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CEMETERIES



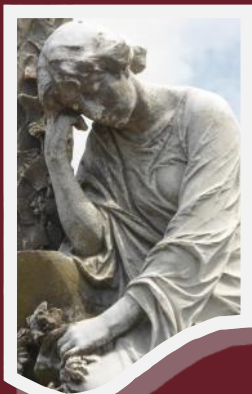
Friends of Waverley Cemeteries (Volunteers)



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Judge James Sheen Dowling

- Cemetery searches detailing the location of a grave of those interred in Waverley Cemetery and South Head General Cemetery can be found on the website.
- Waverley Cemeteries offers a service of grave planting sites with Gazania (prostrate ground cover with silver foliage and yellow flowers, as can be seen in banner). Contact Waverley Cemeteries office if you are interested in this and other services, such as annual maintenance of allotments.
- Waverley Cemeteries office is at the corner of Trafalgar Street and St Thomas Street, BRONTE NSW 2024
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We regret to announce the death of Mr James Sheen Dowling a retired Judge of the District Court Sydney. The deceased gentleman had been confined to his room for three weeks past suffering from a general break-up of the system. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning he passed away peacefully at his residence, Brougham, Woollahra, at the age of 83. The late Judge Dowling was born in England on December 2, 1819. He arrived in the colony by the barque Hooghley on February 21, 1828, with his father, the late James Dowling, (afterwards Sir James Dowling, the second Chief Justice of New South Wales), who was advised by the late Lord Brougham to try his fortune in Australia. Mr. Dowling was accompanied by his family. Young Dowling left for England on April 20, 1836, to receive his education, travelling in charge of the late Mr Justice Francis Forbes afterwards Sir Francis Forbes, Kt (the first Chief Justice of the colony), and Mrs Forbes. The vessel reached her destination on

August 28, of the same year, and shortly Dowling went to the King's College, London, where he took his degree. In 1840 he read law in the office of Messrs Jones and Blaxland, well-known solicitors in London, and the same year he commenced reading law in the Middle Temple. About three years later, on November 21, 1843, Mr Dowling was called to the Bar, and commencing practice. By studying in the chambers of a well-known conveyancing counsel, and afterwards under the late a leading conveyancing and equity draftsman, he improved his legal knowledge. Not finding the practice of his profession in England so lucrative as he had anticipated he decided to return to Australia. Before leaving however, he received the news of his father's death, which occurred on September 27, 1844. Mr Dowling left England on May 19, 1845, by the Hooghley (the same vessel as he is he originally came to the colony), landing in Australia after a passage of 109 days. On the 20th of



the following August, he was admitted to the Bar of New South Wales. In 1847 Mr Dowling was appointed Attorney General for a new settlement to be found in what is now Central Queensland, and to be known as Port Curtis. The proposal to form the new colony was abandoned when the vessel in which they were sailing was run ashore by accident at Port Curtis. On his return to Sydney Mr Dowling continued his practice at the Bar. In 1857 he was appointed police magistrate of the city of Sydney, and after a five years' occupancy of that position he was appointed Crown Prosecutor for the whole of the colony. In 1868 Mr

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Dowling, was appointed one of the first three District Court Judges under the District Court Act, then just passed, Judge Dowling's appointment being to the western district, with Bathurst as his headquarters. Some years later, as the scope of the Act was enlarged, he became in 1861 the senior Metropolitan and Coast District Court Judge, residing in Sydney, and held this position for 27 years, failing health compelling his retirement in February 1889.

On March 1 of that year Judge Dowling took an impressive farewell of both branches of the legal profession at the District Court. Some 25 years ago when doing circuit work for another Judge he was in a serious coaching accident, when the neck of one of his thigh bones was broken, and he also sustained the fracture of one arm. For several years post he had been in failing health, and had seldom left his home Brougham, Wallis-street, Woollahra, where he had resided for about 40 years. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Deputy Commissary General Laidley, died in February of last year. Judge Dowling has left six children, all of whom survive him.

The funeral will leave All Saints' Church, Woollahra, for Waverley Cemetery at 2.30 this afternoon.

1902 'DEATH OF JUDGE DOWLING.', *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW: 1842 - 1954), 5 May, p. 7.
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article14446452>

Take a tour

General History Tours
 A, B, C & D are held
 on Saturdays

04 Dec 09.00am D

11 Dec 10.00am A

18 Dec 09.00am B

NO Tour on Christmas Day

NO Tour on New Year's Day

08 Jan 09.00am A

15 Jan 09.00am B

22 Jan 09.00am C

29 Jan 09.00am D

Bookings for tours are
 essential.

Book through Eventbrite for
 Waverley Cemetery's Saturday
 Tours

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waverley-cemetery-tours-tickets-35366776982>



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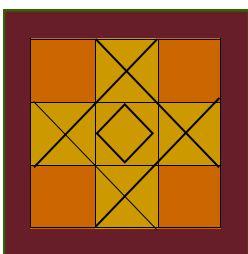
The A.G.M. was held on Saturday 6th November from 9.00am– 10.30am. Elected to the Executive Committee were the following members: Gregory Ross: President; Maggie Lo: Vice President; David Siely: Treasurer; Gregory Ross: Secretary; and Lyn Cameron, Lynn Smith O.A.M. and Michelle Vecellio: Committee Members.

Members of the various standing Sub-Committees viz Tours, Media, Cemetery Events, Photography, South Head Cemetery, Fundraising & Grants, Research, and Weeding (including "Adopt a Grave") were reminded that their attendance at the Committee meetings was not only welcome but vital.

As indicated by the number of various standing Sub-Committees, **The Friends of Waverley Cemeteries** group has several projects currently underway and is in need of additional volunteers.

Volunteers with a specific skill set which they feel would be of assistance are encouraged to contact the group through its email which is friendsofwaverleycemetery@gmail.com. The FoWC is looking to expand its range of tours and so tour leaders will be required.

To visit the FoWC Face Book Page which is updated every few days, go to <https://www.facebook.com/FoWCBronteNSW2024/>



Gregory Ross
 President/Secretary

