

A tree trunk is covered in a dense collection of garden gnomes and other garden-related figurines. The gnomes are in various poses, some sitting, some standing, and some with different colored hats and clothing. There are also several large, realistic-looking leaves in shades of brown, orange, and green. Other figurines include a large brown bird, a grey bird, a red dragon-like creature, and a woman with long blonde hair. The background shows a blurred green landscape.

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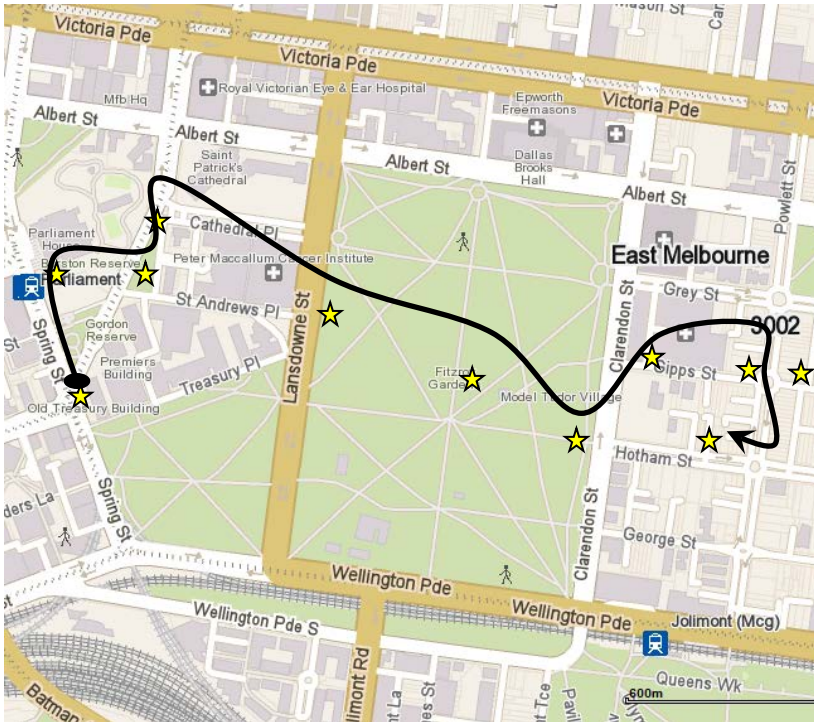
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2017 History Walk Guide to Places and Acknowledgments

★ indicates stopping points Total distance is about 2 Km

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Start

Old Treasury Building
20 Spring Street

Stop 1

Women's Suffrage Memorial
Macarthur Street, Burston Reserve

Stop 2

Tasma Terrace
6 Parliament Place

Stop 3

St Patrick's and the Flowerpot
Cathedral Place

Stop 4

Lansdowne Street

Stop 5a and 5b

The Fitzroy Gardens and the FairiesTree
Wellington Parade

Stop 6

Clarendon Street

Stop 7

Little Parndon
159 Gipps Street

Stop 8

Powlett Street

Stop 9

Gipps Street again

Stop 10

Fairhill
154 Hotham Street

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Front page graphics: The Fairies Tree, Fitzroy Gardens, Graham Willett, January 2017; badge from ALGA's collection.

Stop 4: Lansdowne Street

The strange case of Marks and Feeney gripped Melbourne in 1872. Murder? Suicide gone wrong? Friends? Lovers? A chance to speculate about what we can know and what we can't.

Photo Charles Marks and Edward Feeney by Davies & Co. Photo from State Library of Victoria, H96 160/2739



Stop 5a: The Fitzroy Gardens Wellington Parade

The Garden State. Free Entertainment in Public Places – Melbourne has always prided itself on its parks and gardens. But we are not all straight in the garden state – or even in East Melbourne. A pause to think about: why East Melbourne?

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Stop 5b: The Fairies Tree

Do we really need to explain?

Fairies Tree: photo by Graham Willett, 2017



Stop 6: Clarendon Street

Out of the gardens and into the streets. Bishopscourt – the grand mansion that has long been home to the Anglican Archbishops of Melbourne. But who is that figure in full drag running out of the driveway and into the Fitzroy Gardens?

Max du Barrie Arts Ball, Melb, 1951 – photo courtesy Noel Tovey



Stop 7: Little Parndon 159 Gipps Street

The home of many notable Melbournians including Lord Casey, Viceroy of Bengal, Minister in the Menzies government, Governor-General – and his much, much more interesting wife, Maie: writer, aviator, urban conservationist. Maie had two very close female companions over the years – including an artist described by fellow students as ‘our resident lesbian’.

Chase (Photographer) (1940). 'Portrait of Maie Casey', Washington, United States ca. 1941. <http://trove.nla.gov.au/version/41282686>



Stop 8: Powlett Street

John Lempriere Irvine was a celebrity sportsman in late 19th century Melbourne until he fell foul of the law. Twice. At one point he lived in Powlett Street, and here we reflect upon his rise and mysterious fall.

John Irvine, Table Talk (Melbourne) 20 July 1933



Stop 9: Gipps Street (again!)

Freddie Asmussen: openly flamboyant at a time when that was risky, Freddie's love of extravagance stretched well beyond his job as head of display at Myer's. His various homes were a kaleidoscopic series of extravagances. Let's celebrate such passion.

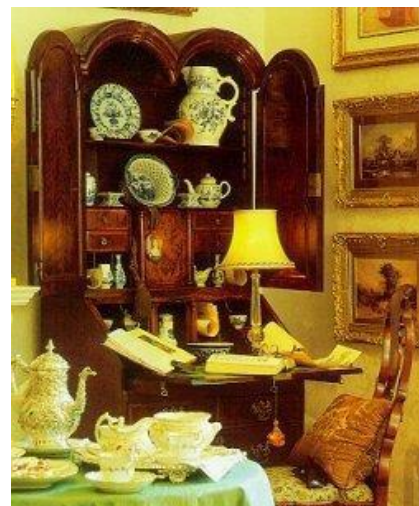
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Stop 10: Fairhill

Hotham Street, East Melbourne

The home for many years of William Johnson and a man variously described as his colleague, companion and assistant, today it is a house museum celebrating Johnson's collection of vast amounts of, well, stuff. Johnson began his working life as a window dresser at Buckley and Nunn. Need we say more? (We probably will.)

Photo courtesy Johnson Collection



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History Walk on Sunday 23 January 2017

was conducted by Graham Willett and Wayne Murdoch, with Gary Jaynes, Kathy Sport and Helen Pausacker. Gary Jaynes, Helen Pausacker and Graham Willett produced this programme. This is the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives' 23rd History Walk of Melbourne.

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