

# William Ricketts Sanctuary Dandenong Ranges



*"Each one of us is a transformer of Divine Power  
and when love finds form in sculpture and music  
we are richly blessed because through such we can reach God...  
Man is nature's masterpiece, therefore claim  
your inheritance by giving her the co-operation you owe."*

William Ricketts



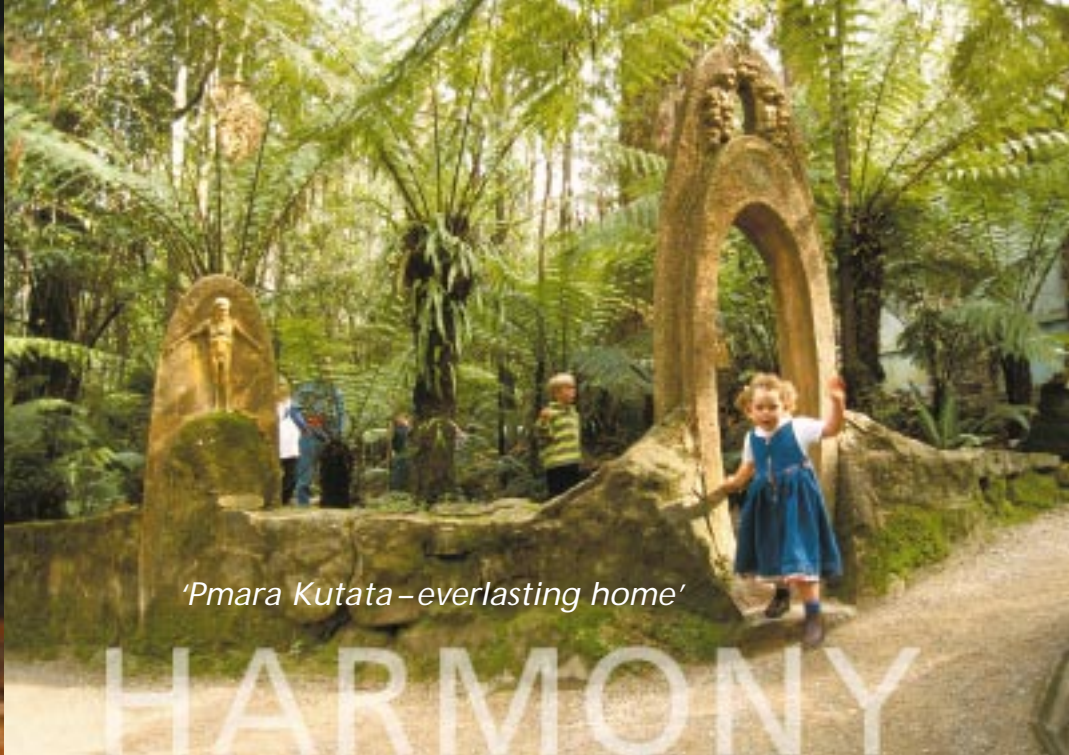
William Ricketts lived and worked at Mt Dandenong from 1934 until 1993. His life's artistic work was transformed by his years of contact with the desert people of the Pitjantjara and Arrernte whose indigenous culture inspired his major creative output. He lived at the Sanctuary until his peaceful death in 1993, aged ninety-four. His was a lifetime of concern and care for the environment, expressed in his energetic creation of this place.

## SPIRITUAL

Today, the William Ricketts Sanctuary is a unique place of spiritual renewal and quiet reflection where visitors can see for themselves the vision and passion that live in his art.

The sanctuary reflects a spirit of place expressed through one man's dream. Deeply felt connections to the earthly mother and the spirit of the land are explored in 92 ceramic sculptures of people and animals which merge with the natural surroundings: a wise elder is as one with an ancient tree, his beard flowing into its trunk and roots; young children play with native animals among ferns and flowing water; and the human and natural spirit become one.





# HARMONY

## William Ricketts Sanctuary

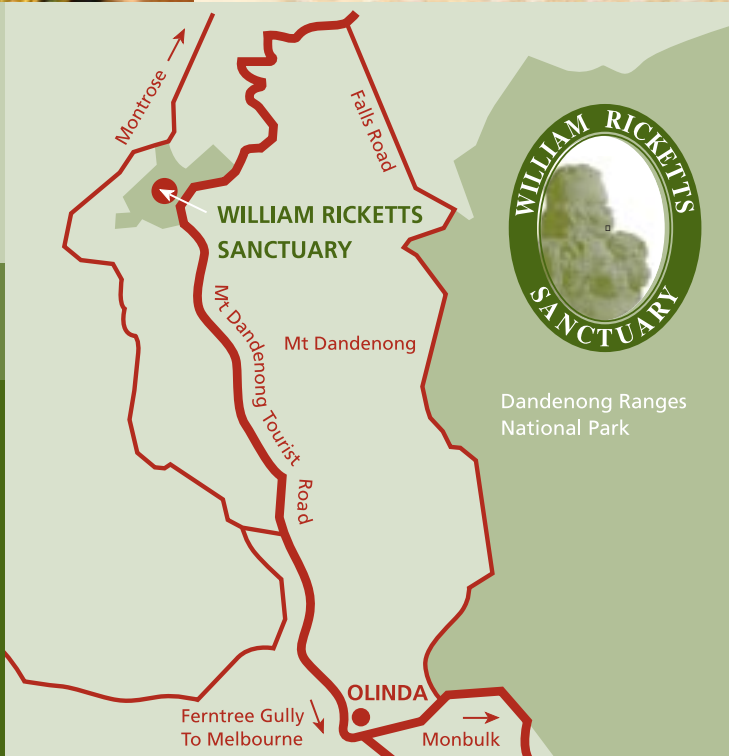
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### How to get there

William Ricketts Sanctuary is about 40 km east of Melbourne. Take Canterbury Road to Montrose, then follow the Mt Dandenong Tourist Road for 4 km, or take the Burwood Highway to Ferntree Gully, then follow the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road for about 12 km.

The Sanctuary is open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm every day (except Christmas Day).



## VISITOR SERVICES

- Audio-visual theatrette
- Gatehouse information centre/souvenir shop
- Gallery and original kiln on show
- Car and bus parking available
- Churinga Cafe (licensed) – adjacent to sanctuary

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Dandenong Ranges National Park (including Sherbrooke Falls)
- National Rhododendron Gardens
- George Tindale & Alfred Nicholas Gardens
- Pirianda Gardens
- Puffing Billy Tourist Railway (Belgrave)
- Healesville Sanctuary
- Antique shops and craft galleries
- Silvan Reservoir Park
- Devonshire teahouses and mountain top restaurants
- Yarra Valley wineries and restaurants
- Award winning B&B's and boutique hotels

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details (including group bookings) or information about Victoria's parks, contact the **Parks Victoria Information Centre** on 13 1963.

You can also visit our website at [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)

## OTHER PARKS AND PROPERTIES

If you've enjoyed William Ricketts Sanctuary, you may like to visit other cultural and heritage parks and properties. Parks Victoria has a series of brochures available, including the National Rhododendron Gardens, Wonthaggi State Coal Mine and The Mansion at Werribee Park.

## PARKS VICTORIA

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