

3078 History Group presents  
Walk 4: Parklands & River Walk



Alphington Community Centre

# ALPHINGTON HERITAGE WALKS





# START

at  
Alphington  
Park



## 1 Alphington Park

This giant river red gum in Alphington Park is one of the only two remaining in the neighbourhood. In 1911, 12 Alphington gentlemen paid 25 pounds each to purchase 23 acres of land from Albert Miller. They donated 19 acres to the Shire of Heidelberg for the purpose of a recreation ground. The football ground was soon established and fenced.



## 2 Bokhara

1 View St, was built in 1892 by local butcher Alfred Pridham. The tower was built by owner David Keir in the first decade of 1900s. Looking back up from the bottom of View St you can see Rosemount Cottage (the front is 3 Roemer Cres), built in 1889 by hardware merchant John Enticott.



## 3 Rudder Grange\*

Another early destination for a pleasant day trip from the city. A boat building site situated at the bottom of Alphington St. CH James and Percy Dobson bought large areas of land in 1881 and subdivided this area, once the Perry brothers farm (Fulham Grange) these lots were marketed as 'gentleman lots', having river frontage. Note also Tower house, 'The Nook' at 25 Alphington St.



## 4 Alphington Swimming Pool\*

Construction commenced in the early 1920s. It opened in 1924 and was a popular picnic spot until the 60s. The Alphington Wetlands Project was initiated by SAFCA in partnership with Kate Herd.



## 5 Runnymede\*

9 Lugdon St was owned by Percy & Jessie Renn and was renowned for its beautiful terraced gardens that ran down to the river.



## 6 Chandler Hwy Bridge

was built as part of the outer circle line in 1891. It was only open for 2 years. The rail bridge was converted to a road bridge in 1939. Part of the outer circle was later used by APM for transport in & out of the papermill site.



## 7 Australian Paper Mills

Originally Woodlands Farm on the corner of Heidelberg Rd (part of the Knockando Estate), the land was purchased in 1919 and APM opened for production in 1921. APM owned many houses in the surrounding streets. Also note that the Williams Jam Factory used to be on corner of Heidelberg Rd and Parkview Rd.



## 8 Alphington Canoe Club

Established in 1919. Now a modern 'A frame' building is the clubhouse for the canoe club.



## 9 Edgebaston

Built in 1883-86 by Thomas Stokes. In 1913 John Tower & wife Margaret moved in & subdivided the land in 1914.



## 10 Alphington Bowls Club

Established in 1921 has won many pennants and State championships. Current club house was built in 1951 following a fire in the former clubhouse. This facility has always been a centre for the community.



## 11 Park St Avenue of Honour

Leads to the WW1 War Memorial, erected in 1921 following first memorial carnival held to raise funds to honour the many Alphington men who fought and died. Water fountain memorial erected after WW2.



## 12 Coate Park\*

was part of the original Perry Brothers Orchard. Further on at 5 Rex Avenue is a house built by William George Harless in 1907 with the help of Alfred Bryce.

*These parklands were part of lot 119, sold at the 1840 land sales to Richard and Godfrey Howitt.*

\* You can refer to the history board at this location for further information

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Thanks  
for walking  
with us!