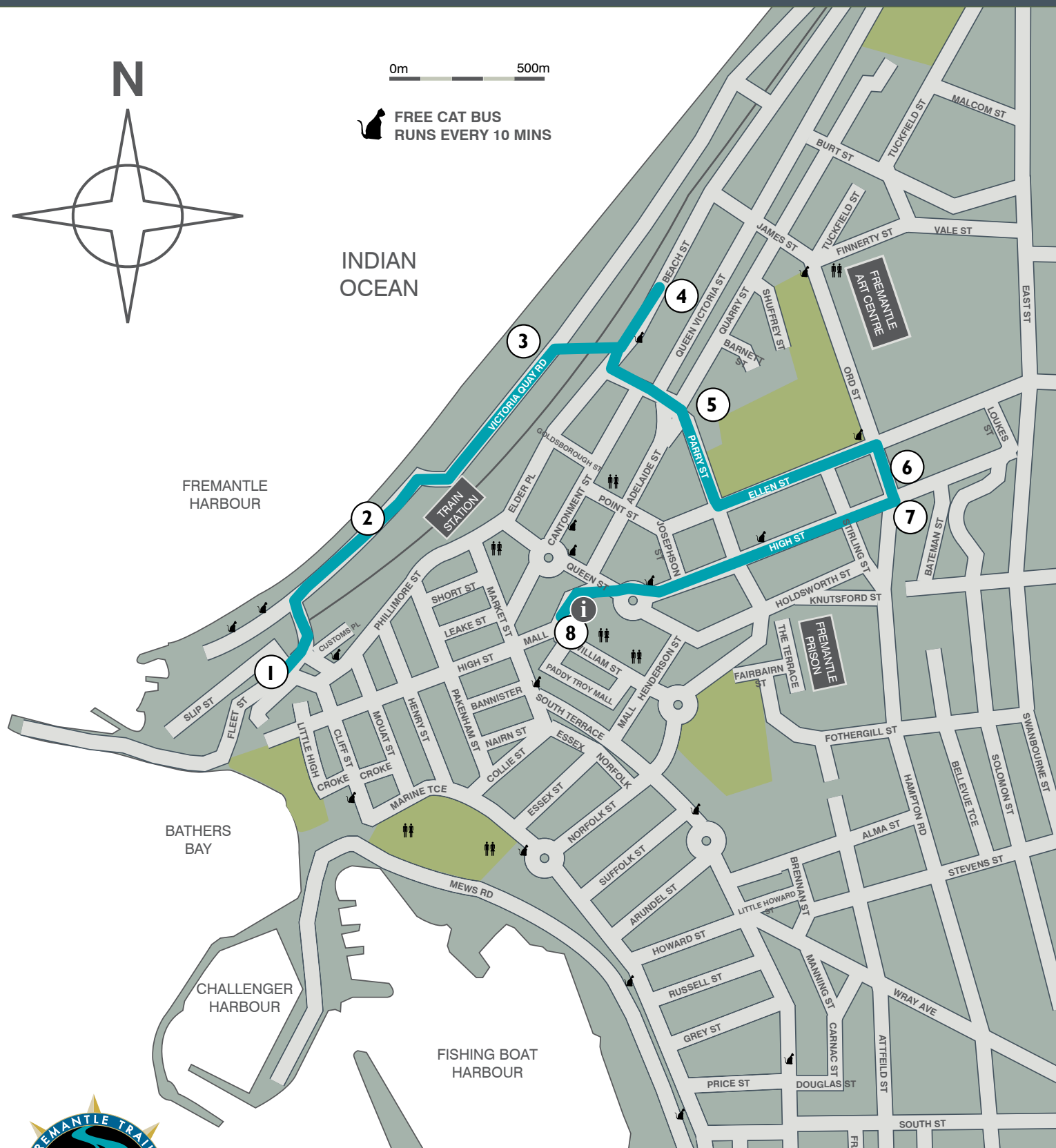


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Beginning at the C.Y. O'Connor Memorial Statue on Victoria Quay, Fremantle Harbour this tour finishes in the centre of Fremantle at St John's Church.

1. **The C.Y. O'Connor Memorial Statue** – by Pietro Porcelli and cast in bronze in Italy, unveiled on June 23, 1911 by Sir John Forrest.
2. **Fremantle Harbour** – In appearance and basic design very much the same as when he designed it in 1892. The first stage were the Moles to protect the dredgers and blasting of the rock which blocked the entrance of the Swan River. Sultan was the first merchant ship to enter the new harbour on May 4, 1897.
3. **The O'Connor Centre** – The site of his office during the building of the harbour.
4. **The site of Plympton House** – Fronting Queen Victoria Street, and backing onto Beach Street, at what is now Fletchers Mews, is where the family lived from 1892-6, and again from 1900-2. It was from here that O'Connor rode out on his horse on the morning of March 10, 1902, to South Beach, where he took his own life.
5. **The site of Park Bungalow** – 7 Quarry Street, where the family lived from 1891-2, and again from 1896-1900. The wedding reception for Eva, his second daughter, was held here in 1898.
6. **Samson House** – Here can be seen a house similar in style and atmosphere to the O'Connor houses, and where the O'Connor family often visited for social occasions.
7. **Eva Julius' (Eva O'Connor's) House** – O'Connor's second daughter, Eva, married engineer, George Julius at St John's Church on December 7, 1898. O'Connor and the rest of the family were frequent visitors and the Julius' first child was born at the corner of Bateman and High streets.
8. **St John's Church** – The 'new' St John's had been erected seven years before the O'Connor's first worshipped here, and where two of his daughters were married. In March, 2002 a brass plaque was affixed to the O'Connor family pew sponsored by family descendents. It was solemnly blessed at the memorial service on the centenary anniversary of O'Connor's death March 10, 2002.

Two other important places that are not on our map but will be of interest are:

- **The O'Connor Memorial** – in the water at South Beach, between the old Coogee Power Station and the Robb's Jetty site. This marks the place where O'Connor dismounted from his horse and fired the fatal shot. Sculptor, Tony Jones.
- **The O'Connor Grave** – At Fremantle Cemetery, corner of Carrington Street and Leach Highway, shared with members of his family. The fine Celtic-style memorial was erected by the Public Works Department. The grave is on the left hand side of the driveway, 100m east of the main entrance to the cemetery.

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