

Walking Group Visits Another Iconic Melbourne Laneway



Melbourne is well known for its famous laneways. For example, Hosier Lane with its constantly changing graffiti art, murals etc. Then there's AC/DC Lane, named after the Aussie rock band, with its music themed street art and bars. And there are many others.

Well you can add another to this list – McDonald Lane, in Sunshine!

The **NWPA Walking Group** has been busy checking out some of the sights and interesting features of the Albion/Sunshine area on their Wednesday walks, including uncovering some little-known gems. Alan Dash from [The Sunshine and District Historical Society](#) has kindly offered his time to support the weekly walks, while providing guided tours of some interesting locations as well as some insightful commentary on the history of the area. The lane has 20 individual art pieces on display that relate back to War in some way or other. The works honour our ANZAC history, multicultural service members, and key military figures. It was put together as a part of the [Sunshine Memorial Streets Project](#) aimed to give local residents a greater awareness of the country's military heroes and knowledge about Australians who went to war.

One of the highlight pieces is an incredible mosaic of Sir John Monash, made up of thousands of individual handmade tiles. Created by artist Sankar Nadeson, this artwork has been recognised by the Shrine of Remembrance as an important piece and was launched by then Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu.



The Sir John Monash mosaic. John Monash was a famous Australian military commander during the First World War as well as a brilliant civil engineer. His portrait is also featured on the Australian \$100 note.



Also featured among the art works is this mosaic of the vintage image titled 'Rosie the Riveter', representing working-class female strength and women in the industrial workforce.

So if you're interested in getting some exercise or a greater understanding of the local area, it's not too late to join the **NWPA Walking Group**, which heads out every Wednesday at 12pm sharp outside reception.

Don't forget to wear your comfortable walking shoes!