

Northcote History Walk 2017.
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U3A Northcote History Walk Handout - 2017

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Northcote Hill East – Between James & Mitchell Sts – approx 120 mins.

(opp) Town Hall (1888), Northcote Carnegie Library (1911)
(opp)- Between library & T/Hall was two-storey Freebairn (?) Real Estate.
(opp) Northcote Free Library (1911) Carnegie Grant.

Head north along High St:

#178 – E J Bird – Surgeon (crnr James) (c1890-1913)
#180 - Beckett, Dr Thomas G (c1900)
#184 – Stott, Walter S (private ?) – real estate
#192-8 / 200 – Ex service station – now Intowork (meeting place)
Harness maker, later ironmongery, later Andy Mylonas Motors.
Aboriginal Protest Sign in 1980s.

Stop at James St. Northcote / Rucker's Hill

Church of Epiphany (1927) / Demolished - Alpines / Sunnyside (1855)

Former Leura / Westleigh College – now Flats (#2-60 crnr High St)

Turn into James St - Heading East

Known as Merri St. Views of Dandenongs
#62 – Sidney S Riches – connection with Sunnyside.
#49 – Former Crediton House (c1860s)
#51– ‘Grandview’ Tobin (1883?). Father of Northcote. Educator
#57– John Latham. (1908). Politician.
#59 – (c1900) 2 storey house. Carter Obadiah, then Wm Yeomans.
#68- Yarrock House / St Helliers (1881) – 2 storey (nursing home / hospital for expectant mothers)
#67 – Needlands (1912) (crnr Garden St). High St merchant.
#69 crnr Garden St (1912) – Mott Bros, Decimus Mott. Leader newspaper.
#74 – James G Membrey. Politician. Estate Agent. Surveyor.

Garden St was Caleb Yeoman's house on west side. Jacob Brache, the mining engineer. In 1950s Hosking, the butcher, had a house in Garden St.

Retrace back to Butler St – head North

Stop at Bastings St

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Peacock Hotel (1854). Bastings / Plant families.

Behind Peacock – former Woodyard

212-220 High St former Northcote Picture Theatre (1912-60)

Opp – Masonic Hall – now Greek cultural centre & ? – Harry Norris design ?
Northcote Lodge formed in 1903, first meetings at Town Hall. Moved here c1925.

Bastings St – Heading East

#8 Elawarwick (c1903)

In 1905 Mrs Annie Williams ?? Wife/ daughter of Cr William Williams. Son /

North side – former Carona (gone) (between Wimble & Union/Oldis Ave)

#11 - Annie Dennis Kindergarten, formerly “Beaumont” (1864)

#14 - St Neots Cr – former Nehemiah Wimble’s property.

#32 – (?) Walter Horsley – weatherboard d/f. Later Ernest Yeomans

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#46 - Twentyman & Askew House (1850s) crnr Waterloo & Bastings St.

Retrace steps to Prospect Gve - Head north.

#13 – Iolanthe (1889) – John Drew first occupant, later leasing it. Sold to Thos

Ilma Grove (don’t cross road)

In 1910 only two properties settled on north side – Bastings & Osobrne

Prospect Gve (contd)

#15 – Olinda (1887) – W G Swift lived here for 40 years until 1923 then moving to

#25 Mitchell St – Grand View (1892) – William Smith (cnr Mitchell St) – Built by

Stop at Mitchell St.

#18 Mitchell St – Ex Salv Army Hall, formerly Prim Methodist Church (1889)

#11 – (opp) old house. (1879) James Pimm, brickmaker (1879-1913?)

Walk to Wardrop Gve.

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19 – old house with roundel (c1915) – Pimm’s land

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STOP at Wardrop Gve

(Former)– Wardrop / Cambustang House (late 1850s? -1920s)

#3 Wardrop Gve. (1926) Ernest Bardsley, Hatter, first owner. “Interwar Californian”.

#25 – ‘Alva’ (1920s). Walter Membrey,

#32 – John Grinrod (1920s) related to McLachlan St, Westgarth.

Retrace steps and turn into Frederick St – (head north)

Former Bank St. Site of Pimm’s Brickyard. Entrance to old Baths (1923-1969) & Joe Fogg (1891 – 1970).

Go back to High St via Mitchell St

Vacant block #8/#10 – Dean & Hatfield murder / fire.

Stop at Mitchells corner

Former Mitchell’s Butchers - Corner Mitchell & High Sts. / later former Bank /

#285 High St (1889) (opp) – Architect, James Birtwistle

#293-5 (opp) (1927). Edments Fancy Goods – Chemist / Doctors of Northcote.

(opp) Commercial Hotel – crnr Hawthorn Rd & High St

#284-6 Tyes (1932) / Gainsville Apts . - Tyes Dept / UFS / now apartments.

280 (Crnr Mitchell & High St – TAB. Early produce store site.

#278 – (Barber) Leather /Bacon: Kelly – Leather Goods (1930) / George Jewell –

273 & 275-7 (opp) - 1920s chemist on the left and a bit of WWII history at 275.

Cross High St & Head South

262 - (opp) – (1889) Fruit shop Victorian d/storey.

#260/260A (opp) (1889) –Miss E M Edmonds, Knitting Mfr (1930) / Furniture Mfr

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#258-4 – (opp) (1930s) 3 x buildings.

Stop - **#249-51 -- Wesleyan Church. (1869). Inc cypress trees.**

#252 - (opp) (1890s) – Blacksmith / Chinese Laundry (A H Hay) c1930. Ex Robert Cramm.

#248 – 250 (opp) (1854) High St - Wesley Anne cafe – Former Wesleyan Chapel & Schoolroom.

#245 - Early building. (1870) Pre-Boom Era. 3 windows on first floor.

242-44 (opp) (226-8) – Site of ex Cox & Hawker, then American Carriage Works at #242 (1894) Land owned by Wimble, Brown & Burrows.

#234-40 (opp) (1893) Land owned by Wimble Brown & Burrows. Group of 4 shops & residences. Note rectangular windows different from arched ones on Wallis bldgs.
234– Bicycles: William Merson, Bicycle Builder – MOA cycles (1913), Later A Brice (1930). Gargoyles on top.

#226 – 232 (opp) (1889-90) 4 x shop/residences. (opp) Loon Kee – Chinese Laundry (1905). Land owned by Wimble, Brown & Burrows.

**Continue to Town Hall & Cross over.
Stop outside Peacock Hotel**

#243-23 – Wallis Buildings (1886-1891). 11 buildings. Died c1892.

#211-15 – Former Bastings Hay & Corn / General Store / P.O (1854-c1968)
These short buildings are where the original Bastings Bros Store stood. (The brothers - Edwin & Horace - were arguably the first significant people in area. The general store was the mail service, the meeting point.

#207 - collapsed building – April 1968 (3 x buildings Bastings - 1887)

#205 – Former Angiors Chemist

#203 - Former Stotts Real Estate St inc ex Bastings General Store

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