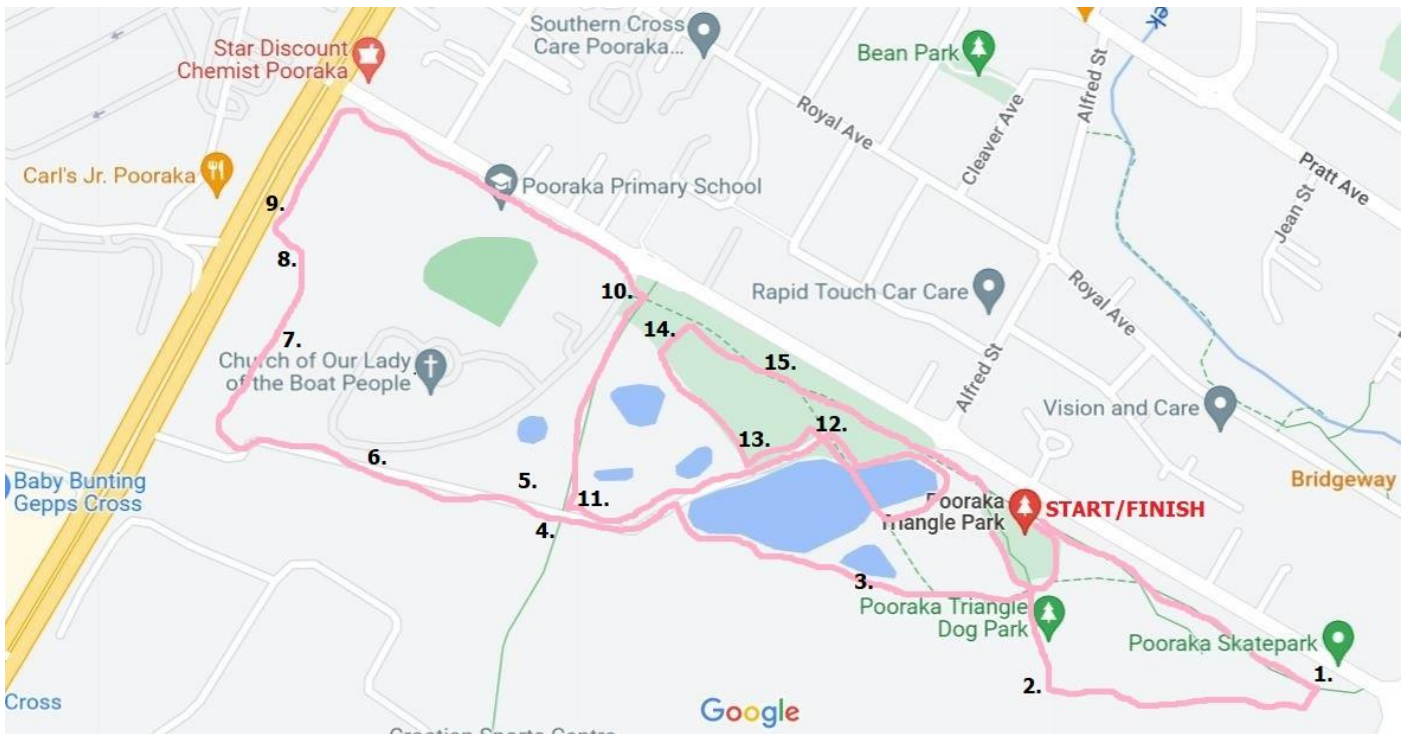


Notes - U3A Unity Park Monday Stroll

4km



Unity Park is so named to encourage harmony within the community. With that in mind the park has something for everyone – and their dog! The park is mostly flat and wheelchair friendly.

Meet at Pooraka Triangle playground on South Terrace (90 degree off street car parking available at the site, almost directly opposite to the entry to Mercedes Court)

START

1. Turn left to walk parallel to South Tce. Turn right into carpark with Skate Park on your left and **Cross Keys BMX Club *1** on your right. Cross the carpark to go around **BMX Club**. In the distance on your left you will see **Football SA Service FM Stadium**
2. Turn right towards Pooraka Triangle Dog Park and keep left at the intersection of paths
3. Keep the triangle pond on your right and walk along the **Avenue of River Red gum** trees. There will be a slight right turn to take you along a larger lake with reeds around it. At the T-intersection turn left and then right to walk along the Avenue of trees again.
4. There is a sign on your left explaining the importance of the trees ***2** and a distant view of the **Velodrome *3**. Follow the Avenue of gum trees going north
5. On your right you will see a disused **Water filtration system *4**
6. Soon after you will be at the back fence of the **Church of Our Lady of the Boat People *5** (Vietnamese Catholic Church). Take note of the size of the site! Continue along the church fence and take right turn when the fence ends.

7. The path here passes “**Dry Cascades**”*6, another recently upgraded filtration system
8. Continue to the “**Winds of Change**” monument to the SA Government’s abattoir history *7
9. Follow the path to Main North Road and turn right and then right again before the traffic lights onto South Tce. Walk along the footpath until on your right you see the gates to the Vietnamese Church you have previously seen from the back
10. Turn right after the Church gates and follow a wide path and then take the first turn left. There will be a small lake on your left.
11. Continue to the intersection of paths (prev. point 4) and turn left
12. Continue to T-intersection and turn right. You will see a **square lake**; go around it clockwise coming back to where you started circling it by walking on a causeway. There are usually many birds on this lake.
13. Retrace your steps to the T-intersection (point 12), turn left and shortly after turn right into a path leading to a **wooden playground**
14. Just before the playground turn right and walk on grass towards a path parallel to South Tce.
15. Turn right onto that path and walk towards the Triangle Playground and when you get there go around it anticlockwise (on grass) **FINISH**

Annotations

***1 Cross Keys BMX Club** track is an exciting network of ramps, dirt jumps and sharp bends that are designed to test a BMX bike rider’s skills. The successful club is home to two former BMX Olympians, including Anthony Dean who represented Australia at the Rio Games and the Tokyo Olympics.

*2 River Red Gum trees



***3 Velodrome**

The Adelaide Super Drome is the home of track racing and riding in South Australia. As the base of operations for the Australian Cycling Team, the venue gets used by some of the best riders in the world. It was designed by Architect Carlo Gnezda and was opened in 1993. The facility received an \$11 million upgrade in 2018.



***4 Water filtration system**

Unity Park is eco-friendly in its operation, utilising bore water in its lakes, and serves as a location for bio filtration of stormwater. Around the park you will see filtration pipes, water tanks and split-level water troughs that aid in straining of the water through vegetation, mud, and other media before being collected in a recovery pipe.

***5 Church of Our Lady of the Boat People**

The church is named in honour of the Virgin Mary who is believed to have protected refugees on their perilous boat journeys in search of freedom.

Built in the 1990s, the first hall served as a place where the Vietnamese Catholic Community could gather to celebrate their faith, often with sections partitioned off for other cultural activities. However, with 39 active groups (including 15 prayer groups) spanning various spiritual and social activities occurring on a weekly or monthly basis, it became clear over time that a larger space was needed.

The opening in October 2019 was the culmination of a five-year \$6 million project that included the construction of a new multi-purpose hall and the conversion of the original hall into the new church.

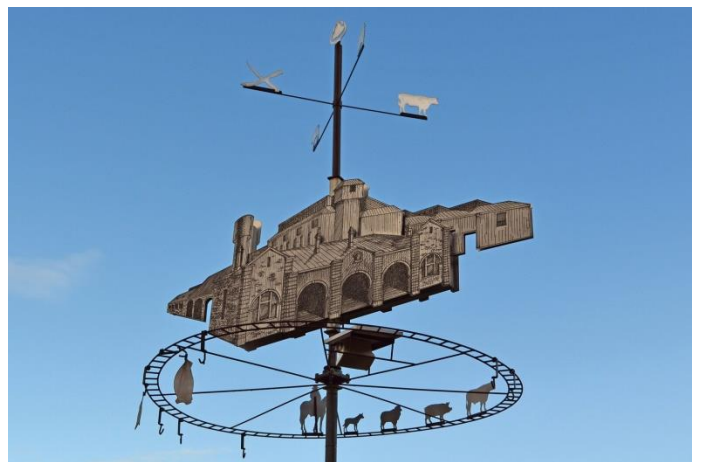


*6 “Dry Cascades”



***7 Winds of Change** is a sculpture completed in 2013 by artist Annalise Rees. It is a heritage marker recognising the SAMCOR abattoirs and stockyards. The abattoirs were home to the South Australian Meat Corporation (commonly referred to as the ‘Meat Works’) as well as stock agents for more than ninety years. At the peak of its activity the Meatworks was the largest individual government employer in South Australia.

Anecdote: The clerks furiously scribed the prices and would occasionally fall off the walkways into a pen of sheep or lambs in a lapse of concentration (Ron Scriven)



The artwork reflects the physical character of the Abattoirs site and bears resonance with the atmosphere and the people who worked there. The work features a combination of representational and symbolic references pertaining to architectural vernacular, the butchery trade, livestock auctioning and geographical location.