

Cara's adventures in Windsor & Prahran

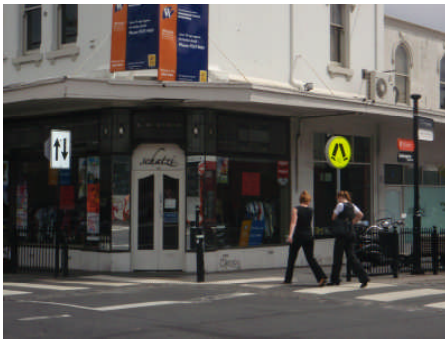
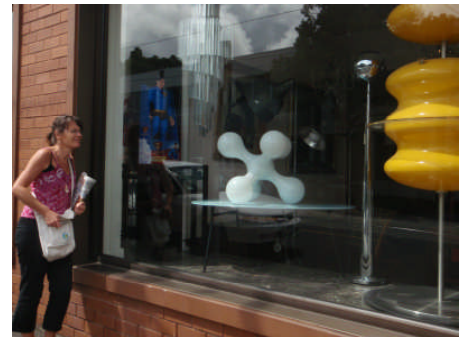
I live in an apartment on Queens Rd overlooking Albert park. Most weekdays I walk to the library to use the internet. I used to make the trip across Albert park to Middle Park until the Grand Prix infrastructure made it an obstacle course. So then I joined Prahran Library and my daily 45 min walk there and back takes me through the suburban streets of Windsor to Chapel St.

There are numerous ways I can go and once over Punt Rd, I see little traffic. I love looking at the architecture and seeing what is growing in people's gardens especially Loxton Lodge Community Garden.



Sometimes I buy the paper in a milk bar, often wondering how these little shops survive financially.

Then as I approach High St, I like to look in the windows of the 2 retro furniture shops full of stuff from the 60s that reminds me of my childhood.



Crossing the road, I enter the racier suburb of Prahran with its laneways trendy apartments, which lead to Greville St. The crossroads here with its zebra crossing makes me think of the Beatles Abbey Road album.

Suddenly here are all the boutiques, trendy shops and cool youngsters! Entering the library in the old Town Hall, the air conditioning and high ceilings give relief from the heat of the day.



After an hour, it is time to go home. But not the way I came...



This time it is up Chapel St, sometimes buying fruit on the way, or stopping off for hot chocolate and cake at an old fashioned cafe or pizza in the lovely upstairs courtyard of a pub. A quick stop at the bank or post office and then it is back down another quiet Windsor St away from frenetic Chapel St.

The other day I spotted a vine laden with bunches of grapes. I've got my eye on the lemon tree in Union St which last summer dropped so much fruit on the pavement I had free lemons all summer!

Errands run, I return home. Why would I want a computer at home when my daily walk to the library keeps me fit and puts me in touch with my community...and I have great legs!!

