



WAVERLEY
CEMETERIES



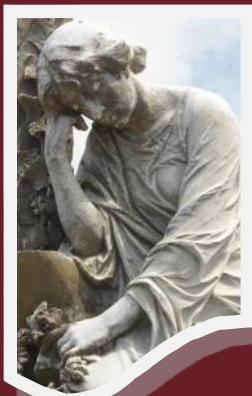
Friends of Waverley Cemeteries (Volunteers)



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Mooney Allotment Sec 14

- 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
- P: (02) 9083 8899
F: (02) 9665 4785
Email: cemetery@waverley.nsw.gov.au



In mid May, I received an email from an historian with two images attached (as shown on the right) with a request that the burial site be identified, if possible.

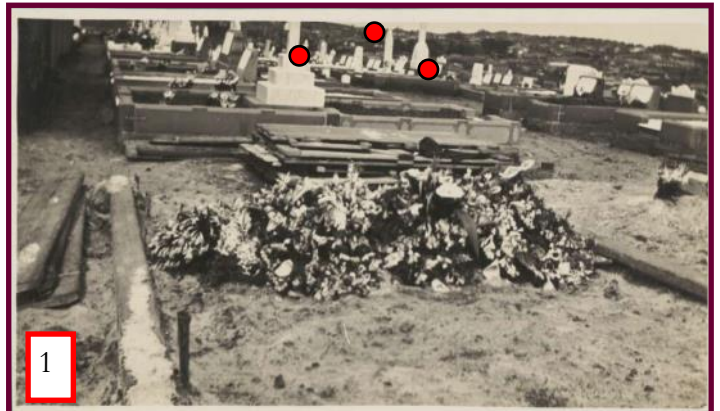
The writer asked, 'I know this is a tall order but I wonder if you could comment on the location/ identity of this grave? No real clues except it is probably an Irish person and supposedly c1940. The pics are from Albert Dryer's papers in the National Library.'

And so the detective work began with consideration of the topography.

Image #1 suggests a ridge line in the background but doesn't give any indication how far along the row that the grave was dug for the coffin burial.

Image #2 shows the magnificent floral tributes place on the allotment are relatively close to a sloping roadway.

So it was now a matter of placing the ridge line and the sloping road



together, albeit image #1 was south facing and image #2 was north facing.

Discussions took place between Waverley Cemetery's Operations Supervisor, the Cemetery Manager, and myself with several site visits.

Although considerably overgrown we were able to identify 5 of the monuments image #2.

We believe that the

allotments shown in image (#1) are W-14-RC-SP-1488 & 1489).

There have been a further three coffin burials since the first in 1921 for Katherine Mooney. The allotments were acquired in 1921 by James Mooney. The second burial was for Mary Anne in 1932; then Mary Eleanor Mooney on 15 March 1938 aged 54 and the final burial which took place on 10 March 1949 was for James

Why not join the Friends of Waverley Cemeteries?

Mooney (Alderman of Enfield).

Reporting our findings to the historian who posed the initial question elicited the following response; ‘That makes sense because Mary Eleanor Mooney was the sister of Elizabeth Dryer. As I mentioned, the pictures are in the collection of Elizabeth’s husband, Albert Dryer, in the National Library. What a great bit of detective work!’

● The common points of interest in the new images with the old.



Take a tour

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

02 July 09.00am A (Doug)
 09 July 09.00am B (Greg)
 16 July 09.00am C (David)
 23 July 09.00am D (Greg)
 30 July 09.00am A (Maggie)

06 Aug 09.00am B (Doug)
 13 Aug 10.00am C (Greg)
 18 Aug 09.00am D (David)
 25 Aug 09.00am A (Greg)

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>

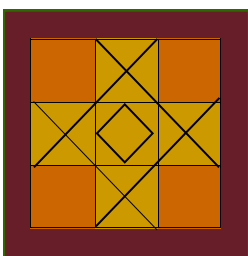


Friends of Waverley Cemeteries

The next meeting of the Friends of Waverley Cemeteries (FoWC) is the AGM which will be held on Saturday 13 August 2022 at 9.00am.

All members of the Friends of Waverley Cemetery are invited to attend. You are required to be financial members in order to stand for office or vote at the AGM. Your membership dues are required as of 1 July. Fees are \$15 per annum and we encourage members to add a \$5.00 donation to their fee if they feel that they can so do.

If you would like to be of assistance you are encouraged to contact the group through its email which is friendsofwaverleycemetery@gmail.com



To visit the FoWC Face Book Page which is updated every few days, go to <https://www.facebook.com/FoWCBronTENSW2024>

If you are interested in taking a midweek tour please email and we will attempt to accommodate your request.

Gregory Ross President/Secretary

