

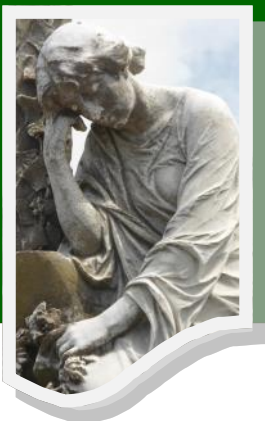


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## 140th Anniversary

August  
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  
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**T**HE following article appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1877

### *THE WAVERLEY CEMETERY.*

A little more than a week ago a new cemetery specially provided for the interment of persons dying in the eastern portion of the city of Sydney, and in the eastern suburbs, was opened at Waverley. Its situation is east of Trafalgar Road, leading down to Coogee Bay, the ground sloping gently towards the sea, and in area it is believed to be the largest cemetery in the colony with the exception of Rookwood or Haslem's Creek, as it covers a space of over twenty-two acres. A secure fence has been placed around it, and a border of ornamental trees has been planted. The duties of surveying the ground, planning and laying it out, or dividing it,

are being performed by Mr. Surveyor Parrot of the Surveyor-General's Department. Among the advantages which will be found in connection with this new place for the burial of the dead, is that of easy communication by which the surviving relatives of the dead interred there will be able to visit the graves much more frequently than is possible in connection with the necropolis at Rookwood. Applications for interments in the new cemetery must be made to the Secretary at the Council-chambers, Waverley.

1877 'The Sydney Morning Herald.', *The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954)*, 30 August, p. 4. , viewed 01 Jul 2017, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13399191>

### *140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY*

The first part of the Waverley Cemetery was officially finished and opened on the 1 August 1877. Three days later in

the afternoon of 4 August the first interment took place. Since that time more than 83,000 interments have been conducted in 50,000 gravesites and memorials over 16 hectares.

Mrs Ruth Allen (1792-1877) was the first person to be buried in the cemetery. She was Irish born, a Quaker, and died at the age of 85. Her grave is unmarked in the tradition of the Quaker church.

She married William Bell Allen in Ireland in 1835. Ruth and her three sons and one daughter arrived in Sydney on the 'Brothers' as assisted immigrants on 11 March 1844. Her husband had arrived in 1841.

William Allen, a politician, was the first avowed protectionist in the NSW Legislative Assembly. He urged the adoption of protective tariffs for local manufacturers.

The Cemetery offers a service of grave plantings sites with Gazania (prostrate ground cover with silver foliage and yellow flowers, as can be seen in banner). The cost of this service for a standard 3' x 8' allotment is \$215.25. Contact the cemetery office.

# Friends of Waverley Cemetery

The family lived in Bondi Junction and operated a soap and candle manufacturing business, which was eventually closed down, due to complaints about obnoxious smells. Allens Parade, Bondi Junction, is named after them, and Hollywood Avenue is named after their house, which was called *Hollywood*.

The site of Mrs Allen's grave is included on the weekly Walking History tours conducted by the Friends of Waverley Cemetery.

## Take a tour

19 August 9.00am  
26 August 10.00am

02 September 9.00am  
09 September 9.00am  
16 September 9.00am  
23 September 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)

On the Waverley Cemetery site  
you will find a link to Friends of  
Waverley Cemetery newsletter;  
[www.waverleycemetery.com/about](http://www.waverleycemetery.com/about)

### Cemetery facts and figures

- First Cemetery Manager was William Thomas who is interred in the Cemetery.
- Size of Cemetery 40 acres (or around 16.5 hectares).
- Over 80,000 interments in 50,000 grave sites.
- Graves and memorials of international significance including the Irish Martyrs memorial, the final resting place of Michael Dwyer (1798 Rebellion).
- 11 USA Civil War veterans are interred in Waverley cemetery.
- Amongst those interred in the cemetery are Dorothea Mackellar, Henry Lawson, Victor Trumper, Fanny Durack, Henry Kendall.
- Over 300 official war graves
- 500 WW1 soldiers are memorialised on family headstones
- 55 reference Gallipoli, Lone Pine or the Dardanelles.

## CEMETERY NOTES

Do you have relatives buried in Waverley Cemetery? Who are they? Where did they live and work? What contribution did they make to their local community? Often the deeds of ordinary Australians are lost over time. The Friends of Waverley Cemetery are interested in obtaining information for possible inclusion in the tours we conduct. Why not tell us your relative's story?

## WEEK DAY TOURS

If you are interested in enjoying a tour on a weekday, contact the Cemetery Office to discuss the available options. Bookings must be made through the office.

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Looking for an unusual gift idea — gift vouchers for tours can be arranged through the Cemetery office.

**Join the volunteers; the Friends of Waverley Cemetery (FoWC). New members are welcome.**

Gregory Ross  
President FoWC

