

# QUEENS PARADE

## heritage walk



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MICHAEL STREET

DELRIDGE STREET

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Prior to 1850, Queens Parade was a track that linked Melbourne to Heidelberg in the east and forked northwards to link to Northcote and the Plenty River district. It was known as Heidelberg Road, and the northern fork as Plenty Road, until renamed in the early 1900s.

Queens Parade formed part of the boundary between Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy.

Lots on Queens Parade sold from 1865 to 1869, but it remained largely undeveloped until after 1875 with Daintons Family Hotel (later the Normanby Hotel) and the commencement of building work on the St. John's Roman Catholic Church complex in 1876. Cable tram service commenced in 1887 with terminus and tram sheds adjacent to the Terminus Hotel at the Merri Creek (see 492 Queens Parade).

Queens Parade is a good example of the mix of land uses in the inner city where sections of the parade have been used by industry, housing, retail, and community facilities.

**Commence the walk at the corner of Queens Parade and Alexandra Parade.**

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## QUEENS PARADE

### Queens Parade Fitzroy North

The southernmost end of Queens Parade was once dominated by warehouses and industrial uses which were clustered around the Reilly Street open drain (which used to run down the centre of Alexandra Parade), the former Fitzroy Station which was located in Edinburgh Gardens and the former Gasometer site on Smith Street. The Reilly Street drain carried water from Collingwood, Fitzroy and Carlton to the Yarra River in an open drain, 10 feet deep and lined with bluestone and brick. Today, Queens Parade is an example of mix of land uses.



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## FORMER FITZROY STATION

### Queens Parade Fitzroy North

The former Fitzroy Station was located at the end of a spur line from the Inner Circle Railway which ran through Royal Park, Carlton North, Nicholson Street and Clifton Hill. This spur line used to split Edinburgh Gardens into two halves. The passenger services were withdrawn from this line in 1892, and this rail continued as a goods route until 1981 when the railway line was



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## FORMER GAS WORKS

### 111 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

The Gasometers which used to be located on the site bounded by George and Smith streets and Queens and Alexandra parades, used to supply coal gas to the areas of Collingwood and Fitzroy. The gas company was established in 1861 on this site. The distinctive Gasometers were demolished in 1978. When they were constructed in 1923 one was of international importance, as it was the first completely arc-welded structure in the world.



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## 59 QUEENS PARADE

### 59 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

This substantial Italianate villa is noted for its projecting double-storey bay, elaborate cast iron verandahs, slate roof, and ceramic tile panels.



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## ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY

### 61 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

The impressive double-storey, Queen Anne style presbytery was constructed in 1914. This building forms part of the St John's church complex. This building is noted for its timbered gable end, slate roof, terracotta chimney pots and the round archways on the verandah. Take note of the stained glass windows.



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## ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 61 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

This large-scale bluestone church is prominently sited on one of the highest points in Clifton Hill. The land was granted to the Catholic people by the Australian government in 1864. The Church's foundation stone was laid in 1876 and construction of the main building was completed in 1893 (with the exception of the spire, added in 1907). The Lady Chapel and Sacristy were completed in 1903. The stained glass windows in this building are also worth noting.



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## ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### 77 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

This substantial double-storey red brick school building was opened in 1904, replacing a wooden school which had been built in 1889-90. Prior to this classes had been held in the church.



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## CLIFTON HALL

### 85 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

In 1917 the trustees of St John Church demolished four shops they owned on this site and constructed a Parish Hall. It was leased for use as a picture theatre from 1918 and later became an Italian-language cinema. The fly gallery and rear of the hall were demolished in 1999. This building is noted for its stucco dressings and projecting bays at the upper level. The building is now called Aikenhead Hall.



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## FORMER NATIONAL BANK

### 270 Queens Parade Fitzroy North

This building was constructed in 1886 and is an excellent example of transitional boom-era bank architecture. It is noted for its elaborate parapet and recessed first floor section surrounding the splayed corner. The bank manager's residence atop the bank was accessed from the westernmost door facing Queens Parade.



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## CLIFTON HILL HOTEL

### 89 Queens Parade Clifton Hill

Constructed in 1884. This is a prominent and substantially intact Victorian-era hotel. The hotel is noted for its cast cement string course, motifs on the pediment and window dressings.

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## 11 FORMER STATE SAVINGS BANK

99 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

Opened in 1889. It was constructed for the State Savings Bank and is noted for its elaborate Italianate style which includes rusticated pilasters, oculus (round) windows and curved pediments. This building is similar to the former State Savings Bank building in Bridge Road, Richmond.



## 12 FORMER ALBERT HALL

127-129 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

This building was reconstructed in 1927, replacing the former Hall constructed on the site in 1886, which had been bought by the Albert Victor Masonic Lodge in 1919. The building is noted for its neo-classical façade and twin entrances with fluted pilasters supporting pediments above.



## 13 FORMER NORMANDY HOTEL

139 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

Constructed in 1875. The hotel is noted for its corner splay, and elaborate ornamentation.



## 14 FORMER POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE

141 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

Constructed in 1883 for a post and telegraph office. This building is typical of shops built in this era, using an Italianate style incorporating a residence atop. This style is contrasted with its later location at 179 Queens Parade.



## 15 POST OFFICE

179 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

The post office later moved to its current building which is noted for its more restrained design.



## 16 FORMER ANZ BANK

370 Queens Parade  
Fitzroy North

Constructed in 1889 this building is one of the best examples of Queen Ann style architecture in Melbourne. The decorative brick and render bands give contrast to the precise red brick work and the building is topped by a corner tower, steep pitched roof and tall chimneys. This building is on the Victorian Heritage Register.



## 17 FORMER UNITED KINGDOM HOTEL

199 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

This building was constructed in 1936-37 and is considered to be one of Victoria's most exquisite and intact example of the Jazz Moderne style of architecture. The building is greatly enhanced by its near-island siting and is externally and internally almost original. This building is on the Victorian Heritage Register.



## 18 FORMER CLIFTON MOTORS

205-211 Queens Parade,  
Fitzroy North

The Clifton Motors Pty Ltd, Motor Engineers show room and garage was constructed in 1921 (rear) and 1938 (façade). This site is on the Victorian Heritage Register. It was designed by the noted architect, J.H. Wardrop, designer of the nearby significant United Kingdom Hotel. The building is an extraordinary example of an art deco motor garage and showroom. The decorative, horizontal treatment adopted for the façade and the dominating finned tower, are unique amongst surviving garages of the period in Victoria.



## 19 RESIDENTIAL

420-428 Queens Parade  
Fitzroy North

This row of Federation houses presents excellent architecture of the era.



## 20 FORMER CABLE CAR TERMINUS

440 Queens Parade  
Fitzroy North

At the northernmost end of Queens Parade are a number of buildings and structures which were associated with the tram and railway. The cable tram service (commenced in 1887) terminus and tram sheds used to be located adjacent to the Terminus Hotel at the Merri Creek. A tramways substation is located on the site once occupied

by the terminus and tram sheds. The tram car shed was located at the rear of the site abutting McKean Street. A cluster of shops were constructed at the end of the tramline including the Terminus Hotel, and the former Clifton Hill and Northcote Dispensary. The railway crossing Queens Parade opened in 1888; at which time the railway was at grade. The bridge was later constructed to improve traffic flow. The bridge is typical of rail bridges constructed at the time, consisting of a steel and timber deck supported by red brick abutments.



## 21 MERRI CREEK

This land was once the home of the Wurundjeri people, until the European occupation of this area dating back to the 1830s. This area is currently being revegetated with plants that are indigenous to this area.

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