

Culture to hear, to talk with, to experience ... To Share !

“Walkin’ Birrarung” ~ a Yarra River Cultural Experience

As the very first white explorers rowed their way up a log-tangled river, they found their passage blocked by a small but formidable waterfall. Unable to go further they gave this river the local Aboriginal name “Yarra Yarra”. It was not until later this same party realized they had misunderstood the local Aboriginal inhabitants, the Kulin people, and had incorrectly named the river.

*The Ancestral Kulin name is **Birrarung : the ‘River of Mists’**.*

In around ninety minutes this special walk gives patrons a sense of a small but significant portion of the ancestral lands of the Kulin people.

A place we today call Melbourne.

This experience evokes the memories of a vibrant natural, and cultural landscape. A memory that now lies beneath our urban existence today. Come and dispel some old misunderstandings for yourself and see the city with new eyes.

Find Melbourne’s CBD waterfall, its rich wetlands, and its Aboriginal people ~ Still here and still ‘Walkin’ Birrarung’ ... Please come walk with us

Tour details ...

This cultural experience, lead by Aboriginal Cultural Interpreters from the Koorie Heritage Trust is designed with Melbournians in mind. It is a walk back through time. Back through the place we now call the CBD of Melbourne.

It is a journey not only through the natural heritage, but equally the cultural heritage and the dramatic irrevocable changes of both people, and place.

Beginning at Enterprise Park (next to the Aquarium) the group journeys up the Yarra River - ‘Birrarung’ walking along Southbank shopping precinct and concluding at Princes Bridge and Federation Square.

(Enterprise Park start point: Melways ref: 43 G10)

A short walk, further on into Birrarung Marr Park and the new Common Ground Aboriginal public art space is an optional but very worthwhile addition to the experience.

Several stops are made along the way highlighting important Aboriginal Kulin sites, sites now trapped beneath the asphalt and the high-rise apartments of our 21st century.

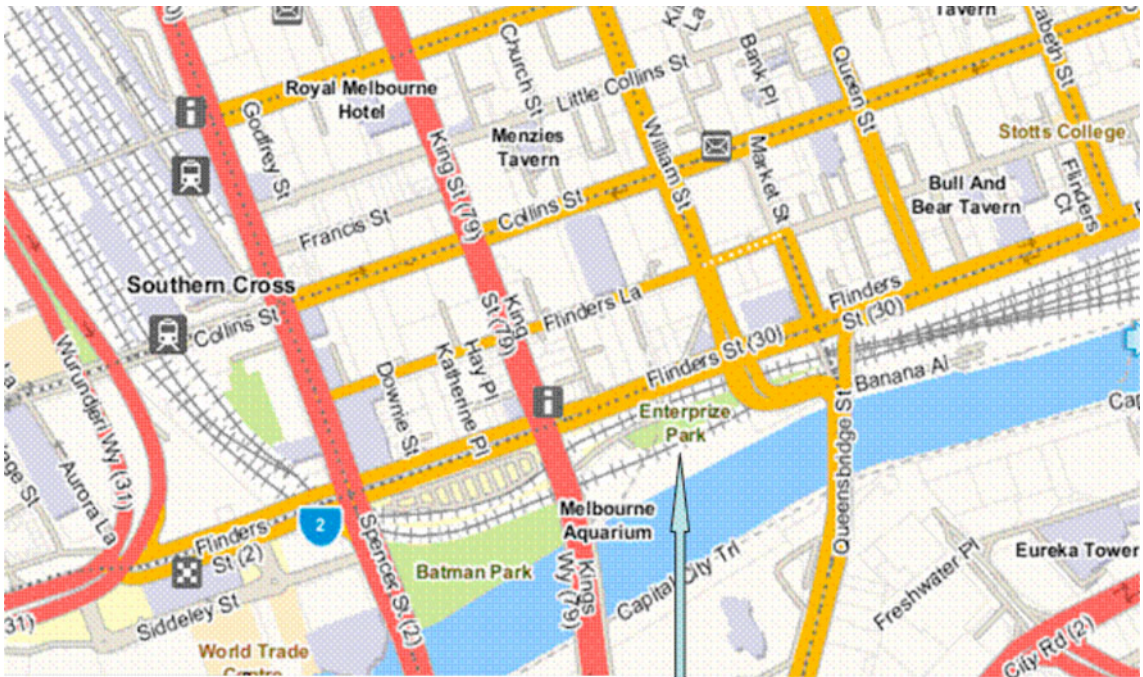
At each stop photos, colonial imagery and cultural stories are revealed by your Aboriginal Cultural Interpreter ~ enriching the experience and unravelling the layers of history, and that undeniable spirit under our feet.

‘Walkin Birrarung’ is not only a cultural and history journey of understanding, but is an intimate personal one connecting everyone regardless of age or background back to a connection with a Spirit of Place.

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