

## Glen Waverley Historical Walk



### Trail Directions

*Important note: This walk begins and ends at the same point.*

This walk is based on a section of the "Historical Markers in the former City of Waverley". Look out for the markers highlighting historical aspects of Glen Waverley, as it was 100 years ago.

1. Walk from the Glen Waverley Train Station through a small arcade to Kingsway. Turn right into Kingsway and cross Coleman Parade, continuing to the end of the shops at Bogong Avenue roundabout. Cross Kingsway at this roundabout and head towards the Monash Public Library. A plaque, 'City of Waverley Directory of Historical Markers' is set in a rock near the Library entrance.

**2. The Cook Family, 1919**

Monash Public Library, 112 Kingsway, Glen Waverley- Opposite the Library entrance, near the granite seating is located a plaque detailing the Cook Family.

The City of Monash chambers is located on land originally owned by the Cook family, who purchased the land in 1919. The 10-acre farm was originally operated as a poultry farm, run by Philip Cook, his brother Frank, and sister Violet.

3. Continue along Kingsway, past the library to a small park with old Redgum trees. Walk through the park to the war memorial, erected January 1999. Continue through the park and walk down Kingsway to Springvale Road. Cross Springvale Road at the traffic lights and turn right. Continue down Springvale Road for approximately 500 metres to the Waverley Road intersection.

**4. The Glen Waverley State School, 1880**

(Waverley Road, north side, corner of Springvale Road)

This existing building was built because the Black Flat school was becoming over crowded. In 1880, the new building was built out of brick and cost £957 pound. By 1969, the number of children enrolled was 1045.

Cross Waverley Road. Continue down Springvale Road a further 50 metres to a plaque in the footpath on the site of David Scammells Blacksmith's Forge.

**5. Blacksmith's Forge, Black Flat, 1885**

(Springvale Road, east side, south of Waverley Road)

In the 1880's, Black Flat was alive after the economic boom from the sale of land. A blacksmith, hall, post office, general store, bakery and butcher were all once located at the intersection of Springvale and Waverley Roads. The Black Flat Cricket Club made its home ground here, playing one day games against teams from as far away as St Kilda. Walk back to the Waverley Road intersection turning left (westerly direction) to cross Springvale Road. After crossing Springvale Road, turn left towards the Central Reserve playground. Just past the playground and sports ground entrance is a plaque in the footpath.

**6. St Leonard's Church Original Site, 1913**

(Springvale Road west side, south of Waverley Road)

The Catholic Church was described as an outpost of the Oakleigh Parish. Both Catholic and Protestant communities lived in the area, and appeared to give each other mutual support during the struggling years.

Continue walking along Springvale Road to the next plaque.

**7. The Glen Waverley Mechanics Institute, 1909**

(Springvale Road west side, south of Waverley Road)

On October 2, 1907, 12 men bought ten acres of land in Springvale Road, to provide an athletics ground. A Mechanics' Institute Hall was built on half an acre of this land and opened on 18 August 1909.

Walk on to the memorial gates.

**8. The 'Lone Pine', WWI and WWII Commemorative Gates and monument (right of gates)**

(Springvale Road, west side, south of Waverley Road)

This area is dedicated to the men and women who lost their lives in WWI and WWII. A seed from the original 'Lone Pine' in Gallipoli was planted here to commemorate the war.

Retrace your steps back to the Waverley Road intersection. Turn left down Waverley Road to the Glen Waverley Bowling Club entrance, opposite Allen Street, to another footpath plaque.

**9. The Wesleyan Church, Black Flat and School, 1867**

(Waverley Road, south side, west of Springvale Road, near bowling club)

In March 1866, James Colley led a small group of Wesleyans to build their own meeting house. The small weatherboard chapel was used for weekday school and church services. The church remained here until a new building was constructed on the corner of Springvale Road and Kingsway in 1962.

Continue walking down Waverley Road until you come to the site of the new Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre. This will be operational November 2001 and is set to be a state of the art facility. As you walk through these areas spare a thought for the Boonoorung People, ca 40,000 BC.

Thousands of years before European settlement, the Boonoorung People lived out their nomadic existence between Nunawading and Mordialloc. Their empathy with the environment, their myths, songs, music, and their physical skills and strength, impressed early settlers Alexander McMillan and James Clow.

Cross Waverley Road at the pedestrian lights. Turn left and head to Bogong Avenue. Turn right into Bogong Avenue and on the left you will see a sealed path marked by 3 large bollards. Cross the road and follow this path passing Holmesglen Institute on your left and Bogong Reserve on your right. Eventually you will come to a lovely open wetland area. A great spot to have a seat and rest.

**10. Continuing on just before the foot bridge take the path on your right and follow this through Bogong Reserve to Montclair Avenue footpath.**

Continue up Montclair Avenue until you come to Kingsway. Be careful crossing Myrtle

Street.

At Kingsway turn left and it is only a short stroll back to Glen Waverley Station.