

## U3A RAMBLING ALL OVER 2023

## TERM 4

*Our walks are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month during Term. We suggest you wear good walking shoes and bring your own water, hat & sunscreen. We have lunch and a chat during the walk, however, we sometimes stop at places where neither lunch nor coffee is available to purchase, so be prepared to byo.*

*If we are driving to our starting point and you need a lift, please ask other Ramblers or call the Day Leader who will try to arrange a lift for you.*

*When travelling by train (always from Seaford station) to commence a walk, we journey together in the last carriage. Please carry a valid Myki card.*

*\*In the event the weather forecast for a Rambling day exceeds 34C, the ramble will be cancelled. In the event of heavy rain, we may be able to arrange an alternative outing. **Direct any walk queries to the relevant Day Leader, on the telephone number provided.** \*If you are unable to attend on any one Ramble, please submit your apology through My Absences on the U3A website OR sms the relevant Day Leader OR the Administrator, Suzanne on 0411 420 919*

**11 October**

**Somerville and environs**

**MEL 107 D12**

Our Guest Day Leader Colleen will lead us through some interesting areas of Somerville, including the Yumaralla Wetlands and Fruit Growers Reserve. Lunch can be purchased at any of a number of cafes, or BYO.

Although Somerville is served by both train and bus, train departures and return timetables between Frankston-Somerville are not favourable, with trains leaving almost 2 hours apart. The 8.48am train from Frankston will get you there in good time, but early. (The next train leaves Frankston at 10.37am)

The Frankston – Hastings bus no. 782 leaving from Frankston Station at 9.14am will arrive at Somerville Plaza, **17 Eramosa Rd West** at 9.32am

Otherwise we suggest self-drive or arrange a lift with a fellow Rambler.

**Meet at 10am Somerville Central, 49 Eramosa Rd West outside Blackbird Café (opposite McDonalds) Park in the surrounding car park.**

**Guest Day Leader: Colleen ph 0418 329 746**

**Somerville Mel 107 D12**

**25 October**

**Dromana to Safety Beach**

**MEL 159 H5**

Carolyn will lead our ramble from Dromana through Safety Beach to Martha Cove and return. Approximately 6 KM along flat pathways. Bring a picnic or try one of the cafes along the way.

Travel independently or arrange a car-share with a fellow Rambler.

**Meet at Dromana Beach car park, corner Pier St and Pt Nepean Road at 10am**

**Day Leader: Carolyn 0418 329 746**

**8 November CERES (Roman Goddess of Agriculture) Community Environment Park**

Commencing from Clifton Hill (bus and tram) interchange, we shall follow the Merri Creek Trail to the Centre for Education & Research in Environmental Strategies, in Brunswick East.

After strolling around the award-winning community gardens, nursery, grocery & bakery we will stop for coffee, lunch and a chinwag. There is the organic themed Merri Café onsite for those who choose to purchase their food. Easy walking, mostly flat, approx. 5.5km in total.

**Day Leaders: Joan & Joan Ph: 03 9789 1935.**

**MYKI and mask**

**Meet at 9am at Seaford Station Mel 99 E3**

**22 November      Seaford Wetlands and beach track, and end of year lunch at The Riveria Hotel Seaford, 30 Nepean Highway, Seaford**

Our final Ramble for 2023 will commence from the Riviera Hotel Seaford carpark, and continue through the Seaford Wetlands which, prior to European settlement was the Karrum Karrum swamp, providing bountiful food for the Bunurong people. Our return to the Riveria will be via the beach track.

Let's celebrate a good year of Rambling, U3A and friendships, with lunch at the Riv! The Hotel has a large luncheon selection, including a Senior's Menu. See menus on the Hotel's website. Travel independently or arrange to car-share with a fellow Rambler.

**Not driving?** Take the Frankston-Carrum Station bus No 780 and alight at Coolibah Avenue, Stop ID 10714. Enter the track off Railway Parade which crosses Kananook Creek and leads direct to the rear car park of The Riviera Hotel where we'll meet.

**Meet and park at the Riveria Hotel car park at 10AM. Day Leader Suzanne 0411 420 919**

The Day Leaders Carolyn, Joan, John, Margaret and Suzanne thank you for your support, company, laughs and friendships during a great year of Rambling.

We also thank our three Guest Leaders, Barbara von B, Elizabeth and Colleen for their help when it was needed, and for three new and interesting walks.

*Barbara's* –Seaford and Kananook Creek and railway tracks ramble with Velo Therapy, a new café serving good coffee at the halfway mark.

*Elizabeth's* “the always wanted to walk but never have” almost desolate walk down Nat's Track. And we are all glad that we have. Thank you Elizabeth.

As I write, *Colleen's* Somerville walk is yet to be done, but I know it will be interesting; a small town settled over 140 years ago, formerly a fruit orchard area which welcomed its first train service in 1889, now a thriving town with around 12,000 residents.



See you again in 2024!