



This heritage walk takes you around the village of Glen Forrest, known as Smith's Mill until 1915, first settled in 1877 by Alfred Smith.

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<https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/4575>



1. Morgan John Morgan Park. He was the longest serving station master (1929 - 52). *Photo 1980's.*

Start at the BBQs. This was named as a park in 1979 and a playground was built soon after with a railway theme. It was upgraded in 2016, funded by the Shire of Mundaring and a Lottery West grant.



2. Community Garden, 56 Hardey Rd. *Photo J Currell 2014.*

First proposed by residents in 2008, the community group was incorporated in 2013 and leases a 1/4 acre from the Shire of Mundaring.



6. Burkinshaw Gravel & Clay Pit - 1895. *Photo Mrs Hilda Lanyon 1903.*

William (father) & George (son) Burkinshaw developed these gravel pits to provide material for city roads. Clay found below the gravel was used to make bricks locally at their 'Vulcan Brickworks'.



3. Smiths Mill School, 34 Tillbrook St. *Photo RIA c1902.*

It had two rooms - classroom and teacher quarters. From 1897 it was the head teacher's house. It replaced an earlier school in a shed at the mill. Demolished in 1973.



7. George Burkinshaw's House (Rosedale), 8 Burkinshaw Rd.

Photo B Callow 1995.

A brick house was built for George c1891 after he married Rose Timewell. George worked the gravel pits and later the 'Vulcan Brickworks'. This street was named after the Burkinshaw family.



4. Glen Forrest School, 34 Tillbrook St. *Photo Battye 1903.*

This larger brick building was erected using local bricks and still stands within the school grounds. From 1905, the school times were rung out by a bell from a Baldwin locomotive.



8. Thomas Smith's House, 16 Harold St. Built c1883. *Photo 2009.*

Thomas Smith built this mud brick house after he married Julia Barker in 1883. They raised 10 children here and where Thomas remained until his death in 1942. It is the oldest house in Glen Forrest.



5. Tillbrook House (Deva Cottage), 17 Burkinshaw Rd. Built c1896.

Photo B Callow 1995.

Built by Robert Tillbrook, who was a woodcutting and carting contractor at Smiths Mill. He accidentally died in 1910 loading wood in the station yard.



9. Forrest Arms Hotel, 28 William St. Built 1897 by W Green. *Photo RIA c1903.*

There were 14 publicans over 24 years, the longest serving being E J J Wood (1910 - 21). It was de-licensed in 1921 then was a hostel until 1958, later becoming a private residence called 'Braidwood'.

Location	Morgan John Morgan Park
Length	2.88km (Loop)
Grade 1	Flat, well formed track, no steps, 5km or less. No experience required
Walk Time	43 minutes
Facilities	Public Toilets/Picnic Areas/Parking/Dogs Allowed
On Site Info	No markers
Best Season	All Year Round



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10. Station Master's House, 2 Railway Pde. Built in 1898. Photo B Callow 1995.

This was home to 11 of the 14 station masters until the line closed in 1954. It was then sold to the Tomczak family, who lived there from 1956 - 1994. The Shire now owns the property & community groups use it.



11. Smiths Mill/Glen Forrest Railway Station, Railway Pde. Built in 1884.

Photo L Richardson.

The Eastern Railway ran from Guildford to Chidlow's Well. This yard had spurlines and loading ramps for loading timber, gravel, bricks, fruit and grapes.



12. Gift Shop, 9 Railway Pde.

Photo B Callow 1995.

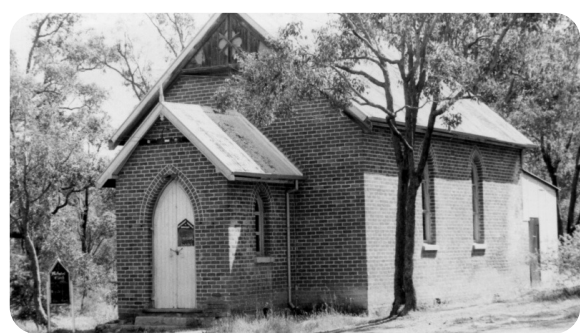
Built for Mrs Mary McClenaghan in 1949 as a haberdashery shop. Later uses include butcher, antiques, handicrafts and is a gift shop today.



13. Pittersen's Store, 3 Railway Pde.

Photo RIA early 1900s.

Originally a weatherboard store was built by Ben Pittersen in 1896 and replaced in 1920 by today's brick & iron grocery & produce store. By the 1970s it was a liquor store & more recently a restaurant.



14. Baptist/Methodist/Uniting Church, 56 McGlew Rd.

Photo Campbell Cornish 1974.

Built and consecrated in 1905 as a Baptist church, it then became a Methodist church in 1925. Finally in 1979 it was amalgamated into the Uniting Church.



15. Forrester Hall/Octagonal Hall, 52 McGlew Rd. Photo Campbell Cornish 1974.

Built on land donated by W H McGlew, it served the area until 1960, when a new hall was built in Marnie Road. Then used by the CWA and since the 1980s by the Eastern Hills Wildflower Society.



16. Glen Forrest Post Office, 50 McGlew Rd. Built 1901.

Photo Phyllis Seaman 1903.

The First Postmistress was Edith Lamb, 1901-07. Nancy Morgan and husband Llew operated the PO for 40 years, from 1945 - 1985. In 2001, the facility shifted to a shop in Railway Parade. Now a private house.



17. St Andrews Church, 38 McGlew Rd. Built 1903. Photo Campbell Cornish 1974.

Built on land donated by W H McGlew, it was the first Anglican church in the Hills area. After celebrating its centenary in 2003, the church was deconsecrated in 2006 and sold into private hands.



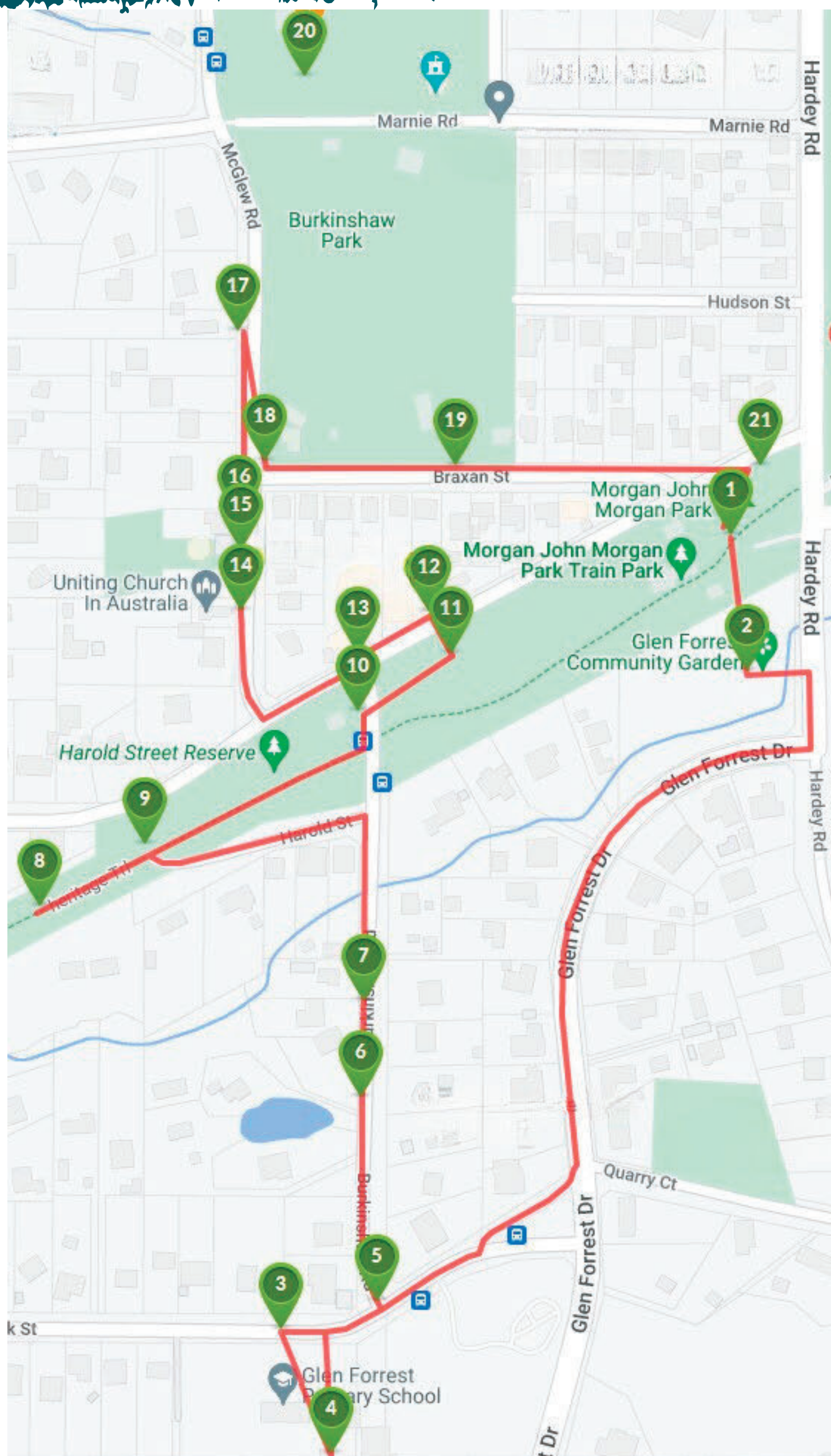
18. Origin of Braxan Street Name.

Braxan street was named after the three sons of the Wheeler family when they moved into the unnamed road in the 1950's. 'Brian', 'Max' and 'Ian' were shortened and combined to create this name.



19. The Recreation Reserve, Marnie Rd to Braxan St. Photo 2020.

In 1902 a Government grant was used to purchase land from J H Munday to be used for a Recreation Reserve. This area was developed into the oval and sports ground in 1903.



20. Glen Forrest Sports Club, cnr Marnie and McGlew Rds - est 1930.

Photo GFSC 1952.

Station Master, M J Morgan was instrumental in starting the bowling club. Constructed by community labour, the greens were opened for use in 1932.



21. Railway Ganger's House, 21 Railway Pde. Photo 2006.

Looking across the road to No 21, this house was originally on the railway land where you are standing. It was moved across the road by Ron & Ann Morgan in 1967 and they lived here until 2005.



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