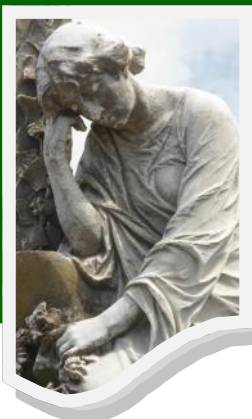




## Middle Head Memorial

October  
2017

- Cemetery searches detailing the location of a grave, of those interred and a map of the relevant section of the cemetery can be arranged through the Cemetery office.
- The cemetery always has a number of burial and cremation memorials 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



### *A* submarine explosion at Middle Head in April 1891 killed 4 men.

Several thousand had gathered at Georges Head to watch a demonstration of Sydney to defend itself when an accident occurred, killing four and injuring eight.

The work of a submarine miner was secretive, technical and dangerous. Underwater mines attached to a cable that ran up to a cliff firing post were the latest harbour defences.

A monument in Waverley Cemetery erected over the grave of

### LANDSLIP RESTORATION BEGINS

Works to restore Waverley Cemetery's landslip and coastal walk which were damaged in the June 2016 wild storm, commenced on 18 September and are scheduled to last for approximately 9-12 months. This work will address safety issues, reopen the coastal walk and secure the landslip from further slippage. While this work occurs, no vehicles can enter the cemetery. The cemetery can be accessed by foot only. The footprint of the site will continue to be fenced off and a number of traffic and safety measures will be in place. Help us keep you safe by keeping your eyes and ears open and following instructions.

If you would like more information on this project, please visit <http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/>

**CEMETERY OPEN DAY**  
**4 NOVEMBER**  
**9:00am—12:00noon**  
**Tours & Family History Searches**  
**FREE**

Burial plots and ash interment places are available. Come and discuss your requirements with the friendly team at the cemetery.

# Friends of Waverley Cemetery

Lt. Hammand, Lt. Bedford, Cpt. McKee and Bugler Bennett commemorates the tragedy.

Sapper Boland who was severely injured was awarded the Albert Medal for bravery when he rescued two other sappers who could not swim.

<http://monumentaaustralia.org.au/themes/disaster/maritime/display/93116-middle-heads-submarine-mine-explosion>

The tragedy caused alarm and distress with Sydneysiders contributing to the construction of the monument which was unveiled on 4 May 1894 by Major General Hutton, with full military honours. The monument was draped with the Royal Standard and Union Jack.

It consists of a blue stone base weighing 10 tons, topped with 11 tons of marble. The upper portion is enriched with laurel, and facing each point of the compass is a cherub's face.

The cherubs are symbolic of the flight of the soul after death, and the rope decorating the base of the marble monument symbolises the hope of eternity: a binding of the earthly to the heavenly.

The monument was designed by Lt McRae (the City Architect) of the Volunteer Artillery and was executed by Messrs. Ross and Bowman.

Read a contemporary account of the event at

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/13820213?searchTerm=torpedo%20explosion%20middle%20head%201891&searchLimits=1-title=35>

## Take a tour

21 October 9.00am

28 October 9.00am

**OPEN DAY 4 November**

11 November 9.00am

18 November 9.00am

25 November 9.00am

Bookings for tours are essential.

**Book through Eventbrite on Waverley Cemetery's website—About—Waverley cemetery tours—click on link**

**or Waverley Council's website—Recreation—Calendar of events—Waverley Cemetery Tour**  
[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waverley-cemetery-tours-tickets-35366777985?aff=es2](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waverley-cemetery-tours-tickets-35366777985?aff=es2)

## REMINDER to MEMBERS

Members dues of \$15 were due on 1 July.

If not yet paid, please remit asap to ensure continued receipt of monthly newsletter.



## FRIENDS of WAVERLEY CEMETERY

Virginia Milson, the convener of the Bronte Beach Precinct informs us that at the next meeting, at 7:30 pm on 25 October 2017 at Lugar Brae Uniting Church Hall, 2A Lugar Brae Avenue, Waverley, Chris Betteridge has been booked for a presentation on "*Waverley Cemetery*

*in particular and some of the other eastern suburbs cemeteries in general.*"

Chris is a heritage consultant and extremely knowledgeable with regard to cemeteries and heritage issues. He has completed many Conservation Management Plans for cemeteries including Mona Vale, Gladesville Hospital, Prince Henry at Little Bay and Kenmore at Goulburn and undertaken a Heritage Impact Statement for the Anglican section at Rookwood. Chris is a local from Randwick and is therefore familiar with Waverley Cemetery.

Great News that SOUTH HEAD CEMETERY has now been listed in the State Heritage Register. The first interment in the Cemetery on Old South Head Road at Vacluse was in 1869. In the early

1940s, management of the cemetery passed from private trust to Waverley Council. Today there are more than 6000 gravesites over its 1.6 hectares.

Australia's first Prime Minister Edmund Barton is among the notables laid to rest in the Cemetery.

Gregory Ross President FoWC

