

## What our visitors say

*“With so many places to eat, Acland Street is a very inviting place! I couldn't help trying a variety of cakes.”*

Chiemi Hamajima

– Obu – Port Phillip Staff Exchange Program participant

*“Beautiful streets, lively people... just living there is fun”*

Atsushi Kato

– former Obu Higashi High School – Elwood College exchange student

*“It was great to see the plaque in Japanese on the breakwater explaining our fundraising for the penguins.”*

Tatsuo Isaji

– Counsellor, Planning & Policy Department, City of Obu

*“Watching the sun set on St Kilda beach is fantastic!”*

Masatsugu Oshima

– Obu – Port Phillip Staff Exchange Program participant

For more information about the sister city relationship, contact the Sister Cities Coordinator for the City of Port Phillip via ASSIST on 9209 6777 or email [assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

*This trail has been developed by the City of Port Phillip Sister Cities Project in conjunction with the Sustainable Transport Unit.*



## About the trail

### Trail Length 3.5km

This basic trail takes us past some of the famous icons of St Kilda and can be completed in 60 minutes.

### Public transport

The walk starts and finishes near public transport. Trams 16 and 96 will take you into the city. Tram 79 will take you to Richmond, but only runs in the evenings and on weekends. Bus 606 will take you to Port Melbourne.

For further information about public transport please call Metlink ph: 131 638

### Refreshments

Refreshments are available along the route. Fitzroy Street and Acland Street, and the St Kilda Baths complex all have restaurants, cafes and bars, and there are also several kiosks located along the foreshore.

### Toilets

Toilets are located in Shakespeare Grove next to O'Donnell Gardens and at Catani Gardens.

## About the sister cities project

The sister city relationship between the City of Port Phillip and Obu began in November 1993. It is complemented by the sister school relationships between Elwood College and Obu Higashi Senior High School, and St Kilda Primary School and Ishigase Primary School, and the sister state relationship between Victoria and Aichi Prefecture, wherein Obu is located.

There have been various official and community delegations, school exchanges and staff exchanges over the years. These exchanges are crucial to the sister city relationship and give our community members the opportunity to experience international friendship and understanding firsthand.

Sister city relationships are established for many reasons, and cities usually seek out sister cities that are similar to them. Port Phillip and Obu are sisters that are both complementary and very different and we have learnt to treasure these differences.

We have a lot to learn from each other, and to share with each other.



**A Taste of St Kilda**

**Self Guided Trail**

*This trail leads you on a short walk to visit some of the famous icons of St Kilda*



## Places of interest

- O'Donnell Gardens.** Our walk begins right next to cosmopolitan Acland Street, where you can stop for a meal, coffee and cake or pick up some souvenirs from the many gift shops.
- Luna Park.** Acclaimed as one of the world's oldest amusement parks, Luna Park has been an icon of St Kilda since it was opened in 1912 .
- The Palais.** Cross Cavell St and wander along the Lower Esplanade. Generations of Melbourne residents have come here to dance, listen to live music and even watch movies. The original Palais dance hall was built in 1913.
- Catani Arch.** Walk across the car park then cross Jacka Boulevard and walk down to Catani Arch. Built in 1916, it provides a great place to stop and enjoy the view and is a popular photo spot for wedding couples.
- St Kilda Sea Baths.** Join the footpath along the foreshore to St Kilda Sea Baths. You can stop for a swim, spa or seaweed wrap or grab a bite to eat in one of the cafes or restaurants.
- Pavillion.** It is worth a look inside at the beautiful mosaic map of St Kilda by Mirka Mora, a Jewish refugee who came to Australia to avoid persecution during World War II.



- St Kilda Pier.** A short walk will bring you to St Kilda Pier. At the end of the Pier is the breakwater – home to St Kilda's own penguin colony. If you keep your eyes open around dusk you may see them swimming home to roost. There is also a plaque in Japanese thanking the people of Obu for their generous donations towards the maintenance of the penguin colony over the years.
- Catani Gardens.** From the Pier, cross the road to Catani Gardens, where you can stop for a picnic or a BBQ. If you have the time, take a walk along the Beaconsfield Parade towards Port Melbourne. Look out for kite boarders on the bay.
- Upper Esplanade.** From the peace and tranquility of Catani Gardens cross the bridge to the Upper Esplanade, which boasts fantastic views of Port Phillip Bay. On Sundays there is an arts and crafts market here.  
  
From here, you can continue along the Upper Esplanade until you return to O'Donnell Gardens, or on to Fitzroy Street, where you can enjoy the food, wine and great shopping that's on offer.

**T** Public toilets