the future

This is an on-going project. It is known that other artists have worked in this area and it is hoped to extend the trail in the future. To be considered, the work of the artist must be in a State or Regional gallery collection and/or the artist must be referred to in McCulloch's Encyclopedia of Australian Artists. Please contact Arts Nepean if you have any suggestions.
history

In 2004, the Mornington Peninsula Shire established Arts Nepean to encourage all forms of the arts in the southern end of the Mornington Peninsula. For many years the Peninsula has inspired the work of a number of famous artists, and one of the projects undertaken by Arts Nepean has been to establish the Sorrento - Portsea’s Artists’ Trail which aims to bring the artists work to life by positioning images of the paintings as close as possible to the scene viewed by the artist.

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artists’ works displayed

1. Albert Tucker 1914 -1999
   Sorrento. 1942
   Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Collection
   Proceed down ramp to beach at Websters Corner and walk westward about 100 metres

2. Roland Clark. Active in Australia 1890’s -1905
   Nepean Historical Society Collection
   Koonya, Continental and Sorrento Hotels 1904 - The stand is on Sorrento Jetty

3. Roland Clark. Active in Australia 1890’s -1905
   Sorrento Foreshore with Buildings. 1904
   Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Collection
   This is located near the entrance to the Sorrento Pier, beside the toilet block.

4. Ray Hodgkinson 1911 - 1993
   View from Munstead Wood. c 1947
   Private Collection
   Proceed to the beach end of Lentell Ave, Sorrento (parking is available part way down the avenue).

5. Sir Arthur Streeton 1867 -1943
   Point King. 1920
   Private Collection
   Proceed down Lentell Avenue, Sorrento (parking is available part way down the avenue). Enter the gate to your left and walk up the hill, about 300 metres, in front of the houses.

   Laycock's Jetty. 1957
   Private Collection
   Proceed to the end of Point King Road (limited parking is available), and walk right about 100 metres, along the path to the Point King monument.

7. Sir Arthur Streeton 1867 -1943
   Sorrento from Point King. 1921
   Private Collection
   This is at Point King, next to the Arthur Boyd painting, basically of the same view.

8. Sir Arthur Streeton 1867 -1943
   View from Barrett's Point, Portsea. 1921
   University of Adelaide Visual Arts Collection
   Go towards the bay beach to the bottom of Franklin Road, Portsea (parking is available). Walk up the path to the right for about 100 metres, then veer left on a track towards the water. There are 3 big steps down to the painting.

9. Penleigh Boyd 1890-1923
   Portsea. 1922
   Private Collection
   Walk along the Portsea Pier road and, before reaching the pier, turn left and walk about 150 metres across the sand, around the rocks and behind the retaining wall. Alternatively, walk down The Cutting (parking available) and then about 100 metres to the right, along the beach in front of the bathing boxes. Note: access is not possible at high tide.

10. Penleigh Boyd 1890-1923
    Portsea. 1921
    Private Collection
    This is at Police Point. Follow the entrance road around to the right. The stand is by the fence overlooking Portsea Front Beach.

    Quarantine Boundary, Portsea. 1957
    Australian National University Collection
    From the car park at the end of London Bridge Road, take the sealed walking track to its end, overlooking London Bridge.

12. Isaac Whitehead 1819-1883
    Ocean Beach Sorrento. 1871
    Private Collection
    This is located past the Parks Victoria kiosk entry to the Sorrento Back Beach, about 100 metres along the back beach (Coppins) walking track.

13. Emanuel Phillips Fox 1865 - 1915
    At Sorrento 1915
    Private Collection
    Proceed to the back beach at the top end of St Pauls Road. Walk towards Diamond Bay to side track on to Jubilee Point.

    Ocean Beach Sorrento. 1957
    National Gallery of Victoria Collection
    From the Diamond Bay car park, walk up the sealed path to the top of the steps leading down towards the beach. The painting is to the right.