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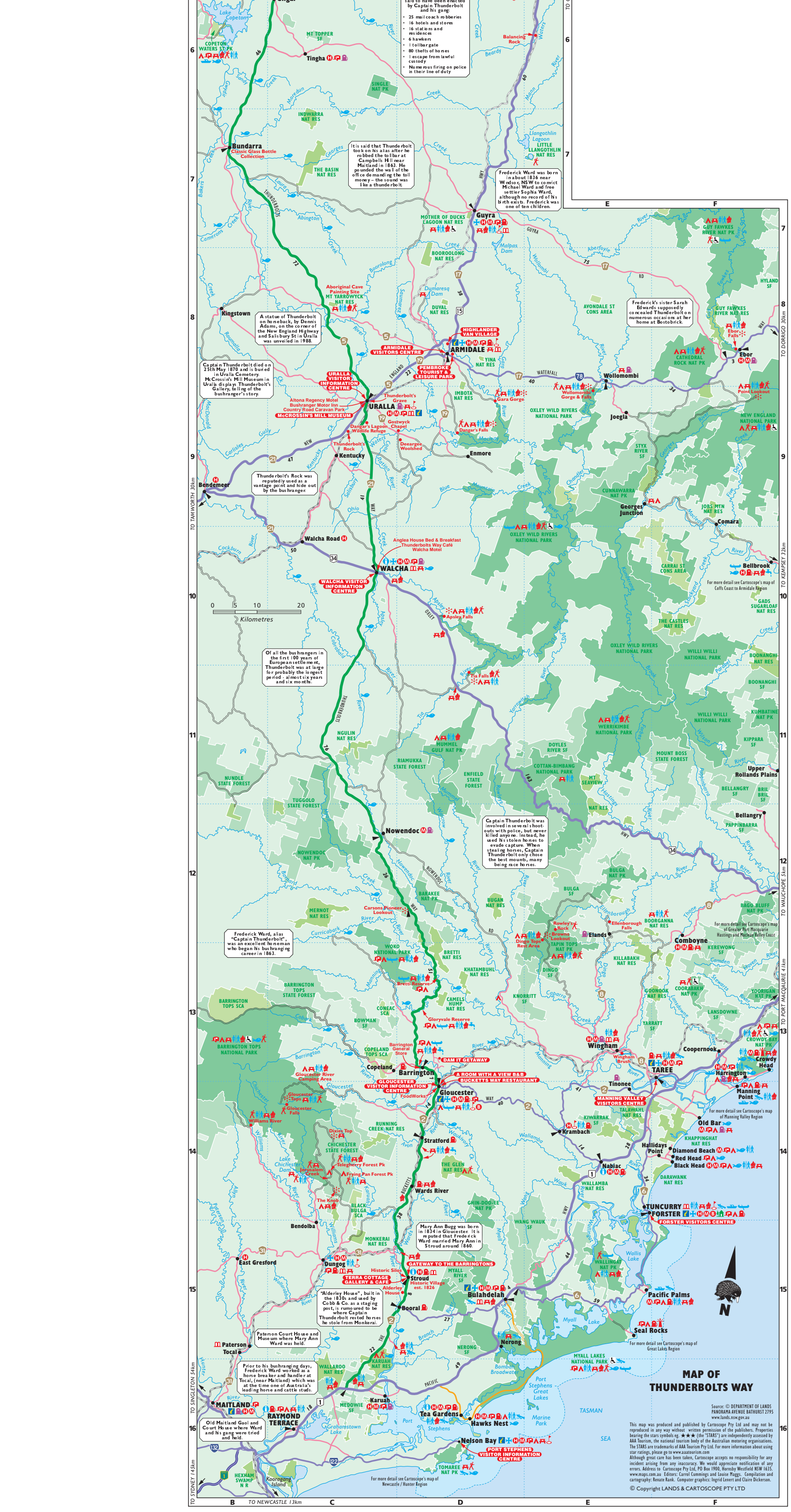
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Following is a list of crimes said to have been enacted by Captain Thunderbolt and his gang:

- 25 mailcoach robberies
- 16 hotels and stores
- 16 stables and residences
- 6 hawkers
- 1 colliery gate
- 80 thefts of horses
- 1 escape from lawful custody
- Numerous firing on police in their line of duty

It is said that Thunderbolt took on his alias after he robbed the Co. Bar at Campbell Hill near Maitland in 1863. He go under the name of the thief who demanded the toll money – the sound was like a thunderbolt.

Frederick Ward was born in 1834 near Wollombi, NSW to convict Michael Ward and free settler Sophia Ward, although no record of his birth exists. Frederick was one of ten children.

A statue of Thunderbolt on horseback, by Dennis Adams, in the corner of the New England Highway and Salisbury St in Uralla was unveiled in 1988.

Captain Thunderbolt died on 25th May 1870 and is buried in Uralla Cemetery. McCrossin's Mill Museum in Uralla displays Thunderbolt's Gallery, telling of the bushranger's story.

Thunderbolt's Rock was reportedly used as a vantage point and hide out by the bushranger.

Of all the bushrangers in the first 100 years of European settlement, Thunderbolt was at large for probably the longest period, almost six years and six months.

Frederick Ward, also known as Captain Thunderbolt, was an excellent horseman who began his bushranging career in 1863.

Captain Thunderbolt was involved in several hold-ups with police, but never killed anyone. Instead, he used his stolen horses to evade capture. When stealing horses, Captain Thunderbolt only chose the best mounts, many being race horses.

Mary Ann Bugg was born in 1834 in Gloucester. It is reported that Frederick Ward married Mary Ann in Stroud around 1860.

"Alderley House", built in the 1850s and used by Cobb & Co. as a staging post, is rumoured to be where Captain Thunderbolt rested his horses before the Monkerai.

Paterson Court House and Museum where Mary Ann Ward was held.

Prior to his bushranging days, Frederick Ward worked as a horse breaker and handler at Torr's, (near Maitland) which was at the time one of Australia's leading horse and cattle studs.