

East Tour | (Thurs 29th / Friday 30th September)

- Check in from 7.30am | Departure at 8.00am | Bus participants only on tour
- Departs and returns from Burnley Campus
- Lunch included BYO water bottle

Stop	Destination	Information	Facilities
1	Collingwood Children's Farm	Collingwood Children's Farm was established as a non-profit organisation in the late 70's offering support and education for children living in urban or low socioeconomic environments. The farm ethos nurtures sustainable agricultural experiences providing connections with animals and nature. Over time the farm has established numerous school and community programs through volunteer and work experience positions. Join us on a guided tour of the urban farm and learn how their inclusive programs support social engagement, wellbeing, and inspire future employment pathways in holistic agricultural practice through permaculture, land care, organic farming, and animal husbandry.	Toilets / Cafe
2.	Heide Museum of Modern Art	An opportunity to wander the recently opened Healing Garden at Heide MOMA. Katie Grace, ex Heide gardener and initiator, alongside Liz Herbert, designer, and Landscape Architect at Openwork, will lead a tour of the Healing Garden and talk about its inception, construction, programs, and future development. The tour will be followed by a picnic lunch on the museum grounds.	Toilets, Café
3.	Odyssey House	Odyssey House has been providing rehabilitation support and education for individuals and families affected by drugs and alcohol for over 40 years. In more recent years they have developed the Buladu Ngarrgu Program (Grow Knowledge Program) - this program benefits all residents of the Therapeutic Community while offering relevant support and cultural recognition to their First Nations residents. Odyssey House will provide a tour of their Lower Plenty grounds located high on the banks of the Yarra River/Birrarung as we discuss the importance of provisions for diversity, cultural engagement, and the value of reconnecting with country and community.	
4.	Kevin Heinze Grow	Explore the working gardens at Kevin Heinze Grow in Doncaster, where we witness the invaluable services provided for vulnerable people in the community. Hear how they use therapeutic horticulture to generate positive personal development through their assisted employment, clinical services, and wellbeing programs. We look forward to an informal Q&A session with the KHG staff at the end of the tour.	Toilets, Café















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Stop	Destination	Information	Facilities
1	Catholic Regional College	Michael Casey provides a one-hour tour of the productive gardens at the Catholic Regional College, Sydenham. As we walk the grounds, Michael will present details of the garden's inception, collaborative design, and the remarkable contributions they provide to formal education tools, nurturing student wellbeing and supporting valuable community connections for students and their families.	Toilets
2	CERES Community Environment Park	Returning to the inner city, the tour stops at CERES Environment Park in the inner north suburb of Brunswick East. From its humble beginnings 40 years ago as a small local community garden, CERES has grown to become one of the nation's largest sustainability parks. The park hosts various social enterprise businesses including a café, organic grocer, bakery, bike shed, nursery and bookstore. CERES is also home to the School of Nature and Climate that offers a diverse calendar of sustainable living, cultural, and educational programs for all ages and skill levels, including the VET accredited Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture course. The guided tour provides valuable opportunity for Q&A as we stroll the park and training facilities.	Toilets / Nursery
3.	Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria - Observatory Gate	A short stop for a picnic lunch adjacent the Observatory Gate at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, followed by a short 10minute walk to the next destination.	Toilets, Café, Visitor's Centre
4	Government House	Join us for a two-hour tour around the grounds of Government House. During this tour, we visit The Peace & Prosperity Kitchen Garden and hear how its horticultural led program facilitates valuable connections for migrant and refugee women across greater Melbourne. This program is delivered in conjunction with Community Hubs Australia and generates broader connections for women to find friendships, and support networks in the community. This stop is part of the West Tour.	Toilets











