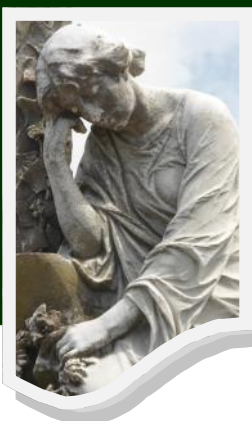




## Gwen Plumb (1912 - 2002)

May  
2018

- Cemetery searches detailing the location of a grave of those interred can be shown on iCemetery. Download the app now!
- The cemetery has a number of burial and cremation sites available for use—either pre-need or at-need. Enquiries can be made at the Cemetery office.
- While dogs are not permitted on the Cemetery grounds, with the closure of the coastal walk, dogs on the leash are permitted along the detour whilst repair work is underway.
- Waverley Cemetery  
St Thomas Street,  
BRONTE NSW 2024  
P: (02) 9083 8899  
F: (02) 9665 4785  
Email:  
cemetery@waverley.nsw.gov.au



**G**wendoline "Gwen" Jean Plumb AM BEM (2 August 1912 – 5 June 2002), was an Australian performer of international appeal, actress and comedian active in every form of the art genre, (except circus) including revue, pantomime, vaudeville, interviewing, stage, radio, game shows, live appearances, television soap opera and mini-series and film. She was considered the Grand Dame of Australian entertainment, best known to local and international audiences as "Ada Simmonds" in serial *The Young Doctors*. She was known for her outrageous, but hilarious "Chook Call".

Gwen started her career in 1931, with Gwen Meredith drama club, she had her first well-known role as Emmy in the longest-running Australian radio serial *Blue Hills*, and hosted a radio program on Australia's Macquarie Radio Network from 1945 to 1974. She also had a radio show in Sydney



opposite Gordon Chater. She was well known for her celebrity interviews, including travelling to Europe to conduct recordings.

Plumb had a long career in the theatre, was a cast member of the debut season of the Old Tote Theatre Company, travelled extensively overseas to interview celebrities for her own radio programme, and once quipped that she "played in just about every form of public entertainment *except the circus*".

She is probably best remembered for her portrayal of "gossip", Ada Simmonds in the Australian soap opera *The Young Doctors* for its

### Congratulations

The Friends of Waverley Cemetery are the joint 2018 winners of Waverley Council's Working Together category of the Council's Local Hero Award.

The panel in particular wanted to recognise the 20th anniversary and the Friends of Waverley Cemetery's continued dedication to preserving and celebrating the history of the cemetery and those interred there, and ongoing commitment to working with Council.

Congratulations to all members of the Friends of Waverley Cemetery, past and present.

Grave sites are available FOR SALE at both  
Waverley and South Head General Cemeteries

## Friends of Waverley Cemetery

entire November 1976 – March 1983 run. Other notable roles were in the mini-series *The Harp in the South* and *Poor Man's Orange* in the mid 1980s. She acted in *Neighbours* as Mrs. Forbes in 1985, where she appeared in scenes opposite Alan Dale, with whom she had starred in *The Young Doctors*.

She later played the key role of Mum Foote in the serial *Richmond Hill* in 1988. Having agreed to act in the planned new series, Plumb was offered, and played, the role of Doris Peters in the pilot of another proposed series *Home and Away*. When *Home and Away* also went into production, Plumb opted to honour her earlier agreement to do *Richmond Hill*. The role of Mum Foote had been specially written with her in mind by show creator, Reg Watson. *Richmond Hill* had a run of just 12 months, and Plumb stayed with the series for all of that time; *Home and Away* on the other hand is still running today. In 1995 Plumb returned to *Home and Away* for a number of episodes, playing a different character.

Plumb's lifelong partner was Australian actress Thelma Scott, best known for serial Number 96 as pompous socialite Clair Houghton.

Plumb was awarded a British Empire Medal in 1973, and was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1993. Both awards recognised her community and charity work.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwen\\_Plumb](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gwen_Plumb)

## Aims of the Friends

- To protect and conserve the integrity of Waverley Cemetery in the physical, philosophical and spiritual sense in close consultation with the cemetery management.
- To provide opportunities for all to have constructive involvement in the achievement of the above aim.
- To provide educational programmes concerning the occupants, needs and traditions of the cemetery and the nature of a fully operational cemetery.
- To enjoy the constructive fellowship of all persons with a concern for Waverley Cemetery.

**We're seeking new members to build on the work begun by the handful of committed volunteers who formed the Friends of Waverley Cemetery (FoWC) 20 years ago.**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The AGM of the Friends of Waverley Cemetery will be held on Saturday 11 August at 9.00am. It is currently proposed to have the meeting at the Cemetery. The associated papers will be distributed in due course.**

**[friendsofwaverleycemetery@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwaverleycemetery@gmail.com)**

### FRIENDS of WAVERLEY CEMETERY

The news of the Friends' joint award of the Local Hero Award is a recognition by council of the work and support contributed to the Friends by so many people over the last 20 years. We stand on the shoulders of those who have preceded us and is due course will have

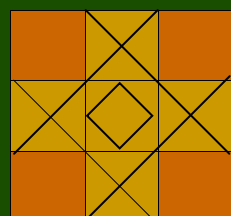
others stand on our shoulders. Well done to all!

### HAVE YOU MADE THE TIME TO TAKE A TOUR?

The Friends of Waverley Cemetery Tour Guides will lead you over one of four general history tours, each of which visits different sections of the cemetery. Bookings are through Eventbrite and information about the tours is also posted weekly on Nabo.

### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR fb PAGE?

<https://www.facebook.com/FoWCBronTENSW2024/>



**THE NEXT MEETING** of the FoWC is scheduled for Saturday 9 June at 9.00am at the cemetery.

Come along—you will be most welcome.

**Gregory Ross**  
President FoWC

