

VISITS AND OUTINGS – Term 1 2019

All Visits and Outings must be booked online, with payment where specified

DURING TERM 1

Week 1

No visits this week

Week 2

V 01 Morning Melodies

Hamer Hall, St Kilda Road

On Broadway

Two of Australia's much-loved theatre icons, Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick, reunite on the Hamer Hall stage to celebrate the songs of Broadway.

Both have played leading roles in musicals in Australia and around the world, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cats*, *Les Misérables*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago*, *Grease*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Cabaret* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*.

Monday 11 am 11 February
Cost \$15
Places 10

V 02 Blackburn Gurudwara (Sikh Temple)

127 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn

A formal visit to this temple which caters for the religious needs of a growing group of Sikhs in Melbourne.

The temple is located in a transformed postal warehouse.

The visit includes a vegetarian lunch (free but donation suggested), a visit to the temple proper which provides accommodation for over 1000 members, an overview of the Sikh religion and an opportunity to ask questions.

The temple is almost 1 km from Blackburn railway station. There is good on-site car parking facilities. Car-pooling may be arranged.

Friday: 12 noon 15 February
Cost donation for lunch
Places 15

Week 3

V 03 Willsmere a guided tour

Princess Street and Yarra Boulevard, Kew

Tour led by Barbara Burton, one of our members



Originally a psychiatric hospital known as Kew Lunatic Asylum, the complex was later renamed Willsmere.

The buildings were constructed between 1864 and 1872 to the design of architects G W Vivian and Frederick Kawerau.

Willsmere continued to operate throughout the 20th century as a hospital for the insane, a mental hospital, or a psychiatric hospital, treating acute, long-term and geriatric patients until it was decommissioned and closed in December 1988. The main building and surrounding grounds were sold by the State Government in the 1980s to a private developer and were redeveloped as residential properties.

Tuesday: 10 30 am 19 February
Cost free
Places 15

V 04 Heidelberg Theatre Company

36 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna, (opposite now completed Rosanna Railway Station)

Lost in Yonkers, by Neil Simon

After the death of their mother, two brothers, Jay and Arty are sent to live with their formidable German grandmother and mentally-challenged Aunt Bella. Meanwhile their dad travels about, desperately trying to scrape enough money together to pay off his debts.

Over the longest ten months of these young boys' lives, they learn lessons about love, responsibility and the importance of family.

Set in Brooklyn, 1942, this Pulitzer Prize-winning play is a heart-warming testament to Simon's brilliant talent.

Sunday 2 pm 24 February
 Cost \$22
 Places 10

Week 4

V 05 House visit

View a life-time of collecting by one of our members: eighteenth century English porcelain; eighteenth century English furniture; Asian textiles and artefacts.

Monday 10 30 am 25 February
 Cost free
 Places 10

Car-pooling suggested. Address of private home will be provided to members enrolled.

V 06 Balwyn Library *a guided tour* 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn



This striking building has recently been upgraded, including additional casual reading and study areas, a large community meeting room, and improved layout, allowing better access to the collection.

Other improvements to the 40-year-old library include increased natural light, more comfortable furniture and a separate quiet study area.

The redevelopment brings new life to this popular community hub where people have been meeting since 1978.

In recognition of its rich history, key architectural details were retained from the original Daryl Jackson-designed building, while adding contemporary, environmentally-responsible design features such as a green roof and water tanks.

Wednesday 10 30 am 27 February
 Cost free
 Places 15

Week 5

V 07 *Arcades and lanes of Melbourne – a guided tour*

Federation Square, base of stairs in Swanston Street forecourt

Melbourne's little laneways began life as rear access to properties facing big streets. Many were later roofed as 'arcades' to provide refuge from the weather and crowds.

From Federation Square we will walk down Flinders Street to Degraeves Street, past the Majorca Building, stroll through the Block Arcade, as well as the Royal Arcade – the oldest shopping arcade in Australia. Hopefully we will hear Gog and Magog strike the clock on the hour.

On our way to Hardware Lane we will pass the 'Public Purse' in Bourke Street Mall as we continue to explore other laneways and arcades.

The tour concludes at Young & Jackson's on Flinders Street.

Perhaps we will visit 'Chloe' upstairs.

Tuesday 10 am 5 March
 Cost free
 Places 12

Week 6

V08 *Punting on the lake*

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne



Take a traditional punt cruise around the bays and islands of the Ornamental Lake. View the landscapes as never before and get up close to the amazing birdlife and aquatic plants for some wonderful photo opportunities. Each punt carries up to eight people on a guided 30 minute tour.

Meet in front of the Terrace Tearooms near gate A

Friday 10 30 am 15 March
 Cost \$20
 Places 16

Week 7

V 09 Morning Melodies

Hamer Hall, St Kilda Road

Michael Falzon

Well-known for his vocal strength and versatility in each role, Michael Falzon brings something very special to audiences around the world – from London to New York and all across Australia. Joined by his big band, comprising some of Melbourne’s finest musicians, Michael takes Centre Stage to celebrate music from some of the greatest performers and writers of the last 50 years.

From Frank Sinatra to Freddie Mercury, Michael seduces the audience with classics from Tony Bennett, Stephen Sondheim, Burt Bacharach and many more.

Monday	11 am	18 March
Cost	\$15	
Places	10	

V 10 CBD: street art – guided tour

Meet on Flinders Street steps of St Paul’s Cathedral



Melbourne is known as one of the world’s great street art capitals for its unique expressions of art displayed on approved outdoor locations throughout the city.

Some of the street art locations we will visit are: AC/DC Lane and Duckboard Place, Hosier and Rutledge Lanes, Centre Place, Flinders Court, Union Lane, Croft Alley, Stevenson and Tattersalls Lanes.

Tuesday	10 am	19 March
Cost	free	
Places	12	

Week 8

No visits this week

Week 9

See S 40 Visit to Melton Botanic Gardens

Leaders: Helen Page and Suzanne

For details of this visit, see the Gardens section of program

Thursday	10 am – 4 30 pm
	4 April

DURING THE EASTER VACATION

Week 1

8 – 12 April

V11 Train trip to Cranbourne – Australia’s fastest growing suburb

The rapid population growth in south eastern Melbourne is largely driven by relatively economical housing costs. However the difficulties and costs of commuting to the CBD or of finding local employment largely offset this benefit.

Medium-term plans by Melbourne Metro for improvement in public transport in Melbourne prioritise this area, with a new fast line part of the tunnel project.

What does the area look like? How do the locals feel about their city?

The visit will include a guided tour of a new housing estate, discussion with social welfare providers about the distinctive social issues in the area, and light lunch with some members of U3A Cranbourne.

Tuesday	9 am – 4 pm	9 April
Cost	myki fare plus light lunch	
Places	15	

Week 2

15 –19 April

V12 Morning Melodies

Hamer Hall, St Kilda Road

Divas: Past to Present

From stage to screen, Alinta Chidzey is one of Australia's most versatile leading ladies. Alinta brings an exciting catalogue of new arrangements by the great female artists of the last century, Divas – from jazz masters Nina Simone and Ella Fitzgerald, soul powerhouses Aretha Franklin and Etta James, folk icons Joni Mitchell and Carole King, through to modern-day artists Amy Winehouse and Adele. Alinta will be accompanied by her outstanding band The Jazz Emperors led by jazz saxophonist and arranger Remco Keijzer.

Monday	11 am	15 April
Cost	\$15	
Places	10	

V13 A mystery tour

This tour will involve a short public transport trip and then a walk of about 10 km, with breaks for coffee and lunch.

During the tour we will see two heritage listed special function buildings, some large areas of water popular for recreational purposes, a major infrastructure development and a number of iconic internationally recognized special purpose structures which highlight major passions of many Melburnians.

The tour will begin and finish 'under the clocks'.

Wednesday	10 am – 3 pm	17 April
Cost	myki plus coffee and lunch	
Places	20	

Week 3

22 – 26 April

22 April Easter Monday

25 April Anzac Day

No visits this week



Arrangements for enrolment in courses

- Members should enrol for all classes, courses and activities which will be conducted in Term 1 2019 as soon as possible, to assist preparation of the class lists.
- The *Program Guide* shows the venue where it is anticipated that each class, course or activity will be conducted. Please note this carefully. See details on page 20. There are maps on our website.
- For most classes we are able to accept all enrolments. No confirmation of acceptance of your enrolment is given. **Assume that you are included.** If the numbers enrolled are greater than anticipated we may change the venue to accommodate the larger numbers and all of those enrolled will be informed of the changed venue by email (preferably) or by phone.
- For some classes there is a limit on the number of enrolments and this is shown in the course description. Enrolments are processed strictly in date order. If your enrolment is received when the course or class is already full, you will be placed on a waiting list. You will see this noted on your enrolment details online. **We strongly encourage you to add your enrolment even when there is a waiting list,** as frequently we can create new classes where there is a need.
- For classes, courses or visits where payment for participation is required, enrolments must be accompanied by payment. This can be done online using a debit or credit card or at the office by cheque or EFTPOS. In general, this payment is non-refundable.
- **For Exercise programs,** members enrolling are required to provide some documentation each year. These documents will be emailed early in the year.
- As a courtesy to our presenters, please register your apology online or let the office know if you are not able to attend a class for which you have enrolled.
- If you wish to bring a friend to a session, enquire at the office if there will be a space.