

## What's In A Name

OLD SOUTH HEAD ROAD which divides the Waverley and Woollahra Municipalities, "is nearly as old as the Colony itself, a trafficable track being cut from Farm Cove to South Head in 1803".



*Old South Head Rd - c. 1884*

Early Mayors of Waverley have their legacy in streets named after them: John BIRRELL, Joseph DICKSON, David FLETCHER, John MACPHERSON, William SIMPSON, Alfred HEWLETT, R.G. WATKINS, John CAMPBELL, Dr Leslie LAMROCK and Joseph BARRACLUFF. to name a few.

Colonial Governors are also well remembered: CARRINGTON ROAD (Baron Charles Wynn-Carrington 1885-1890), BRISBANE STREET (Major-General Sir Thomas Brisbane 1821-1825), YOUNG STREET (Lord Lisgar, Sir John Young 1861-1867), BOURKE STREET (Major-General Sir Richard Bourke 1831-1837), DARLING STREET (Lieut-General Ralph Darling 1825-1831), DENISON STREET (Sir William Denison 1847-1861), and GIPPS STREET (Sir George Gipps 1838-1846).

Barnett Levey is remembered, but not with a street named after him. Rather, his home, WAVERLEY HOUSE, gave its name not only to the Municipality but also to the Suburb, Street, Crescent and Lane.

Early owners of the Bondi Estate are recalled: Francis O'Brien in both FRANCIS and O'BRIEN STREETS, and his father-in-law, "Monitor" Hall, in EDWARD and HALL STREETS. CURLEWIS STREET commemorates yet another owner of the Bondi Estate: Judge Frederick Charles Curlewis, grandfather of another well-known Bondi resident, Judge Adrian Curlewis.

NEWLAND STREET is named for the licensee of the Charing Cross Hotel, William Newland. The first Waverley Council meetings were held in his hotel, from 1859, until the first Council Chambers were built.

Henry Hough's windmill, erected in the early 1840's for grinding corn and other cereals, was a well-known landmark, hence, MILL HILL ROAD and HOUGH STREET.

Many early residential homes, some now gone, can be recalled: CHESTERFIELD PARADE named after Robert C. Massie's home "Chesterfield", now the site of Clovelly Public School. PALMERSTON AVENUE William Spain's house fronted Dickson Street opposite Belgrave Street. He was one-time Private Secretary to Lord Palmerston. YANKO AVENUE takes its name from "Yanko House", where once an open-air cafe operated as 'Tivoli Gardens'. LLANDAFF STREET "Llandaff House" in Botany Street later changed its name to "Kioto" and became a private hospital about 1927. FOREST KNOLL AVENUE Francis O'Brien built "Forest Knoll" in 1888 at the corner of Edward and Denham Streets, Bondi. It became residential flats before being demolished. CASTLEFIELD STREET is named for Edward Merewether's "Castlefield Mansion". He was A.D.C. to Governor Sir George Gipps and later Private Secretary to both Governor Sir Charles Fitzroy and Governor Sir William Denison.

Simeon Henry Pearce, first Chairman of Randwick Council, is remembered by Waverley, too. His Randwick home, "Blenheim House", gave its name to BLENHEIM STREET, and ISABELLA STREET is named for his wife, Alice Isabella Thompson.

From Wonderland City, the amusement park which occupied Tamarama Beach from 1906, comes WONDERLAND AVENUE, and ST. JAMES ROAD from the St. James Glebe Lands beside Waverley Bus Depot.

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