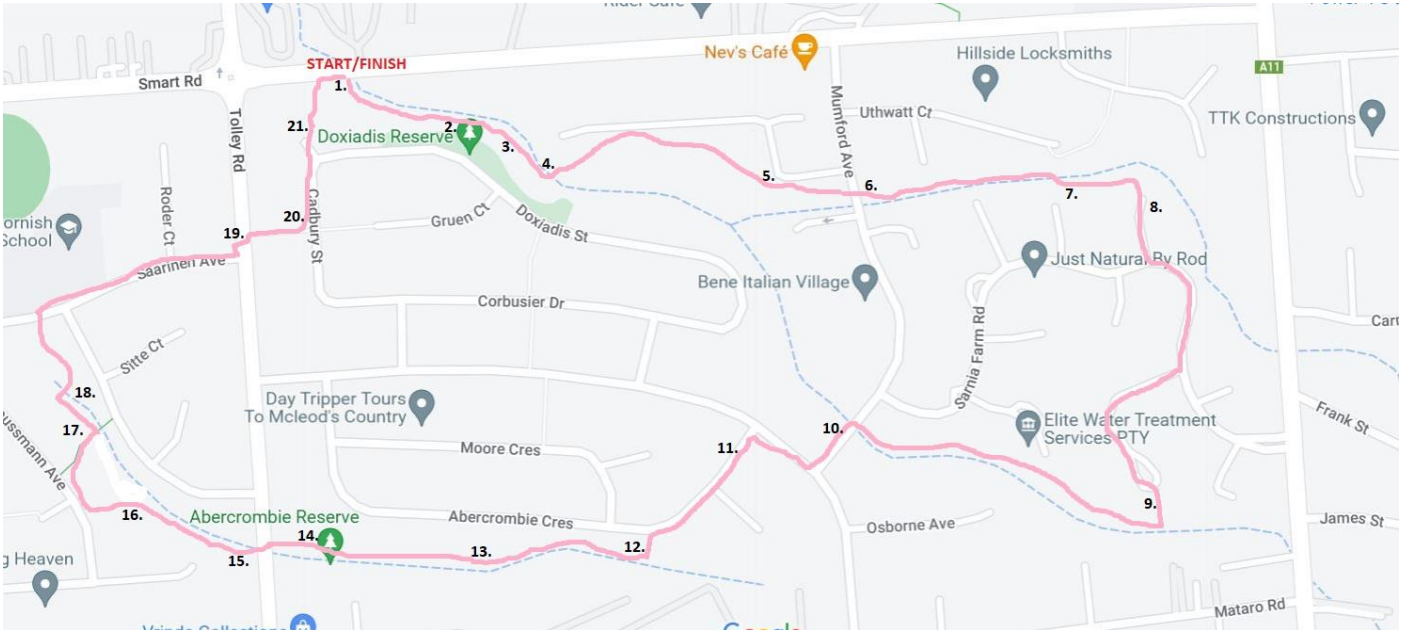


U3A Kokoda Trail Monday Stroll - directions and information (3.9km)



Park close to the corner of Cadbury St and Dioxadis St and meet at 26 Cadbury St, St Agnes. There are no toilets on this walk.

START

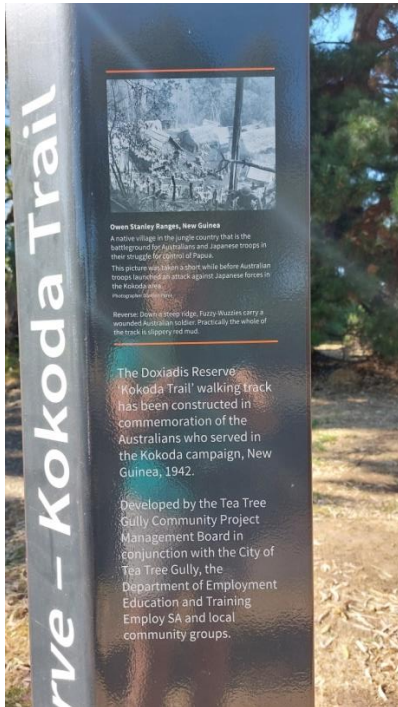
1. Start by the **Kokoda Trail Sign *1**
2. Follow the black plinths with descriptions related to the **Kokoda Trail *2** to the playground. On the way spot orange trunk tree across the road
3. Go to the other side of the playground to see the pink granite **Memorial and information sign *3** and then go back to the playground to take the steps down the earthen path.
4. Cross over the **foot bridge *4** and shortly take the wide path up to your left. Geddes Court will be on your left when you get to the top (there is a field of “clumped” grass here depending on a season) and later you will walk along fences behind houses with the creek on your right. Spot two half barrels with plants and maybe even a lonely gnome...
5. The path narrows briefly passing through someone’s “extended garden” and then Geddes Court appears on the left again.
6. Cross Mumford Ave and pick up the Kaplan Reserve path on the other side. There you will see a bench with a dedication to **two centenarians *5**
7. Before Kaplan Reserve appears ahead of you notice a tiny double gate on your left leading down to an unusual garden. Take the pedestrian bridge on your right and turn left after crossing it. Continue walking with the creek on your left
8. The path will end on Steinwedel Court, go to the T-intersection and take a left into Sarnia Farm Road (just ahead notice a circular garden with a bench) and then take the first right into Claridge Court

9. At the end of Claridge Court take the right hand path leading into the reserve. At the turn on your right you will see the beautiful Pincushion Hakea tree which is endemic to WA and flowers (seasonal: from April to July). The flowers may look to some people like pompoms. Lower down by the creek you will also see Cathy's "Snake" Gum tree
10. Continue along the creek through the Mumford Reserve (ignore a right turn) until you end up on Mumford Ave.
11. After crossing Mumford Ave stay on the pedestrian path and go right around the corner into Toovis Ave. Cross to the other side and take a left into Abercrombie Cres. Walk on the footpath on the other side of the Crescent.
12. At the bend of Abercrombie Crescent you will see a gate to Abercrombie Reserve. Enter the reserve and turn left first to find out about the Rosenthal children (a small plaque) From here high on your left you will see the infrastructure of SA Water, an enormous ground water storage (about 100mx70m, visible on GPS map)
13. Return to the entry gate and continue on an uneven path going between the fence and the creek. (People who want to avoid the uneven path can continue on Abercrombie Cres and at the next bend take an alleyway on the left going between houses to re-join the path. Turn right into the path when entering through the alley)
14. Continue on the path between the creek on your left and houses on your right. Go through a gate just before Tolley Rd
15. Cross Tolley Rd and pick up the brick path on the left side of the creek. Soon you will need to leave the brick path and take an earthen one. Continue with the creek on your right. You will pass a picnic table on your right with an information poster on it and a blue "torture" hammock on your left. Watch out for a little jetty in the **Gifford Wetland *6** and a sign on your right.
16. Return to the cement path and follow it clockwise around the wetland to the second little jetty. Then follow a brick path (leading directly away from the little jetty) with the creek on your right.
17. Cross a bridge on your right which goes through reeds. Pass a green "torture" hammock.
18. Walk on the path towards the hammock and cross Saarinen Avenue at the school crossing. Continue along Saarinen Ave to Tolley Rd and cross Tolley Rd at the pedestrian lights
19. Take the alleyway (Gruen Court) ahead
20. Continue on the alleyway between houses and turn left at the first street crossing (Cadbury Street). The alleyway continues to the next street but don't go there.

FINISH

Annotations

*1 The Kokoda Trail Sign



The photo is of the Owen Stanley Ranges, New Guinea. This picture was taken a short while before Australian Troops launched an attack against Japanese forces in the Kokoda area.

The Dioxiadis reserve "Kokoda Trail" commemorates Australians who served in the Kokoda campaign in 1942.

*2 Kokoda Trail

The signs detail the battle and the final retreat and victorious return of the Australian troops. They also mention the native people "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels" who as stretcher bearers saved many Australian lives





*3 Memorial and information sign



This memorial was erected in honour of 2000 Australian Military casualties incurred in the retaking of Kokoda 2 November 1942



*4 The Bridge

The bridge, stone-recessed surround and permapine steps in this reserve were donated and built by TTG Lions Club. The “Kakoda Trail Bridge” project in Doxiadis Reserve was commenced in 1994 as a memorial to the infamous trek.



***5 A bench for two centenarians**



***6 Gifford Wetland**

The wetlands replaced natural billabongs affected by farming and housing development in the area

