

Walking the loop in Ripponlea

I was contemplating moving house a couple of years ago, but after my visitors from interstate came on 'my 5km loop walk', they urged to me to stay put.

In exactly one hour I can walk 3 sides of a triangle - down Elwood Canal, along the Elwood beach front and traverse back through Elsternwick Park. I have two main roads to cross in Brighton Rd and Beaconsfield Parade, but the rest of the time the walk has me away from traffic and close to nature and to others out for a stroll, jog or cycle.

Elwood streets and the canal are well treed and attract many birds. The beach and the sea are ever changing - I've enjoyed magnificent sunsets, electrical storms and cloud patterns that inspire me to paint! In Elsternwick Park I can check out the progress of the baby cygnets and ducklings on the lake, or the antics of dogs in the off-leash area. Sometimes I take a book or the newspaper and stop along the way. I love my loop!