

**U3A HAWTHORN SHORTER WALKS ON WEDNESDAYS  
PROGRAMME FOR FIRST HALF OF 2020**

*Convenor: Garry Warne ([garry@warnefamily.net](mailto:garry@warnefamily.net) or 0421 699 039)*

*Start time for all walks: 10:15 for 10:30 AM*

*Bring your own picnic lunch and water supply, and wear appropriate footwear (not sandals).*

*Walks will be automatically cancelled if the 7PM weather forecast for the night before is for temperature of 30 degrees or above, or high winds.*

**March 11 Finn's Reserve, Templestowe**

Access is from Duncan St. We will assemble at the car park.

The path meanders along undulating hillsides offering vistas across the Yarra river, crossing over two footbridges. There is plenty of shade, making the walk suitable for whatever March throws up by way of weather.

**Leader: Garry Warne Tel: 9818 6588 or mobile: 0421 699 039**

*Melway map 33 A4*

**April 8 Seaholm Railway Station to Williamstown Beach Station**

Meet at Southern Cross Station at 9.15 to catch the 9.24 train to Seaholm (Werribee Line)  
From Seaholm Station, we will follow the Bay West Trail, starting at Seaholm, passing Cherry Lake, crossing the Kororoit Creek, following the creek to its mouth, then along the bay to Williamstown beach, and on Williamstown Beach train station. The walk is about 8 Km, easy flat walking.

**Leader: Marg Deighton PHONE/SMS 0438 712 311**

**May 13 Maribryngong River, Footscray.**

This 8 km circuit walk follows the mainly flat and open banks of Melbourne's "second river", the Maribryngong. The track surface is mainly sealed. Features of this route are splendid views of the City, interesting modern housing which has replaced grimy industrial landscapes and plentiful bird life. Our track takes us through wetlands, parks and alongside Flemington Racecourse, while nearby a number of reminders of the area's industrial past have been preserved. Near our turn back point an impressive golden statue of the Heavenly Queen may be observed in the Chinese temple grounds.

**Getting there:**

The walk will commence from Pipemakers Park off Van Ness Avenue. If coming from the east, one possible route follows Brunswick Road, which becomes Ormond Road, then Maribryngong Road. Proceeding westward, after crossing the Maribryngong River take a left-hand turn at the lights into Van Ness Avenue. At the roundabout take the first exit into Pipemakers Park and park in the first carpark on the right. Toilets are available at the start of this walk and elsewhere along our route.

**Melways reference: 28, B10**

**Leaders: Anne & Jeff Lodge, phone/SMS: 0408 001 893 or 0417 031 082**

**10 June. Cardinia Reservoir Park, Narre Warren East/Emerald.**

This walk is 6-8 kms along park tracks near Cardinia Reservoir, the second largest reservoir in Melbourne which transfers water to most parts of Melbourne and receives water from Silvan Reservoir and the Desalination Plant. The park is also home to a large variety of animals and birds and has viewing areas offering spectacular views over the water and surrounding districts.

**Getting there:** Go down Wellington Road towards Emerald. Turn right into Cardinia Creek Road and follow signs to Crystal Brook Picnic area.

**Melway Ref:** 210 E3.

**Leader:** Lily Adolphe. **Phone/SMS:** 9888 1435 or 0405 435 480.