3078 History Group presents

walk 1: Old Alphington Village

ALPHINGTON HERITAGE WALKS

Alphington | Community Centre

McKAY CRES

SMITH ST

SMITH ST

FULHAM RD

KEITH ST

DAREBIN PARKLANDS

GRANGE RD

PITCHER PARK

PARKLANDS AVE

MERCER RD

TOGLANG RD

YARRA RD

DAREBIN CREEK

WINGROVE ST

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

BROOMFIELD

PERRY ST

CLIVE ST

LOWTHER ST

YARRAFORD AVE

BENJAMIN'S

CGATE AVE

COATES PARK

HEIDELBERG RD

PARKVIEW RD

ALPHINGTON PARK

VIEW ST

YARRALEA ST

ADAMS ST

LUCERNE CRES

START

at
Alphington
Station
on the
Southern
Side.

In 1840 lots 118-121 were sold in the parish of Jika Jika. Charles Roemer bought lot 120, later selling part of it to William & James Manning. The Manning brothers recognised the potential in the area as a stopping point on the way through to the farms in Heidelberg & the goldfields of Diamond Creek and beyond. In 1854 they further subdivided, putting 130 lots up for sale. They named the village Alphington after their hometown in Devon UK.

1 Heritage Tree
This heritage listed river red gum is one of two at Alphington Station pre-dating white settlement.

2 Miller Street Shops
These 1920s shopfronts were once Mrs Macay's Drapery & Mrs Walker's Confectionary.

3 Alphington Social
Built in 1927, this building started life as The State Bank of Victoria.
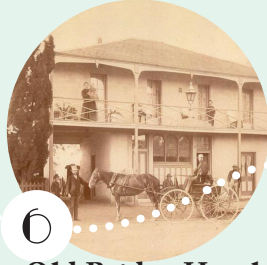
4 Avalon
Built in 1922 for Percy Adams the quarry owner, son of Thomas, grandson of John, Avalon was constructed with reinforced steel to withstand quarry blasts & featured an in-ground heated pool.

5 Hillside
Built in 1890 by rubber manufacturer Barnett Glass, on land that was part of the first subdivision of the Lucerne Estate. Owned by Thomas Adams and family from 1903 until the 1950s, it became a Brethren nursing home in the 1960s before being restored by the current owner.

6 Old Bridge Hotel
Built in 1848. Darebin Bridge Inn was the centre of the community in the 1850s. Prior to its construction, David Bowman had a small wooden hotel on the site from 1845. In 1856 Francis Clarke bought the surrounding land & sold the hotel to William Dunn. In 1922 its licence was revoked & it was purchased by modernist artist Lina Byans (William Frater's circle).

7 Tower Hotel
Built in 1892, it is an impressive example of Boom style architecture. It was the original site of the Half Way Inn which was later set back further down Old Heidelberg Rd.

8 Weslyn Church
Built in 1859. This is one of two remaining original buildings in Alphington. Dan Murphy's, adjacent to the church, built in 1860, operated as the Alphington Hotel until the 1980s.

9 Benjamin's Kitchen
This original bluestone shop was owned by Mr King the butcher and was built in the mid 1850's. From here you can also see Beaurepaires, which used to be the barber's shop with a billiard hall at the back.

10 Fossette
Originally Sherwood's Newsagency. Continuing down Miller St, older style period cottages are more evident nearest to the railway.

11 St Jude's
The Church of England foundation stone was laid by John Sharp Adams. The first building in the street, many homes were built near-by and it soon became the spiritual hub of the community. After WW1 Paris Hall was built as a memorial to those who died in the war.

12 Arts & Crafts Cottages
These houses are distinguished by their Arts & Crafts design. The street was named after Dr Lowther Clarke, the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne who officially opened St Jude's.

The railway, although in existence since 1883 was only linked with the city in 1901 & electrified in 1921. This slowed development in the area.