

U3A HAWTHORN SHORTER WALKS ON WEDNESDAYS 2019

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- Participants for each walk must register with the walk leader not later than the day before the walk.
- We meet for each walk at 10:15AM for a 10:30AM start.
- Walks will be **cancelled** if on the 7PM news the night before, the forecast maximum temperature is 30 degrees C or more. Also, at the leader's discretion, if strong winds or heavy rain are forecast.

Date	Location of walk	Leader
March 13	<p><b>The Australian Garden at Cranbourne</b></p> <p><b>Getting there: Cnr Bollarto Rd and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne.</b></p> <p>We will meet at the Visitor Centre at 10:15 for a 10:30AM start. The walk, on gravel paths all the way, will take in Trig Point, the Possum Gully Track, the Manna Wetlands, Wylie's Creek Track and we will return to the Visitor Centre for lunch. After lunch we will tour the Australian Garden.</p>	Garry Warne Tel 9818 6588 or 0421 699 039. Email <a href="mailto:garry@warnefamily.net">garry@warnefamily.net</a>
April 10	<p><b>Wilson Reserve Yarra Riverbank Walk</b></p> <p>The walk follows a track on the riverbank through quite wild and unspoilt scenery that's wooded and features some older generation gums. The track is flat and easy but unsealed and can be muddy after prolonged rain. It is not frequented either by walkers or cyclists. The walk starts at the car park and playground in Wilson Reserve and we will end at the small bridge over the Yarra just short of the Burke Road bridge connecting to the main</p>	Frank Devlin 0421 008 838

	<p>Yarra trail. At this point we will turn back to our starting point. Total length 7km. Bird lovers should bring their binoculars.</p> <p>Meet where Melway says "Play" 31F10. This entails turning off the Boulevard in Ivanhoe and following the two signs saying "Main Yarra trail" and "Wilson Reserve". The car park and playground are at the foot of the hill.</p>	
May 8	<p><b>Eltham Lower Park to Tinkalara Park and return</b></p> <p>This 7.5 kilometre walk links the Diamond Creek Track to the Main Yarra Trail. It follows the Yarra River past Petty's Orchard and its confluence with the Mullum Mullum Creek to a point opposite Tikalara Park. Although there are some sections of boardwalk, most of the footing is firm gravel. There is every likelihood of kangaroo sightings and birds are usually plentiful. Despite being shared between walkers and cyclists the track is not a busy one mid-week but participants should be on the lookout for passing bicycles.</p> <p>Meet at Eltham Lower Park; Melways 21 H10. Enter at Hohnes Road off Main Road, Eltham. Keep right at the roundabout and proceed to the carpark at the Cricket Club pavilion. There is ample parking and a toilet nearby.</p>	<p>Anne &amp; Jeff Lodge. Ph. : 9882 5430. Mob.: 0417031082. Email: <a href="mailto:jeffandannelodge1@bigpond.com">jeffandannelodge1@bigpond.com</a></p>
June 12	<p><b>Cancelled due to rain</b></p>	
July 10	<p><b>Wattle Park and Gardiners Creek Reserve</b></p> <p>A 7.5km walk through parts of Wattle Park and then a very short pavement walk to Deakin University and the Whitehorse Heritage trail along both sides of Gardiners</p>	<p>Clare Carlson. Phone 9882 0791 or 0411 369 816</p>

	<p>Creek. Back to Deakin University for coffee if required and then we make our way back to Wattle Park for lunch. One minor climb at finish. Meet at the car park right at the top of Monsborough Drive which enters Wattle Park from Riversdale Road. Toilets at start/finish and at Deakin.</p> <p><b>Melways Reference:</b> 60 K3</p>	
<p>August 14</p>	<p><b>Heidelberg area.</b> This walk begins along the Boulevard, Heidelberg with good views of the Yarra River flatland. There is a farm down to the left and some interesting houses along the right. We then cross under Bourke Road near the river and make our way through parkland to Lower Heidelberg Road .From there we climb up to our highest point on Summit Road. There is some walking on grass at various points along the whole walk as we pass through quite a few village greens designed by Walter Burley Griffin.. We may make a detour to view the historic homestead Ravenswood. We will see an ancient tree that the Aboriginal people of the area carved out a canoe. We descend back towards the Boulevard via a network of lanes and once we reach Glennard Drive we can see two of Walter Burley Griffin designed houses, one of which was his own home. A picnic spot in a treed parkland is possible on the way up to Summit Road though ground cover would be required as there are no seats. There is a nice coffee shop half way along the walk so we can decide if we'd like a coffee. Bring along a packed lunch.</p> <p><u>Exact address of start:</u>- 635 The Boulevard, Heidelberg ( although it actually calls it Ivanhoe East in the Melways) There are limited places for parking along the Boulevard as it's residential so we</p>	<p>Moira Brown Ph. <b>9898 6977</b> Mobile <b>0411 017 121</b></p>

	<p>should car share and park judiciously. There are more car parks nearer Banksia Street where you enter or further along nearer Mossman Drive. Anyhow, I'll get there early and be waiting at no 635 which has a 'right of way' path through their garden.</p> <p><b>Melway ref. 32.B6</b></p>	
Sept 11	<p><b>The Desalination Plant visit and walk</b>  This is a full day with approximately a 1hr 35min drive each way from Glen Iris. So it will not be an early finish. There is a presentation inside the plant which lasts approximately 1 hour. But no tour around the plant. There are walking tracks around the plant perimeter. Which is a 5km 1 hour walk. Lunch is planned to be at a picnic site near the start of the walk. If the weather is foul I suggest not cancelling the visit we just cancel the walk and have lunch in town.</p> <p>Important Note: Rob needs to give Rosemary at Desal an indication a week in advance how many people are attending she would like a minimum of 9. So if you are coming please let Rob Goff know by 4<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Details of how to get there will be sent to those who register.</p> <p><b>Melway reference 912R12</b></p>	<p>Rob Goff  0419188367  goff39@live.com</p>
Oct 9	<p><b>Westerfolds Park.</b> This walk of about 6km, encompassing lovely bushland, is mainly on dirt tracks, beside the Yarra River in a clockwise direction for much of it. After lunch we cut across, via The Manor, back to the car park.</p>	<p>Inge Hanke  Ph. 9890 5718  Mobile 0422 182 332</p>

	<p>Use southern entrance to park in Porter St., Templestowe, to meet at 1st Car Park on right in Picnic Area.</p> <p><b>Melway ref. E.3</b></p>	
Nov 13	<p><b>Castlemaine, historic buildings and Botanic Gardens.</b> Meet at Southern Cross Station at 9.00 for a departure at 9.15 am, arriving at Castlemaine at 10.46. The walk winds backwards and forwards through the town passing most of the historic buildings, then back past the railway station to the Botanic Gardens where we will have lunch, followed by a walk through the gardens, where there are some beautiful old trees. On the return trip, the train leaves Castlemaine at 15.01, arriving at Southern Cross at 16.33. I will check the timetables again a week or so before the walk in case of change. This is quite a long day, but I think you'll find the train trip pleasant and the walk through Castlemaine worth the time spent travelling. It is best to get the train ticket (no cost with a Senior's Card) a day or two beforehand.</p>	<p>Margaret Deighton. Tel 9818 4933 or 0438 712 311. Email <a href="mailto:margdeighton@aapt.net.au">margdeighton@aapt.net.au</a></p>