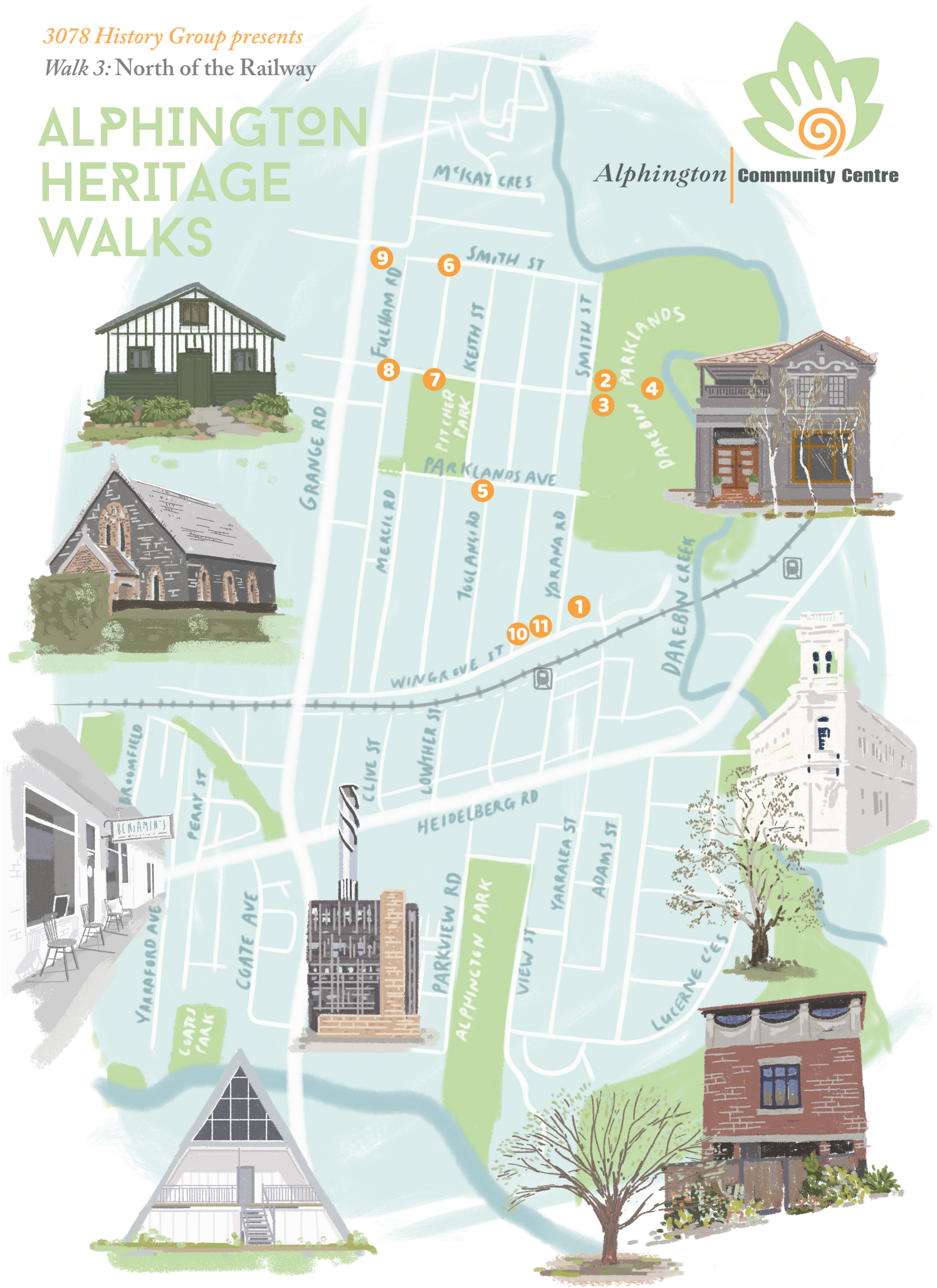


3078 History Group presents
Walk 3: North of the Railway



Alphington Community Centre

ALPHINGTON HERITAGE WALKS



START

at corner of
Wingrove St
& Yarana Rd



1 Melbourne Farmers Market

Fertile land with food in abundance for the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people of the Kulin Nations, the Darebin creek flats then became home to Chinese market gardens, farmlands and orchards, then the 3rd largest bluestone quarry in Victoria, before becoming the Council tip and depot. This land has come full circle as a food hub today.



2 Ivy Cottage

By the late 1800's John Adams had bought considerable land. Including 60 acres of Darebin Parklands. He lived in the bluestone Ivy Cottage while he built his large farmhouse Rockleigh.



3 Rockleigh

Built in 1880s and demolished in 1956. Elm trees lined the drive that ran from the railway line up to the corner of Yarana Rd and Separation St. John Adams farmed the land (look out for old olives and mulberries in the parklands). On the Ivanhoe side of the creek was Rockbeare Park, with farms and vineyards.



4 Bluestone Quarry

Started in 1891 by Thomas Adams, with his son Percy Adams joining in 1915. It was sold to Boral in 1958 and closed 1965. In 1967 it became a Council tip under the City of Northcote, closing in 1975.



6 Ross & Keith Smith

In 1919 Prime Minister Billie Hughes offered £10,000 to the first crew to fly from England to Australia in 30 days. On 10 December 1919 pilots Ross & Keith Smith & mechanics James Bennett & Wally Shiers won the race. These streets were named after them.



5 Alphonson Subdivision

In 1917, Thomas Adams subdivided 14 acres west of the quarry to provide housing lots including for returned soldiers. The first house built was in Kelvin Rd. Many Californian bungalows were built in the inter-war years.



7 Pitcher Park

Ross street used to continue over separation street. Then in 1931 the park first appeared in directories & was named in 1932.



8 Fulham & Grange Rd

Named after the Perry brother's farm Fulham Grange which rose from the banks of the Yarra. The 105 acres of gardens and nurseries were full production in 1853. By 1868 there was also a factory producing jams and preserves. They grew berries, lemons, apples, quinces, rhubarb, oranges etc. Fulham Rd once went straight through to the Yarra and Grange Rd continued where Coates Ave is now.



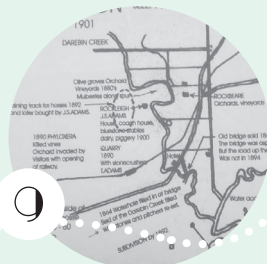
10 Alphonson Community Centre

Originally a Maternal and Child Health Centre under City of Northcote. Alphonson Self Help Exchange was formed in 1982 primarily to support women and children. ASHE formally became a neighbourhood house in the 1980s.



11 Wingrove St Shops

Built in the interwar years supporting the growth of housing around the railway line (which was electrified in 1921 making travel to the city much quicker). On various corners you can still see homes converted from what would have been the local milkbar/dairy.



9 The Racetrack

Albert Miller owned much of the land in lots 119 and 118. His brother Septimus Miller had stables & a small racetrack on Grange Rd up until 1909. The land was bought by John Adams.

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Thanks for
walking with us!