

MELBOURNE RIDES

See Melbourne's waterfront sights from a different perspective - on two wheels! Discover the buzzing hospitality and public art precincts of Southbank and Docklands as you ride beside the Yarra River.

Remember to always wear a helmet and keep an eye out for bike safety road rules. Using your phone whilst riding your bike is also strictly prohibited.

Places of interest along the route:

The **Evan Walker Bridge** 9 1 is named after Professor Walker, Melbourne's planning minister in the 1980s. As a former architect, he drove the transformation of the Southbank precinct. Keep your eyes peeled to your left for a gate, leading to a hidden stairway, down to tiny bar Ponyfish Island.

Check out the **Southgate** 9 2 shopping and dining precinct near the Southbank Promenade. The leafy riverfront boasts some of Melbourne's most scenic dining spots with views of the Yarra and city skyline, including quirky craft beer bar **Hopscotch**, or sophisticated cocktail bar **Left Bank**.

Crown Melbourne 9 3 is a destination for high end restaurants, global luxury retail brands and live performance venues.

South Wharf Promenade 9 4 leads to a vibrant cluster of outdoor casual dining spots by the water including The Boatbuilders Yard and BangPop.

At this junction you'll notice the striking arches of **Seafarers Bridge** 9 5 leading to the Spanish Mission Revival architecture of **Mission to Seafarers** 9 6. Also a bar and function space, this unique building was a haven offering welfare and church services to seafarers.

Look for the 1885 heritage-listed **Polly Woodside** 9 7, an ocean-going trading vessel launched in Belfast. The tall ship is now a maritime museum.

The **Webb Bridge** 9 8, designed by Robert Owen, echoes the shape of a Koori fishing trap and the gestural flow of the river.

Take a closer look at **MPavilion** 9 9, by British architect Amande Levete's studio A_LA. Also on this piazza are quirky sculptures including Emily Floyd's playful oversized black rabbit *Signature Work* (2004), and the dancing figures of Michael Snape's *Continuum* (2005).

Explore **Docklands Park** 9 10 artworks including Virginia King's water feature *Reed Vessel* (2004), and an interactive playground.

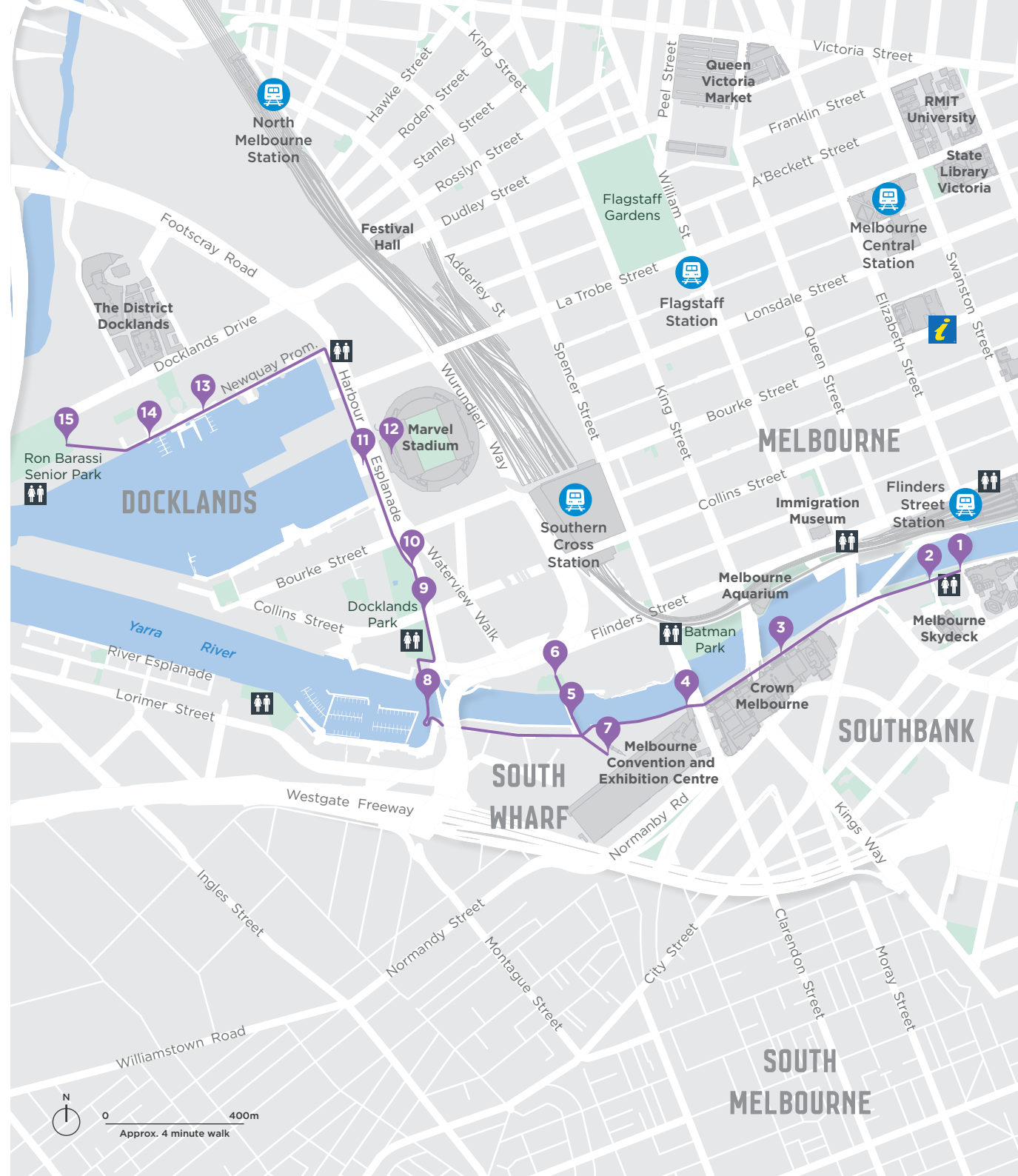
Facing the marina is the surreal, bronze sculpture **Cow Up a Tree** 9 11 (2000) by artist John Kelly who took inspiration from the distinctive style of Australian painter William Dobell.

Across the road is **Marvel Stadium** 9 12 which plays host to regular Australian Football League (AFL) and A-League football matches and live concerts.

Take in the gorgeous views of **Victoria Harbour**, bobbing with pleasure boats and luxury yachts berthed at **Melbourne City Marina** 9 13.

At **New Quay Promenade** 9 14 you'll find a mysterious collection of draped concrete sculptures belonging to artist Callum Morton called Monument Park.

Ron Barassi Senior Park 9 15 is named after the iconic Melbourne Football Club player, the park ends underneath the **Bolte Bridge** on the edge of **Moonee Ponds Creek**.





Seafarer's Bridge



Polly Woodside



Cow Up A Tree



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MORE WATER WAYS TO EXPLORE

Want to continue your ride? Follow these other bike trails around Melbourne.

Connect with the **Moonee Ponds Creek Trail** behind Ron Barassi Senior Park. It takes you past **Docklands Studios and The District Docklands** shopping complex. The path beside the creek continues for 25 km all the way to Woodlands Historic Park next to Melbourne Airport.

Or ride under the Footscray Road Bridge and link up with the **Maribyrnong River Trail**. You'll pass the rows of shipping containers at **Victoria Dock**, and wind through the western suburbs for 25 km.

The return journey on the 29 km **Capital City Trail** via Southbank follows the Yarra River through the city and beyond into Richmond, South Yarra and the inner north. At Dights Falls in Collingwood it becomes the **Merri Creek Trail**, and eventually joins up to Moonee Ponds Creek Trail.

Bike tips: Ride into the city or bring your bike on the train. No wheels? Hire a bike and helmet at **Blue Tongue Bikes** in Batman Park or **Lime e-bikes** are dotted around the city - use the Lime or Uber apps to locate these share-bikes.



Download our audio podcast tour with Storytowns and explore the city's furthest edges and parklands via pedal power.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For visitor centre opening hours, contact City of Melbourne on 9658 9658 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information, head to: whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au

- Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall**
- Melbourne Visitor Booth in Bourke Street Mall**
- Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre**
- City Ambassadors**

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The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection the Wurundjeri, Bunurong, Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wadawurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin have to this unique place for more than 2000 generations.

We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.



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SOUTHBANK & DOCKLANDS

Maritime history, waterfront experiences and art installations around the waterways.



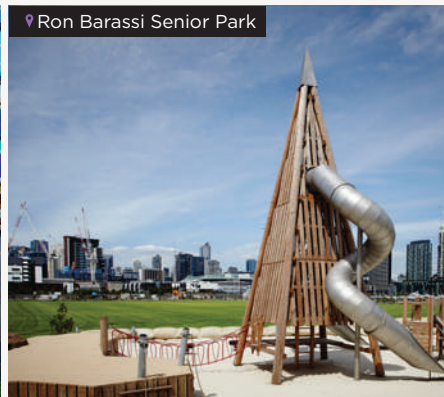
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New Quay Promenade



Ron Barassi Senior Park



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