

## **U3A HAWTHORN SHORTER WALKS PROGRAM – SECOND HALF OF 2017**

### **WEDNESDAY July 12<sup>th</sup> ORGAN PIPES NATIONAL PARK – DIGGERS REST.**

The Organ Pipes National Park, Diggers Rest. This is an easy 7 km walk in an area best known for a unique geological formation - basalt columns formed by molten lava a million years ago. The National Park is just off the Calder Freeway (M79) about 20 km north-west of Melbourne across the road from the Calder Park Thunderdome. Meet outside the Visitor Information Centre.

**Melway Ref:** 3 D4

**GPS Address:** Organ Pipes Road, Diggers Rest.

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

### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> NORTONS PARK AND SHEPHERDS BUSH**

An easy walk of 6-7km following paths, trails, tracks, and boardwalks through park and bushland and around billabongs along Dandenong Creek. If it has been raining there may be a few short slippery areas. Abundant birdlife. Frogs if we're lucky. Meet at the car park off Norton's Lane which runs S from High Street Road.

**Melway Ref** 72 A2

**Leader:** Clare Carlson: 9882 0791 or mobile 0411 369 816

### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th - CAMPASPE RIVER/ BOTANIC GARDENS/ HISTORIC KYNETON**

An easy 7 km walk from Kyneton railway station through the Botanical Gardens, along the Campaspe River to the Racecourse then back to the station via historic Piper, Ebdon and Mollison Streets.

Meet on the platform at Southern Cross Station – Bendigo Line at 9.00 am for departure at 9.15 am. Return trains leave Kyneton at 2.16, 3.21, 3.51 pm and later.

**Melway Ref:** X909 F8

**Leader:** Garry Warne 0421 699 039/ 03 9818 6588. Email [garry@warnefamily.net](mailto:garry@warnefamily.net)

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH - The NATIONAL RHODODENDRON GARDENS**

The Gardens are located 500 metres from the Olinda township along the Olinda Monbulk Road. Turn into The Georgian Road with the car park 50 metres on your right.

The main walking trail is sealed, but taking in the unsealed paths will take us around the entire garden and give us a round trip of 5 k. You will encounter some steeper grades on this walk.

Meet in the Car Park, which is 50 metres from the main entrance to the Gardens

**Melway Ref:** 66 K6

**LEADER:** Lorraine Doyle, 98850415; MOBILE on the day 0402 467 387

### **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8th – ALONG THE YARRA IN FAIRFIELD**

An enjoyable walk of about 6 Km from the Studley Park boathouse around the Yarra to Dights Falls, then along the Merri Creek to Fairfield Park. From there we'll make our way across the Pipeline Bridge to walk along the Yarra as far as Chandler Highway and return to Fairfield Park along the Main Yarra Trail. Then it's back across parkland to the Boathouse, where we will purchase our lunch. Meet in the Boathouse car park, reached by turning into Boathouse Road from Yarra Boulevard.

**Melway Ref 44H4.**

**LEADER: Shirley Wardell. 9853 7942 or MOBILE (on day of walk) 0423 651 353.**