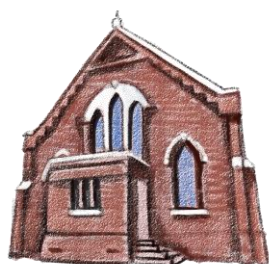


Walking Tour 2 North Fitzroy & Northcote

Total walking distance: 4.0 kilometres.

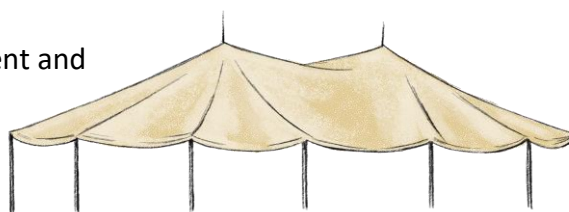
Approximate walking time: 1.5 hours



Location 1: North Fitzroy Church. 37 Alfred Cres, North Fitzroy. Originally called *Melbourne Church*, it was the first SDA church group in the Southern Hemisphere. It was formed at the conclusion of the second tent mission held in North Fitzroy on the January 10, 1886. The congregation met at a number of different locations until the present church was built in 1896.

Location 2: Railway Line/Edinburgh Gardens Entrance. Head west on Alfred Cres, walking 100 metres till you get to the railway tracks. This is the original train route leading to the old railway siding where people going to the first tent meeting would have travelled.

Location 3: Tent Meeting Site. Cross Alfred Crescent and follow the path south through Edinburgh Gardens, to the end of the park (approx. 500 met). If you stand with your back to the cricket nets at the corner of Freeman and Napier Streets and look to the east towards the new housing units, you will be seeing the location of the first camp-meeting. Renting halls was very expensive so the missionaries bought a 40ft x 65f (12.2m x 6m) tent and seating for 220 people. This first mission ran from October 25 – December 8. The tent was then moved to the corner of Brunswick and Scotchmer Streets. This second set of meetings ran from December 13 – January 10, 1886. It was at these second meetings that the Melbourne Church was officially formed.



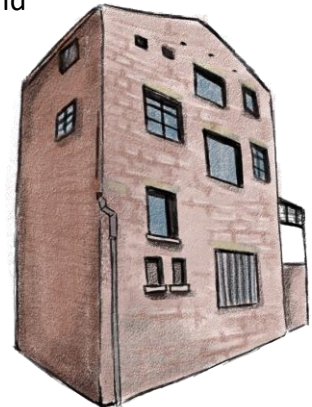
Location 4: Temperance Hall. 272 Rae St, North Fitzroy Turn to the west and walk along Freeman Street, cross Brunswick St, and turn right (North) into Rae Street (290 met). Walk approx. 450 met up Rae Street and look for #272 on your right. This was one of the first locations where public meetings were held by Corliss and other Adventist pioneers. The first baptism was conducted here on January 2, 1886. The *Australian Conference* was officially formed here on August 30, 1888.

Location 5: Bible Echo Publishing House. 14-20 Best St, North Fitzroy

Continue north on Rae street till you get to Reid Street. Turn right and continue to St Georges Road. Cross St Georges Road and head east on Alfred Crescent, then turn left into Best Street till you reach number 14-20 (approx. 450 met). The front façade of the original Publishing House has been replaced with a more modern looking factory unit. Retrace your

steps (south) turning left into Austin Way, following it as it heads east, then north (approx. 120 met). The tall 3 storey brick building on your left is the rear, and original structure that once housed the printing presses.

The new Australian Conference purchased the land at 16 Best Street and JTE Hellier & Co built the building you see before you. It was dedicated on July 28, 1889. The publishing workers moved to a tin shed at the rear of the property in January and worked from there until the building was finished. Once the building was completed the shed was used as a press room. The ground floor of the building was used of publishing, and the top floor was used by the church as a *Federal Hall*. By 1892 the third floor had been completed and the publishing work filled the entire building. By the end of 1898 the tin shed was replaced by another three-storey building. By 1894 The Bible Echo and Signs of the Times were printed weekly. On January 26, 1903 the name of the company was officially changed from *The Bible Echo* to the *Australasian Signs of the Times*.

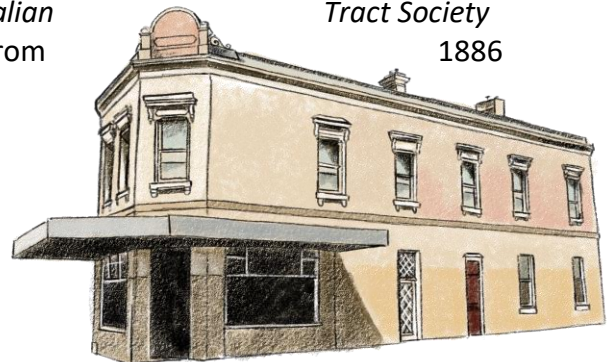


Location 6: Australasian Union Office.

Keep walking up Austin way as it winds to the right. Turn left into Fergie Street, then left onto Scotchmer St. Cross over St Georges Road, and turn right and head north till you get to the corner of St Georges Road and Taplin Street (approx. 300 met). The grand building before you is the original Australian Union Office.

At the Brighton Camp meeting in January 1894 the Australian and New Zealand Conferences joined to form the *Australasian Union Conference*. WC White was elected as its first president. This building housed: *The Union*, *The Australian* and the *Health Food Agency* from – 1899.

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Location 7: 399 Rae Street, North Fitzroy, Burnham House. Retrace your steps back down St Georges Street, and turn right (west) into Scotchmer Street, continuing to the roundabout at Rae Street.

Burnham House is on the south-west corner and was the mission headquarters (350 met approx.) for the budding community. The printing press was housed in the stables at the rear of the building and mission families lived in the front.

The Bible Echo and Signs of the Times were printed here from 1886 - 1887



Location 8: 38 Birkenhead St, North Fitzroy. Robert Hare's Home. Retrace your steps to back (east) along Scotchmer Street (200 metres), turn left into Birkenhead Street and walk 140m.

Pastor Hare, formerly from Kaeo New Zealand, was the Editor of the *Bible Echo* for four years from 1899 – 1902. His daughter Roberta Hare was born in this house on 23 July 1899 while Pr Hare was away at a conference. His son's Reuben and Eric also became ministers. All the children served as missionaries.

Location 9: 82 Best Street, North Fitzroy. Tenney's House.

Continue north to the end of Birkenhead St. Turn right into Park St, then first right into Best St. Walk about 140 metres. The house will be on your left. This was the home of Pr GC Tenney and his family. Pr Tenney was the editor of the *Bible Echo* and the first president of the *Australian Conference* (1888 – 1892). Mrs White stayed here during her Melbourne visit from December 1891 – January 1892. Mrs White wrote a large portion of her book *Desire of Ages* while in Australia. Pr Tenney and his family returned to the USA in October 1892. He came back to Australia to serve another five years (1899 – 1903).



Location 10: 26 Clarke Street, Northcote. Health Food Agency.

Return to your car (approx. 650 met). Drive west along Alfred Crescent, turning right into St Georges Road. Travel 1.2 kms, turn right into Merri Parade, then left into Park Street., then left again into Clarke Street. Number 26 was the bakery and premises of the Health Food Agency (now Sanitarium Health Food Company). Production started here in February 1898.

End of Walking Tour 2

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