

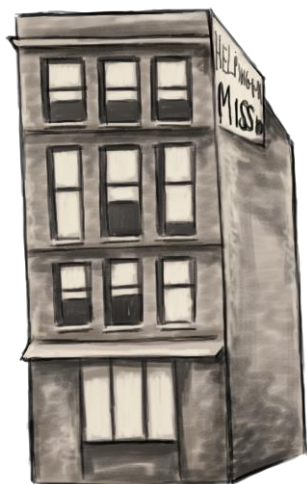
## Walking Tour 1 Melbourne City & St Kilda-Brighton

The locations in this tour are quite spread out, consequently the tour is made up of two parts - a walking section (Locations 1-8), and a driving section (Locations 9 and 10).

The walking section is as follows (Use the Melbourne City map):

**Total walking distance: 9.1 kilometres**

**Approximate walking time: 2.5 hours**

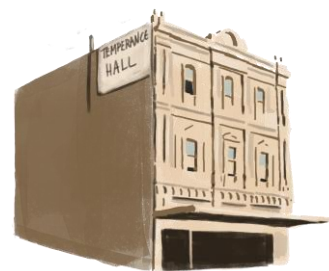


**Location 1: The Helping Hand Mission.** 224 - 226 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

The tour begins on the north side of La Trobe street facing the Digiworld Electronics store. The site to the left of the laneway is the approximate location of the original *Helping Hand Mission*. In 1894 *Christian Help Bands* were organised to help needy families during the Depression. The Melbourne Churches also wanted to help the homeless in the city. On September 12, 1898 *The Helping Hand Mission* was officially opened to provide low cost meals and accommodation for the homeless. Apart from a paid superintendent the workers were all volunteers from the local SDA churches. The mission provided for 60 to 100 men each night. Those with no money could do odd jobs in order to pay for their meal and bed for the night. It was taken over by the Salvation Army in 1907 (when the publishing house moved to Warburton).

**Location 2: Temperance Hall site – 170 Russell St, Melbourne**

Head east on La Trobe Street for 350 metres, then turn right into Russell street. Walk 400 metres. The carpark you see on your left was once the site of a Temperance Hall where John Corliss ran one of his early missions in Melbourne.



**Location 3: Treasury Gardens**

Continue south along Russell Street for about 450 metres, then turn left into Flinders Lane. Follow the lane for 450 metres, crossing Exhibition and Spring Street and entering the gardens. Enjoy wandering the leafy paths towards the pond and fountain (approx. 150 metres). This was the most likely site where Corliss, on a cold, wet and windy winter afternoon in Melbourne spiced the tract about the Sabbath saying, 'Perhaps someone will read this one!' Then walked sadly home to his house in Richmond. This was the very tract found by HB Miller and led to the first 17 members of the SDA church being baptised in Melbourne.



#### **Location 4: Fitzroy Gardens**

From the fountain, head east along the path 200 metres towards Lansdowne Street. Cross Lansdowne Street, and enter the Fitzroy Gardens. Follow the signs to Captain Cook's Cottage (approx..200 metres). The early missionaries spent many hours in the Treasury Gardens and here in the Fitzroy Gardens distributing tracts to the people of Melbourne. Very few were taken and of those that were most were dropped and fluttered away like autumn leaves. These were very discouraging times for the missionaries – but they didn't give up.



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#### **Location 5: Punt Road Oval**

From Cook's Cottage, follow the pathways to the south-east corner of the park and the intersection of Clarendon Street and Wellington Parade (about 300 metres). Cross Wellington Parade, and head down Wellington Parade S for 60 metres. Veer left into Yarra park, following one of the paths south east past the MCG (on your right) towards Punt Road Oval (approx. 850 metres). Apart from being the home ground of the Richmond Football Club (which also began in 1885) this was also a site where the Missionaries regularly distributed their tracts. Some say this was the place Corliss spiked his tract found by HB Miller who invited him along to speak to his Debating Society about the Sabbath.

#### **Location 6: Home of the Corliss Family. 29 Rowena Parade, Richmond**

Walk east towards Punt Road (75 metres), turning left and walking 130 north to Rowena Parade. Cross Punt Road and walk east along Rowena Parade for 160 metres till you reach number 29, on your left. The missionaries didn't all stay crowded in the home on Highett St too long (Location 8). The Corliss family lived in several different homes in the Richmond area during the first six months they lived in Australia. This was one of their homes.



#### **Location 7: Temperance Hall. 316 Church Street, Richmond**

Your next stop is the old Temperance Hall in Church Street, ironically now a pub. This was the site where the very first meeting were held by John Corliss. It was after these meetings the missionaries decided to purchase a tent as halls were expensive to hire. To get there, continue east along Rowena Street, crossing Lennox Street and continuing up The Vaucluse (800 metres approx..). When you reach Church Street, turn left for about 60 metres. The old Temperance Hall is on your left.

**Location 8: First Home of the Missionaries.** 64 Highett St, Richmond.

From the old hall, turn west onto Darlington Parade, following it for 170 metres, then swing right into Waltham Street. After 270 metres, you will come to Bridge Road. Turn left (west) and walk for 220 metres, then turn right (north) onto Lennox Street, following it for another 300 metres. This will bring you to Highett Street. Turn left and walk for 130 metres. The destination will be on your left (Number 68 - Sumarlide). When the missionaries arrived in Melbourne they rented this two-bedroom house. This was their headquarters and where they all lived for a number of weeks.



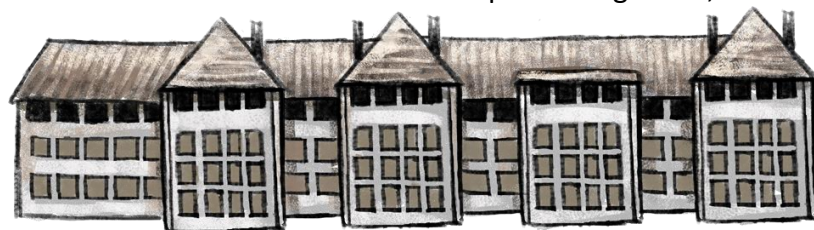
This is the last stop for the walking section of the tour. The next two locations require a short drive, so return to your car (approx. 3.4kms) and proceed to Location 9.

If you want to avoid the walk and have a Myki Pass jump onto a tram. You can get a west-bound #48 tram on Bridge Road. Take it to the corner of Flinders Street and Spring Street and alight. There you can join one of the free #35 City Circle tourist trams. If you get one going anti-clockwise, it will take you right back to your starting point on La Trobe Street.

**The Driving Section is as follows (Use the St Kilda-Brighton map):**

**Location 9: St Kilda Road Bible School.** 519 – 539 St Kilda Road, St Kilda

Drive from your starting point at Location 1 approximately 5.5 kilometres to Location 9. Located in the original buildings behind the Chevron Towers was the home of the first Australian Bible School. This school opened August 24, 1892 and closed September of 1894



when it transferred to Avondale. Drive approximately 10 kilometres to the final location.

**Location 10: The Brighton Camp.** 94 Dendy St, Brighton

The Brighton Camp was the first camp meeting held in Australia, January 8 – 20, 1894. The house you see before you was once part of a large vacant block where the main tent was pitched.



**End of Walking Tour 1**

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