

Accessibility

Our level roadways offer a comfortable walking route for people of all abilities.

Stroller and wheelchair friendly.

Dogs on leash permitted (please clean up after your pet).

Visit the Celeste Café for tea, coffee and refreshments.

Don't feel well? Stay home.

Additional points of interest

A Walter Ernest Brown VC

Walter Ernest Brown, VC, DCM, was memorialised by his wife on the grave of his only son. Walter was killed in WWII, having gained a Victoria Cross in WWI. More information is at the Military Memorial (b).

B Woronora Military Memorial

The Military Memorial was officially opened by His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of the NSW on the anniversary of the Battle of Lone Pine, 6th August 2015. The Woronora Military Memorial is a tribute to LEGACY which makes it unique in Australia.

C Chapels & Old Crematorium

The Crematorium and Chapels were officially opened on April 21, 1934 with the first cremation taking place four days later. Its striking Art Deco architecture must have appeared revolutionary almost 80 years ago.

D Centenary Court & Book of Remembrance

Centenary Court opened in 1995 as part of the Woronora Memorial Park centenary celebrations. Centenary Court provides ash interment space for 8,500.

E Celeste Cottage

The memorial park function centre and cafe was originally built as the manager's residence. It was then known as Forget Me Not Cottage, but today it is known as Celeste Cottage.

F Gardens of the Pieta

This world-class mausoleum is a masterpiece of grace and beauty. Officially unveiled by the Most Rev. Julian Porteous, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

G State of the Art Crematorium

Officially opened in 2018, the building is architecturally significant, yet sympathetic to its surrounds and is one of the largest working crematoriums in NSW. It includes a viewing room for friends and family to see their loved one off on their final journey.

H Doorway of Hope

Here, those with missing relatives or friends can place a plaque to remember the person and the time they knew them.

I Police Memorial

Dedicated to retired Chief Inspector H Brennan, officially opened 9th April, 2015 by the NSW police commissioner Andrew Scipione, APM. Honouring local police officers killed on duty.

J Garden of Angels

A special place of remembrance for a life tragically cut too short through miscarriage, still-birth or ectopic pregnancy.

K Rose Garden

Boasting over 10,500 roses in peak flowering season, our rose garden is one of the largest in the southern hemisphere.

L Wonderfully Made Memorial

Officially opened by the Hon Brad Hazard in 2017, this memorial is dedicated to those who have donated their bodies to science.

M Roy Swanton

Aged 18 years, on 23 Dec 1907, Swanton died by drowning at Cronulla beach. Swanton's death sparked the beginning of Surf Life Saving in the Shire, being the catalyst for the Cronulla Surf Club.



Want to hear more about the history of Woronora Memorial Park? Head over to our podcast.



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Have your say

So we can continue to deliver the best possible experiences for our communities, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about memorialisation and expectations regarding our cemetery.

Please scan the QR code to complete our survey.

Woronora Memorial Park

Take a fascinating stroll around 110 acres of Woronora Memorial Park.

Situated on the fringe of the Royal National Park you will find a unique collection of historical monuments, stonemasonry art and flowering gardens.

A true celebration of more than 270,000 lives remembered.



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History Walk

1 Administration Building/ Old Train Station

On 28th July 1900, a railway spur from Sutherland Railway Station to the cemetery was opened. The railway line lasted 47 years with the last train running in 1944 before it was closed in 1947. The current administration office stands on the site of the original platform.

2 Arthur Atkinson

Arthur Atkinson from Kogarah was killed by a lightning strike while training for war at the army's Tianjarra training area (inland from Jervis bay) for the annual camp.

3 John Hamilton

World War 1 Victoria Cross Recipient John Hamilton served as a Private in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, and 1st Division Gallipoli Peninsula. At the time John was the youngest soldier to be awarded a VC in the world.

4 Charles Fripp

Charles Fripp was appointed as the first superintendent of Woronora Cemetery from 1895 to 1907.

5 William Judd

William Judd was the first president of the Sutherland Shire in 1906. Judd was a successful businessman and member of state parliament. Judd died in 1929, aged 82.

6 The Holy Trinity

Also known as the Macedonian Chapel. Officially blessed by his Eminence Petar the Diocesan Bishop of the Macedonian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand. It is a replica of a 9th century Macedonian temple and is the first temple to be built within cemetery grounds outside of Macedonia.

7 Matthew Mayman

The Maymans were early farming settlers in the Sutherland Shire: here lies Elizabeth Mayman (died age 7) and her father Matthew, who died in 1909.

8 Helen Willow

Helen Willow was the first burial at Woronora Memorial Park. Helen Willow died 30/03/1895 aged 19, and buried a day before the official opening of the memorial park on 02/04/1895, due to her suspected tuberculosis.

9 Joseph Fretus

Joseph Fretus was one of the oldest, well-known and successful pioneers of Hurstville. Fretus was responsible for the construction of many roads in St. George.

10 Alice Cashin

A heroine of WWI, registered nurse Alice Cashin was the first Australian to be awarded a Royal Red Cross for her incredible bravery. Cashin was the first Australian to receive the bar to her Red Cross medal.

11 Catholic Priests

Flowers placed at these historical monuments are always a visible beauty and memory.

12 Stations of the Cross

Designed as a place of deep spiritual significance, the Stations of the Cross displays 14 beautifully crafted statues, each representing one of the traditional stations. The centrepiece is the largest solid statue of Jesus in the southern hemisphere.

P Parking

Toilets

