

Listening to the Land

The Land is Sacred. The Land inspires us. The Land's beauty and majesty moves us in awe, wonder and reverence. Yet we often treat the Land as an object instead of an integral part of ourselves. The Aboriginal people have always known and treasured the wisdom of this Ancient Land and humanity's vital connection to it.

'Listening to the Land' is an initiative of the Mornington Peninsula Interfaith Network, seeking to bring people from all spiritual backgrounds together to connect or reconnect with the Land and to be moved to care for the Land.

Our first 'Listening to the Land' programme is at Arthur's Seat (known as **Wonga** by the Aboriginal people) on Saturday 10th April, 2010. Programme begins at 11:15am and includes an introductory talk, walking meditation, a ritual and a shared lunch (BYO Vegetarian food). Look forward to seeing you all there – sunshine or rain. The event is free.

Venue: Arthur's Seat (Wonga), Mornington Peninsula

Date: Saturday 10th April 2010

Time: 11:15pm–2pm
(Lunch @ 1pm BYO Vegetarian to share)

Cost: Free

Meeting Point: Seawinds Gardens Car Park (See attached map)

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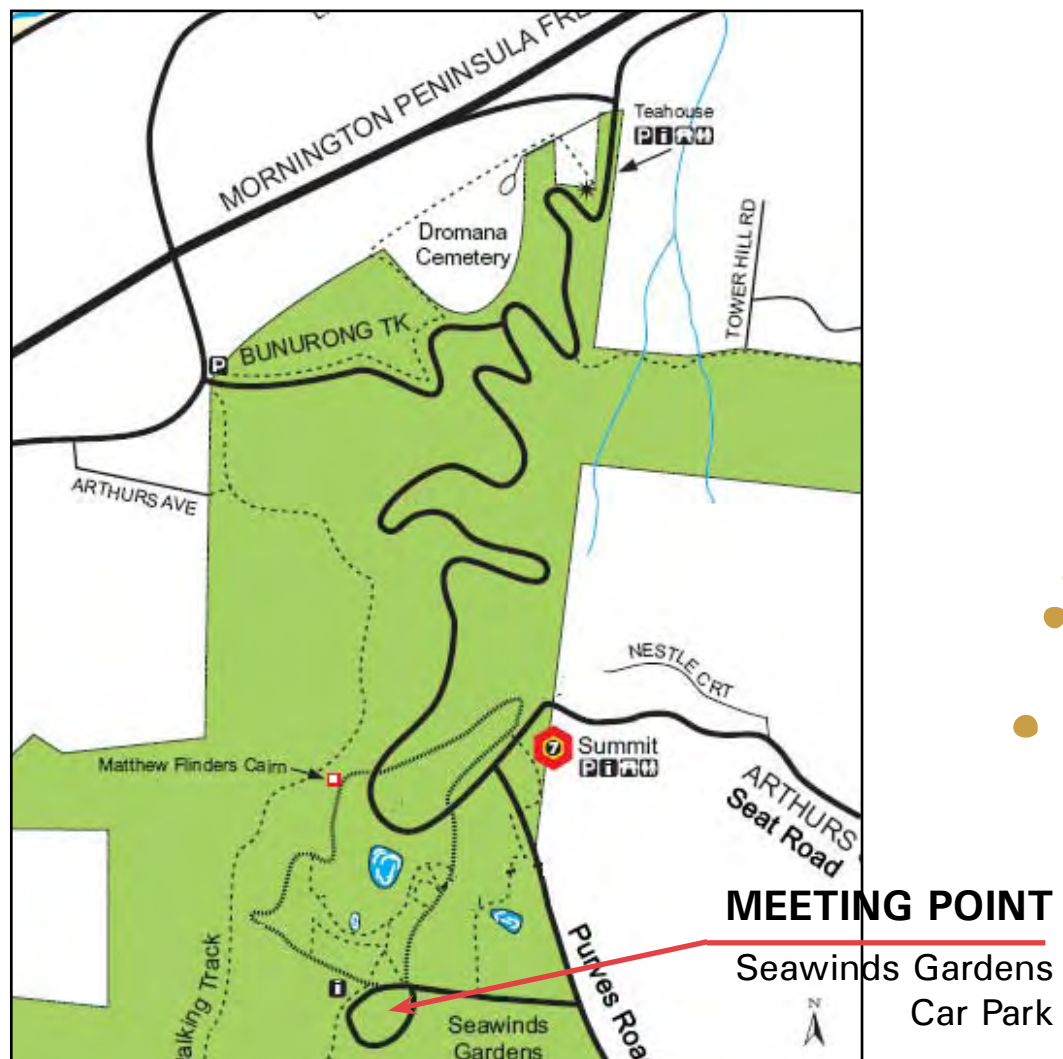
The Great Work of our times is moving the human community from its present situation as a destructive presence on the planet to a mutually enhancing presence. It's that simple.

– Thomas Berry



How To Get To Arthur's Seat: Access via Mornington Peninsula Freeway to Arthur's Seat Road. Seawinds Garden is off from Purves Road (Melway Ref: 171 D1)

Meeting Point: Seawinds Gardens Car Park



Information on ARTHUR'S SEAT (Wonga)

Arthur's Seat: Only 75kms south of Melbourne, Arthur's Seat is the most prominent landmark of the Mornington Peninsula. Rising to a height of 305 metres, the summit of Arthurs Seat provides magnificent views of Port Phillip Bay and the Mornington Peninsula.

Arthurs Seat was named after a mountain near Edinburgh in Scotland by Lt John Murray during the first exploration of Port Phillip Bay in 1802. Maritime explorer Captain Matthew Flinders climbed Arthur's Seat in 1803 and glowingly recorded the view from the summit in his journal.

Wonga: Arthur's Seat is called **Wonga** by the traditional land owners the Bunurong (Boonwurrung) people, members of the Kulin Nation, who have lived in the region thousands of years before European settlement and whose middens are reminders of their long occupation.

Seawinds Gardens: Seawinds was developed in the 1940s by ophthalmologist Sir Thomas Travers and Lady Travers. Clay sculptures by William Ricketts pay homage to the aboriginal presence.

The Mornington Peninsula Interfaith Network (MPIN) acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land, the Bunwurrung people, part of the Kulin Nation, and their elders past and present.