

This charming 2.2 kilometre trail explores one of the most historic areas of Bayside, with many of the houses in the region built before the 1890s. The walk has a wonderful blend of small cottages and larger mansions, including Kamesburgh, one of Melbourne's most significant homesteads. Kamesburgh is one of the few remaining mansions with large manicured gardens open to the public. The rendered brick house was built in 1874 and sits in exquisite formal gardens that provide a unique background for any occasion. This walk is certainly fit for a king or queen, whatever the case may be!

## Benefits of Walking

**Social** – builds friendships when you walk and talk with a friend

**Physical** – strengthens bones, reduces risk of cardiovascular disease and reduces body fat

**Psychological** – helps us relax, aids concentration and promotes “well-being”

**Educational** – learn about the heritage and environment of this beautiful area.

## Remember to

- Avoid walking immediately after meals
- Wear light, loose, comfortable clothing and comfortable flat sole shoes
- Avoid the hottest part of the day and always wear a hat and apply sunscreen
- Slow down or take a break if you become breathless or feel discomfort
- Don't walk when you are feeling ill
- Try to make time for gentle stretching exercises before and after you walk
- Be visible by wearing light coloured clothing when walking in the dark
- Drink liquids before, during and after walking
- “Walk with Care” especially when crossing roads. Look, listen and think!

## Walking in Bayside

The City of Bayside has produced a series of brochures to encourage people to walk and gain the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while experiencing the sights and beauty of Bayside.

Thank you to the Brighton Historical Society for its contribution.



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## KAMESBURGH WALK, BRIGHTON



<b>Time</b>	40 minutes
<b>Distance</b>	2.2 kilometres
<b>Difficulty</b>	easy, flat
<b>Seats</b>	North Road, Martin Street and Kamesburgh Gardens

Melway Reference 67 G7

Railway Station - Gardenvale

Wheelchair access - some road crossings may need checking, gravel surface at Kamesburgh Gardens

Parking - Asling Street or Martin Street

Bus Routes - 216, 219, 600, 630



# Walk

# Trail directions

## Kamesburgh Walk - Brighton

The walk commences at the Gardenvale Railway Station in Martin Street, Gardenvale. Pick up the trail and continue walking along Asling Street to Cole Street.

- 1 It does not take long before you are surrounded by the stunning streetscapes and historic Edwardian houses of the area. Take note of 'Elrona' at 11 Murphy Street that was built in 1886. Also note the 'Hall' located at number 3 Murphy Street which was built in 1888. Originally the Elsternwick Hall it was known as the Haselor School from 1922 and in later years the Haselor Kindergarten. It is now an adult day care centre. Particularly note (through the windows), the lantern style roof and internal girders under the ceiling.
- 2 On the corner of North Road, you will notice on your right John Knox House, built in 1880 and designed by architect, Lloyd Tayler. Next door is the John Knox Presbyterian Church built in 1876 and designed by another architect Charles Webb. There is a seat located on the nature strip in front of the church if you would like to take a rest.
- 3 Continue to walk the trail along North Road, where you will notice on your left the Catholic presbytery that was built in 1860 but added to later to give it an unusual gothic look. Next door is St James Catholic Church, which was built between 1890 and 1924 of Barrabool Sandstone. After crossing St James Close, use the pedestrian lights to cross over North Road.
- 4 Prepare to take a step back in time as you stroll along the gravel driveway and enter Kamesburgh Gardens. When you reach the homestead, take a moment to admire the stunning building built in 1874 for the highly successful businessman, William Kerr Thompson and designed by architect, Lloyd

Taylor. The home was built with views of the bay, as this area of Brighton was a popular seaside resort at the time.

In 1892 the property was purchased by The Hon Duncan McBryde, Member of the Legislative Council and was once again sold in 1918 to the Federal Government. In June 1919 the home was renamed ANZAC Hostel and converted to house war veterans. In March 1996 the Commonwealth Department of Veteran Affairs transferred ownership of the property to Bayside City Council for \$1.00 on the proviso that renovations be undertaken to accommodate a new 40 bed hostel. As you stroll around the gardens you will see the hostel. The mansion is now leased to Star of the Sea College, however the formal gardens are still open to the public. Take note of the many heritage registered trees.

Wander around the gardens and through the back gate where you will find the original stables. Return through the front gate into North Road and cross back over the pedestrian lights.

- 5 Follow the trail to your right along North Road until you reach St Stephen's Anglican Church. This church, completed in 1928, is well known for its mural painted by Napier Waller, the artist who also made the murals for the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The Vicarage is located next door to the church grounds and was built in 1891.

At the completion of this walk, you might like to enjoy a coffee with friends in the Martin Street shopping precinct. No doubt you will return at another time to explore several of the other historical streets in this area!

