (<i>Tasmanian</i> , 13/12/1884, p.7)
1885 Inva	valid Depot river frontage leased to Tamar Yacht Club. (<i>Examiner,</i> 26/9/1885, p.2)
Alfr	red Barret Biggs' telescope erected in Invalid Depot Grounds (Daily Telegraph, 19/9/1885, p.3)
	undation stone of Victoria Museum & Art Gallery laid for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, 21 June.
	Koshin, 'Chronology of 150 years', <i>LHS P&P</i> , v.15, 2003, p.56)
	valid Depot Grounds handed over to Launceston City Council by the Government.
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	ctoria Museum & Art Gallery opened by Governor, Sir Robert Hamilton, 19 April. (Examiner, 30/4/1891, p.3)
	iginal Tamar Yacht Club clubhouse completed. (<i>Examiner</i> , 23/11/1891)
	ctoria Baths foundation stone laid for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee (Examiner, 24/6/1897, p.5)
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1904 –	Marine Board reclaimed about 14 acres of river flats from in front of the Invalid Depot to lower Charles Street, and
1909	re-formed the beach near the Yacht Club. (<i>Examiner</i> , 22/11/1904, p.7; H. Button, <i>Flotsam & Jetsam</i> , 1909, p136;
	J Koshin, 'Chronology of 150 years', <i>LHS P&P</i> , v.15, 2003, p.57)
1905/6	Ladies Croquet Club first used old bowls green. (Examiner, 19/10/1905, p.3)
1910	New Technical School opened adjoining the Museum, September. (Weekly Courier, 22/9/1910, p.29)
1912	Foundation stone of King Edward VII statue laid by Lt General Sir Baden Powell;
1312	Invalid Depot Grounds renamed Royal Park, 8 June. (Examiner, 10/6/1912, p.6)
	Invalid Depot closes, 24 June, buildings demolished by October. (<i>Examiner</i> , 2/11/1912, p.9)
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1913	Tennis courts laid out near bowls club. (J Koshin & A Green, 'Royal Park from 1912' in <i>On the Tide 3</i> , p.36)
1914	Demolition of Female Factory began. (A Green, <i>A Model Municipality</i> , p.39)
1915	Opening of new pavilion of Royal Park and River croquet clubs, 17 February. (Weekly Courier, 4/3/1915, p.22)
1916	New Launceston High School opened. (Examiner, 24/3/1916, p.4)
	Paterson Street gates to Royal Park presented as an Easter gift to the city. (<i>Examiner</i> , 7/6/1916, p.5)
	New Wellington Square School building opened. (<i>Weekly Courier</i> , 3/8/1916, p.20)
1918	Unveiling of statue of King Edward VII, by the Governor, 9 December. (Weekly Courier, 12/11/1918, p.22)
1919	Influenza Epidemic. Wellington Square School used as an Isolation Hospital. (Weekly Courier, 9/10/1919, p.23)
1919	Cameron Street gates to Royal Park presented by Mr F Hart, MLC. (<i>Examiner</i> , 14/11/1919, p.4)
1920s &	Marine Board and City Council deposited more sand along Royal Park foreshore for the beach.
1930	(J Koshin & A Green, 'Royal Park from 1912' in <i>On the Tide 3</i> , p.36)
1924	Royal Park War Memorial unveiled, 25 April. (Examiner 26/4/1924, p.13)
	First 'Henley on Tamar' regatta held, 15 March. (A McKay, 'Henley on Tamar', On the Tide 2, p.162)
1927	Launceston Technical School buildings became part of the Museum.
	(Launceston: a pictorial history, QVMAG, reprint 2004, p86-87)
1929	Flooding across Tasmania. Royal Park inundated, April. (<i>Weekly Courier</i> , 10/4/1929)
1930	Court House dock etc dismantled; room used as Technical School assembly hall. (<i>Examiner</i> , 3/10/1930, p.2)
1933	Demolition of front porch of Court House. (<i>Examiner</i> , 14/6/1933, p.6)
1935	First tree in Pioneer Avenue (Launceston to Hobart) planted in Royal Park by Lord Mayor of Hobart, 5 April.
	(<i>Mercury</i> , 13/9/1941)
	Plaque erected to commemorate work of Alfred Barrett Biggs, 18 September. (Monument in park)
1936	Police offices and Police Court (formerly treadmill complex) closed and demolished. (Examiner, 11/8/1936, p.6)
1937	New Fall-Hartnoll Wing of Museum opened by the Mayor, 25 November.
	(J Koshin, 'Chronology of 150 years', LHS P&P, v.15, 2003, p.59)
1940	Tamar Regatta Association held its Centenary Regatta at Stephenson's bend. (Mercury, 27/2/1940, p.10)
	Demolition of remainder of old Court House. (Examiner, 30/4/1940, p.7)
	Wellington Square School closed, acquired by the Launceston Technical College.
	(<i>Examiner</i> , 9/12/1939 p. 2 & 10/1/1940, p.5)
1940s –	Central city tip on the river bank in front of Royal Park – for reclamation purposes. (Examiner, 30/9/1941, p.4)
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	Turkish baths and men's pool at Victoria Baths demolished to make way for the first and second blocks of the
1947	Technical College. (<i>Examiner</i> , 31/1/1947, p.2; <i>Mercury</i> , 24/11/1947, p.7)
1949	Façade and remainder of Victoria Baths demolished to make way for the third block of the Technical College. (Examiner, 30/4/1949, p.5
1955	Trevallyn Power Scheme began operation and flow of water through Cataract Gorge reduced.
	(J Koshin, 'Chronology of 150 years …', <i>LHS P&P</i> , v.15, 2003, p.60)
1959	New croquet lawn at Royal Park opened, 9 December.
1333	(G Jessup, Royal Park Croquet Club Souvenir Booklet 1959-60 to 1984-5 Seasons, p.2.)
1959/60	New gate and brick pillars erected at the Royal Park entrance opposite Bathurst Street.
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1000	(Report from Parks and Reserves, 1960, p.75)
1960	Launceston Flood Protection Board established. (Launceston Flood Protection Act 1960, no. 85)
1962 –	Construction of flood protection levees from King's Park, around Royal Park and along banks of North Esk River.
1965	(J Koshin, 'Chronology of 150 years', LHS P&P, v.15, 2003, p.61)
1962	Launceston High School became a matriculation college. (A Green, A Model Municipality, p.183)
1968	Launceston Area Transportation Study recommended northern city outlet be created by extending Bathurst Street
	under Paterson Street and through Royal Park to lower Charles Street. (Mayor's Annual Valedictory Addresses)
1969	Flood Protection Scheme put to the test, 31 May. (Examiner, 1/6/1969)
1971/3	Construction of Bathurst Street Extension and Northern Outlet. (Mayor's Annual Valedictory Addresses)
1975	Royal Park Rose Gardens established by the International Women's Year Committee. (Plaque in gardens)
1988	Zonta roses planted. (Plaque in gardens)
2010	Royal Park South - Military Sites and Monuments - entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register, 8 September
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