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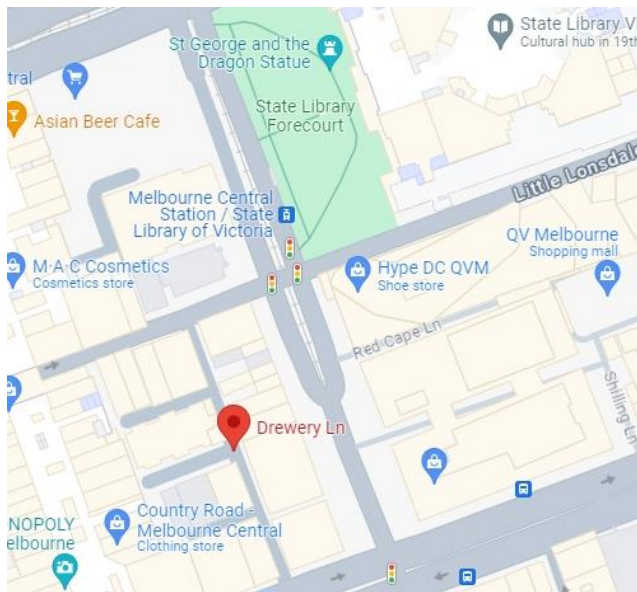
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A Short Guide to Some of Melbourne's Hidden Laneways (Essendon Camera Club 2024)

During the presentation last night, I was asked by several of the club members for a guide to some of the lanes mentioned. The list below is only a small part of Melbourne's network of hidden laneways, but they are favourites of mine and I have been running photographic walks through them for many years.

Melbourne is always changing and one of the lanes (Howey Place) is currently partly closed as the network rail loop is under construction-so visit quickly before it changes -or vanishes forever!

Lane 1 Drewery Lane

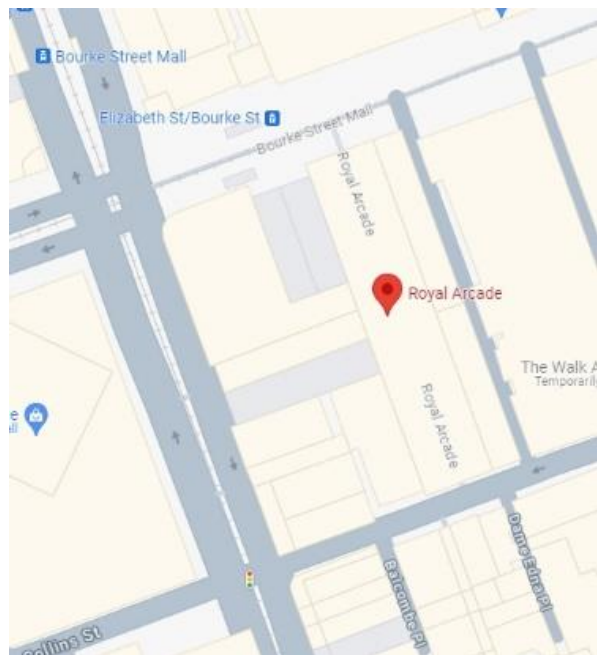


A narrow (and sometimes very smelly!) lane between the State Library and Lonsdale Street. The lane is full of Art on the walls and has some of Melbourne's untagged graffiti. Look out for the statue of two entwined lovers/trees on the front of the Dovers Building.

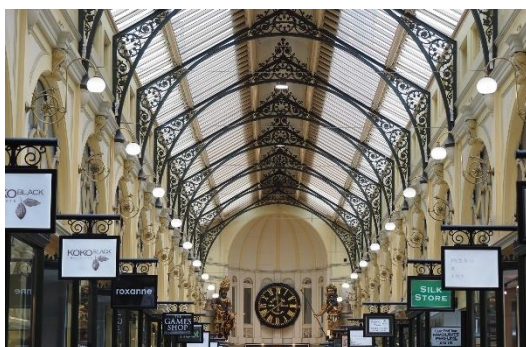




Lane 2 Royal Arcade



One of Melbourne's iconic lanes, full of small stores and some great statues and a beautiful roof. Visit in the morning as the skylights can be hard to expose in late afternoon. Besides the famous Gog and Magog statues, look out for the statue of Time opposite and a beautiful stained-glass window beside it.



Lane 3 Howey Place

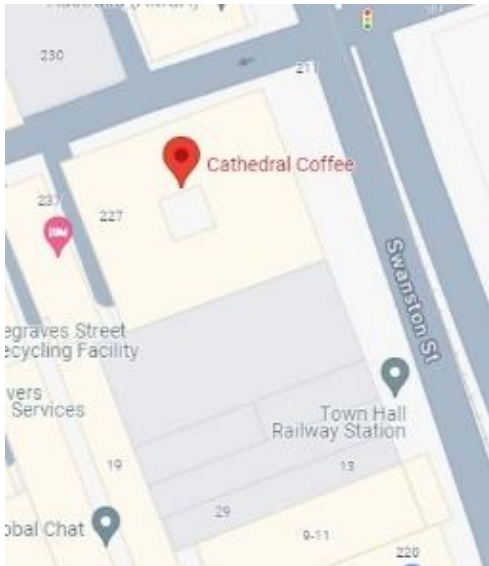


Hidden in Little Collins St this overlooked lane has a secret in that it is a Creative Precinct and an ever-changing Art Gallery. Every time I visit it has more additions from tiny sculptures to paintings and collages.

It also acts as a gateway to the beautiful Manchester Unity Building with its Art Deco walls and floors and an amazing vintage escalator.



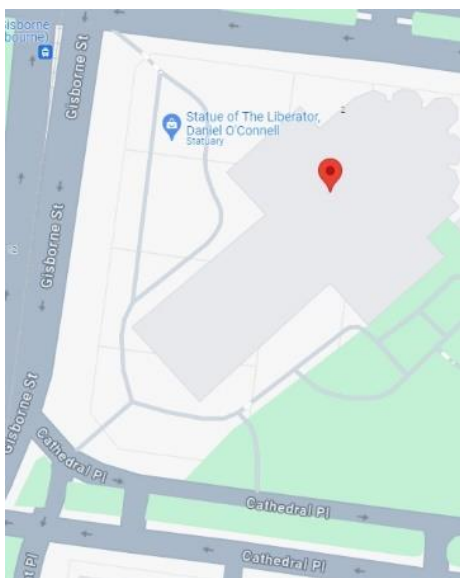
Lane 4 Cathedral Arcade



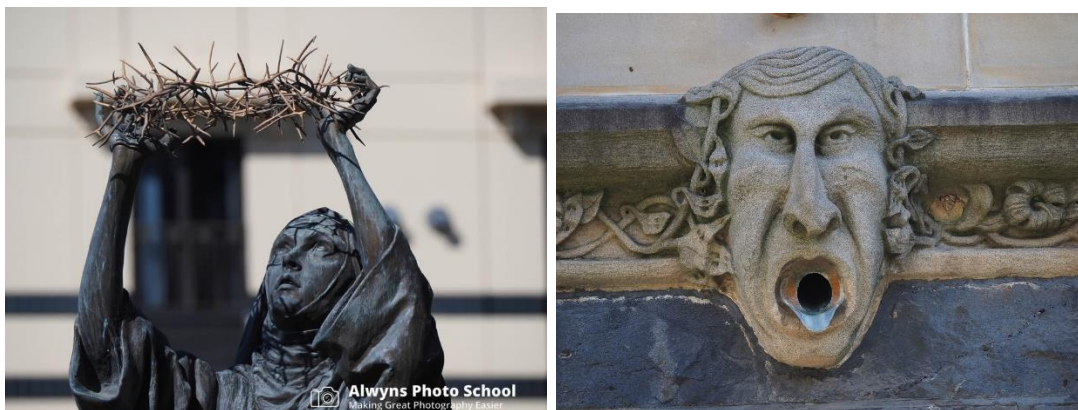
Lost between Swanson St and Flinders Lane is a beautiful Art Deco shopping arcade. The roof and floor are both stunning and there is a heritage Post Box on the side of the Subway worth photographing. If you have time take the stairway to the first floor as there is a picture window overlooking the Cathedral.



5 Cathedral Place



Not really a lane but worth a visit as some of the images I showed in the presentation are here, including the "Jeff Kennet Gargoyle" over the Cathedral side entrance archway. There are some great water features here as well. The area is not open all the time, so check before you go.



As you might realise, this is a fraction of the lanes in Melbourne and a tiny amount of the possible images you can take-but that's your job!!
Happy Shooting

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