



WAVERLEY
CEMETERIES



Friends of Waverley Cemeteries (Volunteers)



R.I.P.orter

Leslie Clyde Cubitt

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- 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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Brilliant centre/five-eighth, a Kangaroo Tour captain in 1921-22, commenced his grade career with Glebe. An agile speedster with great footwork, Cubitt played in the club's loss to Easts in the 1911 final but had to wait until the end of World War One to make his Test debut – ironically - after shifting to Easts. Cubitt played in the centres in all four Tests on the Australia's initial tour of NZ in 1919, scoring 4 tries in Tests and 17 tries in the last three tour matches (two sixes and a five!) Selected as captain of the 1921-22 'Australasian' Kangaroos (the squad contained two NZers) Cubitt concealed a serious knee injury which he aggravated in England. Not only did this injury restrict him to just four minor games on tour it also led to his eventual retirement. died in 1968, aged 75.—Alan

[Les 'Boxhead' Cubitt - Playing Career - RLP](#)

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Les Cubitt (31 October 1892 – 10 November 1968) was an Australian representative rugby league player, a centre, or five-eighth whose club



[Leslie Clyde Cubitt \(unknown-1968\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

career was with Eastern Suburbs and the Glebe club. He is considered one of the nation's finest footballers of the 20th century.

Club career

Cubitt commenced his club career at just eighteen years of age with Glebe playing alongside his older brother Charlie Cubitt in the 1911 Grand Final loss to Eastern Suburbs. In 1913, Cubitt joined Eastern Suburbs where he played for the next nine seasons winning a premiership in 1913.

During the beginning of his career, Cubitt was better known for his goal-kicking skills, however, he transitioned into more of a try-scorer later in his career. He was an adept side-stepper and

was also very proficient at selling fake passes to opposing defenders.

Representative career

He was first selected for New South Wales in 1911 but had to wait until the end of the First World War to make his national representative debut. He played in the centres in all four Tests of Australia's first tour of New Zealand in 1919 scoring four tries in the tests and 17 tries in the last three tour matches. He is listed on the *Australian Players Register* as Kangaroo No. 95.

He was selected as captain of the 1921-22 "Australasian" Kangaroos which had two New Zealanders in the squad. He concealed a serious knee injury which he aggravated on the tour in England and which led to his eventual retirement in 1922.

Accolades

In February 2008, Cubitt was named in the list of Australia's *100 Greatest Players* (1908–2007) which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.

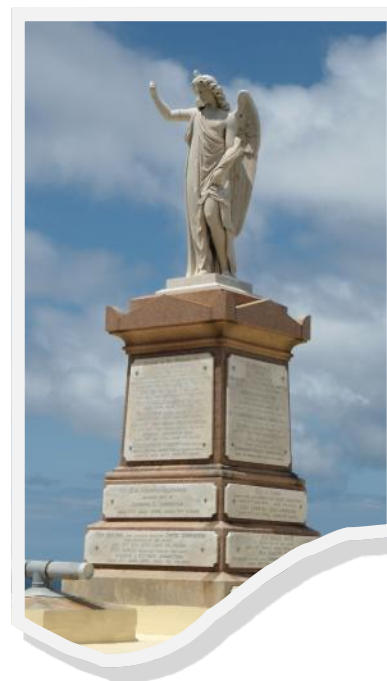
[Les Cubitt - Wikipedia](#)

Les Cubitt's ashes are interred in the central roundabout in the Cemetery.

Why not join the Friends of **Waverley** Cemeteries?

GEORGE JOHNSTON arrived in Sydney on board *Lady Penrhyn* as part of the First Fleet. Travelling on the same ship amongst the convicts was Esther ABRAHAMS, convicted of stealing lace to the value of 50 shillings and later transported.

On 26 January 1808 Johnston played a key role in the only successful armed takeover of government in Australia's recorded history, the Rum Rebellion. Johnston led the troops that deposed Governor Bligh, assumed the title of



lieutenant-governor, and suspended the judge-advocate and other officials.

He died on 5 January 1823, leaving a large family. He was first interred in a private mausoleum on his Annandale property. On the subdivision of the property to become the inner city suburb his remains (and those of his wife Esther) were moved to a new mausoleum at Waverley Cemetery in 1904.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/>

Take a tour

General History Tours A, B, C & D are held on 2nd, 3rd and 5th Saturdays and will recommence in February. Contact FoWC for details and times.

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Aims of the Friends

To protect and conserve the integrity of Waverley Cemetery in the physical, philosophical and spiritual sense in close consultation with the cemetery management.

To provide opportunities for all to have constructive involvement in the achievement of the above aim.

To provide educational programmes concerning the occupants, needs and traditions of the cemetery and the nature of a fully operational cemetery.

To enjoy the constructive fellowship of all persons with a concern for Waverley and South Head Cemeteries.



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Friends of Waverley Cemeteries

The first General Meeting for the year will be held on February 14 @ 9.00am at Waverley Cemetery.

Currently the Friends of Waverley Cemeteries require two or three people who are interested in leading tours on the 1st and 4th Saturdays of the month and the occasional weekday.

If you would like to become a Friend you are encouraged to contact the group through its email: friendsofwaverleycemetery@gmail.com

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



Tony Billingsley President/Secretary

