

Ringwood Central Historic Walk

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1. Ringwood Railway Station

Start at Ringwood Railway Station fronting Maroondah Highway. Built in 1889 after the railway line was extended from Hawthorn to Ringwood.

The line was electrified in 1923.

Photograph circa 1925

2. The Clock Tower

Proceed easterly to the intersection of Warrandyte Road & Maroondah Highway (in earlier times called Whitehorse Road or, simply (Main Street) to the original site of the Ringwood Memorial Clocktower. Erected in 1928 the clock tower was removed, stone by stone, in 1967 and re-erected on its present site at the corner of Maroonda Highway & Wantirna Road.

Photograph circa 1930.



3. Blood Bros Stores

Deviate under the railway viaduct to view the Blood Brothers store, built in 1914 and continuously operating for over 85 years.

Photograph circa 1921.



4. Ringwood Lake

Continue easterly along Maroondah Highway, pause at Ringwood Lake, created in 1926 by the damming of Sandy Creek which used to follow the line of the gully and flow into Mullum Mullum Creek.

Note the poplars fronting Maroondah Highway.

5. Ringwood Fire Station

Cross the highway and head west. The former Ringwood Fire Station was built in 1930 at a cost of seven thousand pounds and served an important service for over 65 years.



6. Bamford's Timber Yards

Bamford's Timber Yards were a landmark at the northwestern corner of Warrandyte Road and were close to the majestic Block Buildings (1912) on the northeastern corner of Adelaide Street, demolished for Eastland.

Photograph circa 1910. Note: Loughnan Hill on the left with few trees and the orchards on Warrandyte Road at right.

7. Block Buildings & Coffee Palace

Block buildings and the Ringwood Coffee Palace were amongst the earliest commercial premises in Ringwood, on the northwestern corner of Adelaide Street.

Photograph circa 1925





8. The Mail Office

Head north into the Eastland precinct which in earlier years, was home to The Pines Private Hospital, Ringwood Football Ground, and the offices of the Ringwood Mail.

9. Ringwood Town Hall

Return to the highway where, at the northwestern corner of Melbourne Street, was the Town Hall of the Borough of Ringwood, built in 1927 and demolished in 1970. The Borough of Ringwood became the City of Ringwood and merged with the City of Croydon (and parts of the adjacent municipalities) in 1994 to become the City of Maroondah. *Photograph circa 1936.*



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MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS, RINGWOOD.



THREE SOLID BANKS—and more coming.

Banks don't build premises like this in suburbs without a future. *Take the Hint.*

10. The State Savings Bank

A sign of prosperity in Ringwood was the construction of the State Savings Bank in 1923 at a cost of three thousand pounds. The building still exists behind an unsympathetic facade with a very different use.

The other bank is on the site of Midway Arcade. Shops on corner of Melbourne Street still exist.

Photograph circa 1925.

11. Ringwood Timber & Trading Company Limited

On the north eastern corner of New Street, the Ringwood Timber & Trading Company constructed a fine building to cope with demand for building materials at the time of rapid residential development Demolished in 1981.



12. Ringwood Co-operative Cool Stores

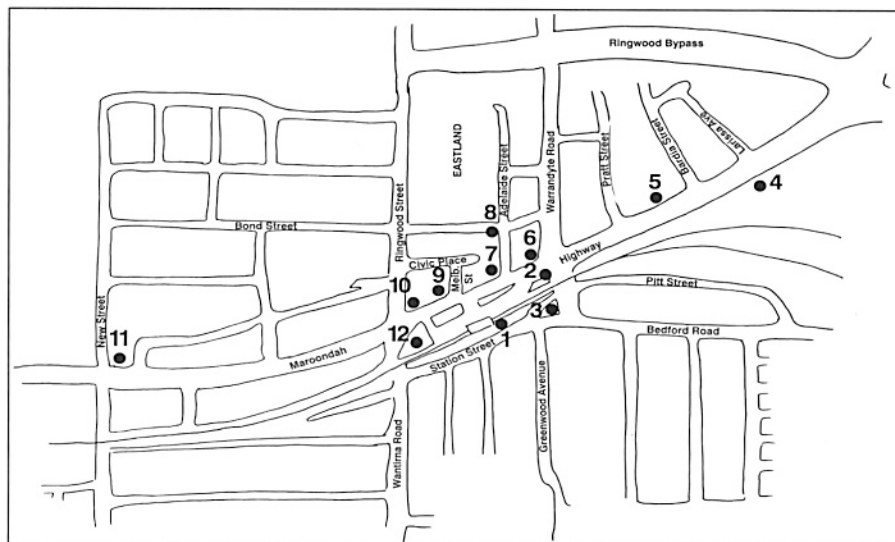
Crossing back to the south side of Maroondah Highway, wander back to the clock tower, located on the site of the Ringwood Coolstores, evidence of the importance of Ringwood's orcharding enterprises, erected in 1911 and demolished in 1965.

Photograph circa 1925.



RINGWOOD COOL STORES

Packed with thousands of cases of Rosy Apples—that make the Rosy Checks.



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