



Dandelion Drive circuit

The **Knox Street Orienteering Walkers** group explored the famous Dandelion Drive Circuit in March. This rare circular road is very popular with walkers but not drivers! It is situated between Kelletts and Wellington Roads just west of Napoleon Road. It is about 4.5km long so a circuit can be completed in about one hour.



This is made up of 16 chicanes (each with a pair of curved islands), 5 roundabouts and 8 straight islands. There are also two speed humps. The longest stretch of road without an island is between Blaxland and Spruce Drives. (There is however a speed hump at

the school crossing in this 300m stretch.) The circuit is on three bus routes (681, 682 & 691). The buses go quite slowly and often have to drive over the islands. Maybe that is why some chicane islands are lower than others.

The walkers discovered quite a few landmarks as they explored this area of Rowville. The southwest entrance at Silkwood Way features the red column that reminded them of the rostral columns in St. Petersburg in Russia. Further east is Peregrine Reserve containing the 2 tiled eggs and the large palm tree at the Pinehill Drive intersection. The road then slowly curves uphill outlined by the wide red footpath.

There are 2 milk bars in Dandelion Drive. The eastern one now accepts bottles and cans for the

10c refund and the western 'Mini Mart' features the old light pole!

If you would like to explore a different part of Knox every month, why not give street orienteering a try? Participants have to find the answers to 20 clues on a map within 1 hour. It is quite a challenge and a lot of fun!

Get more information at www.knoxsow.fun or contact the walk organiser, David, on 0419 337 311.

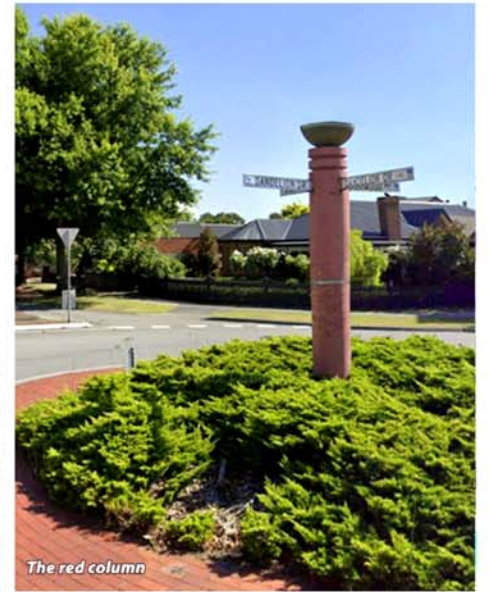


The orienteering group began in Park Ridge Reserve on the northern side of the circuit and walked the entire length for the first walk of the month. On the second walk they explored inside the circle and discovered the 4 reserves.

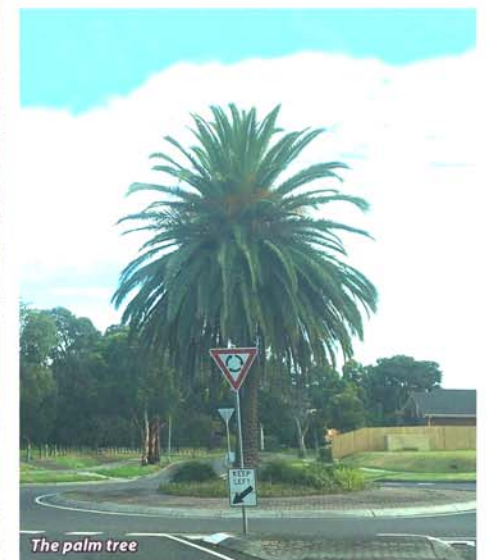
Did you know that Dandelion Drive has 50 'traffic-calming' islands along its entire length?



Tiled eggs



The red column



The palm tree



The light pole