

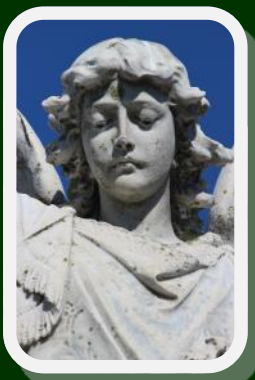


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March
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William Bede Dalley (1831-1888)

- Cemetery searches detailing the location of a grave of those interred can be shown on iCemetery. Download the FREE app now!
- Size of Cemetery 40 acres (or around 16.5 hectares).
- Over 90,000 interments in 50,000 grave sites.
- The Cemetery 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 the cemetery office if you are interested in this and other services, such as annual maintenance of allotments.
- Waverley Cemetery St Thomas Street, BRONTE NSW 2024 P: (02) 9083 8899 F: (02) 9665 4785 Email: cemetery@waverley.nsw.gov.au



William Bede Dalley was born on 5 July 1831 in Sydney, to convict parents. He was a remarkably astute individual who became a leading barrister, a Queen's Counsel, Attorney General, member of the Legislative Assembly and Acting Premier of NSW. While he rejected a knighthood, he did accept an appointment to the Privy Council, becoming the first Australian to be so recognised. Among his notable court cases were the defence of bushranger Frank Gardiner; Henry O'Farrell for the 1868 shooting of Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh; and William Scott, aka "The Grim Butcher of Sussex Street." A larger than life statue of William Bede Dalley can be seen in The Domain towards Art Gallery Road. His monument in Waverley Cemetery is currently undergoing restoration, an initiative of the Friends of Waverley

Cemetery and funded by tour fees.

The work, with some volunteer labour from a number of FoWC members, is being undertaken by a stone mason.

The object is not to make the monument 'new' but to extend its life.

It is interesting to note that Dalley wasn't buried where he currently rests but he was initially

interred in another section of Waverley Cemetery and he was relocated to his current resting place as friends held him in such esteem that they felt Dalley needed a grander monument in a more prominent location. It is also interesting to note that Dalley's date of birth is inscribed on his monument as 5th August 1832.



Why not join the Friends of Waverley Cemetery?



There is still more work to be done before the restoration is complete.

EASTER SUNDAY NOTICE

Each Easter Sunday there is usually a commemoration held at the Irish Memorial (Sydney 1798 Memorial). This year Easter Sunday falls on 4th April but as this newsletter goes to print I am yet to hear of what is planned. When information comes to hand it will appear on the FoWC's facebook page.

Take a tour

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

06 Mar 09.00am Special Tour:
International Women's Day
13 Mar 09.00am Tour B
20 Mar 09.00am Tour C
27 Mar 09.00am Tour D

03 April 09.00am Tour A
10 April 10.00am Tour B
17 April 09.00am Tour C
24 April 09.00am Tour D

Bookings for tours are essential.
Book through Eventbrite
Waverley Cemetery Tours

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



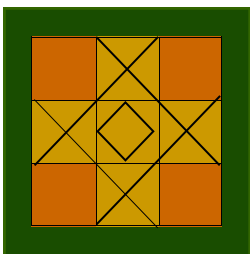
Friends of Waverley Cemetery

The next general meeting of the Executive and Standing Committees of the Friends group will be held on Saturday 10 April at 9.00am at the Cemetery.

The Friends of Waverley Cemetery group has several projects currently underway and is looking for interested volunteers to assist with photography of monuments, and research of individuals interred in the cemetery. If you have an interest in gardening then you might be just the person to join the Friends of Waverley "Adopt a Grave" initiative.

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 with the view to becoming members and assisting FoWC group in its work.

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



Gregory Ross
President/Secretary

