

# Field Visits

## Sunday 10 July

Ideal group size for each tour is about 20 to 25. Each visit will include conversations with local church leaders concerning their expressions of missional churches, street walks for contextual insights, and drives past/short stops at sites of interest.

Weather may require changes to planned walks.

Visits to Sydney CBD, South Sydney, and Surry Hills are located within the City of Sydney with a population of 275,000.

### 1. Eastwood

*Leaving Morling College at 9.00am and estimated return at 3:30pm.*

Hosted by Eastwood Uniting Church (14-16 Lakeside Rd, Eastwood)

- Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler.
- [www.eastwooduca.org](http://www.eastwooduca.org)
- 9:30am worship

*Eastwood is perhaps THE premier hub for Asian dining in all of Sydney, Eastwood consists of an ultra-dense central district packed to the brim with restaurants and services, coexisting alongside high-end, premier residential back streets for quite the suburban contrast. It's a place that has experienced marked demographic change over the past few decades, and now provides an interesting mix of legacy stores and homes along with pockets of brand-new development added in. Eastwood sits in a highly central location on the middle-north shore that makes it fairly convenient for accessing multiple major parts of Sydney within a reasonable timeframe.*



### 2. Sydney City CBD

*Leaving Morling College at 9.00am and arriving about 9:45am.*

*Estimated return 3:30pm.*

Hosted by Pitt St Uniting Church (264 Pitt St)

- Rev Jo Inkpin and Rev Penny Jones
- [www.pittstreetuniting.org.au/](http://www.pittstreetuniting.org.au/)
- 10:00 worship will be followed by refreshments and conversation (c. 11:15am) when members will share their story and commitment to being a missional church.



*Many of Australia's first churches and the Sydney Town Hall are within walking distance of Pitt St. The 12:30 street walk north may include visits to St Andrews Anglican Cathedral,*



*George St, Wesley Central Mission, St James (Anglican), Catholic Cathedral St Mary's, across Hyde Park. Or may include Parliament House and St Stephens UC (Macquarie St). Other nearby churches south of Pitt St UC include the Central Baptist Church (619 George St) and Christ Church St Laurence (High Church) Anglican (812 George St).*

Return bus tour may include short stops and harbour sites via Macquarie St and Opera House.

### **3. South Sydney: Inner City Suburbs of Redfern and Waterloo**

*Leaving Morling at 9:15am and returning by 3:30pm.*

Hosted by South Sydney Uniting Church 56 Raglan St Waterloo.

- Rev Andrew Collis, Lyn and Geoff Turnbull.
- 10:00 worship followed by light refreshments and conversation at 11.30.

[www.southsydneyuniting.org.au](http://www.southsydneyuniting.org.au)

*We are an ecumenical (open to many Christian traditions) and affirming congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia. The Eucharist is at the heart of our life together. We seek peace with justice and the integrity of creation. We recognise the gifts of people of all ages, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations and identities.*



Redfern and Waterloo form one of Australia's well-known inner-city areas with a large percentage of residents living in high rise public housing. Once described as slums, the suburbs now have a multicultural character shaped by post-war immigration and gentrification. Redfern was known as the "Black Capital" and young First Nations leaders in the 1970s emerged and led a movement of

social change and self-determination. Waterloo continues to debate the benefits of high-rise and is again undergoing development and change. The walking tour will include Redfern Park (site of the famous 1992 speech, *We took the children away* by PM Paul Keating), St Vincent's, Aboriginal Legal and Medical Services and the Block. Diverse church traditions include Hillsong, Anglican church (Young St) and Catholic parish on several sites. The visit includes short stops at Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Centre (Cleveland St), St George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral (Walker St & Cooper St) and Maronite Cathedral (627 Elizabeth St).



## 4. Surry Hills

*Leaving Morling College at 12:00pm and arriving in Surry Hills at 1:00pm. Drop off and return departure point is The Carrington Pub (565 Bourke St, Surry Hills). Return by 4:00pm.*

Hosted by Rev. Dr Karina Kreminski and Armen Gakavian.

- [www.neighbourhoodmatters.com.au](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.com.au)
- *NB. This is a half day tour and Assembly members may wish to visit nearby churches in the morning and return to Morling for early lunch at 11:30am.*



Light refreshments and chat with hosts about their focus on being missional in the neighbourhood. Conversation will include the work of Neighbourhood Matters and local networking. 2:00pm walk around sites of Surry Hills and leaving at 3:00pm to return to Morling College by 4pm.

Surry Hills is an ever-changing inner-city suburb of Sydney. It used to be one of the most dangerous parts of the city with high crime, gang warfare, and sly-grog dealings. It was also known as a slum and an area rife with the plague, poverty, and uncontrolled urban growth. It is now a rapidly gentrifying neighbourhood with a strong LGBTQI+ community, some social housing, and is a tourist attraction for people wanting good coffee and the foodie scene. The challenge in doing mission here is connecting with a community that is secular and deeply suspicious of the church. On this tour you will see some of the local places which are important to the community and hear from Karina and Armen who have been practicing being missional in the neighborhood for over six years.



Check out their background in a recent ABC episode of Compass: [www.abc.net.au/religion/watch/compass/love-your-neighbour/11325744](http://www.abc.net.au/religion/watch/compass/love-your-neighbour/11325744)