

KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway links Concord Repatriation General Hospital with Rhodes railway station.

It is an 800 metre walk.

What and where is it?

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway is a community project involving the City of Canada Bay, Concord Rotary, the Returned and Services League of Australia, the then NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning and Concord Repatriation General Hospital. The plans, launched in 1994 under the 'Australia Remembers 1945-1995' Program, envisaged an 800m long memorial walkway to be constructed along Brays Bay, which runs alongside Concord Road from Brays Bay Reserve towards Hospital Road, and linking Rhodes railway station to the Hospital.

Access to the walkway is via Hospital Road, Concord or Brays Bay Reserve, Rhodes.

The objectives of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway

- to provide a lasting memorial to all veterans who served in World War Two with a particular focus on the Southwest Pacific area
- to provide an educational experience on this magnificent and significant part of our Australian military heritage for current and future generations through a school's visitation and education program
- to improve access to the Hospital for patients, visitors and staff who travel by rail to Rhodes railway station
- to provide facilities for healthy lifestyle programs
- to act as a tourist attraction for visitors to the region

Features of the Walkway

Designed by DM Taylor Landscape Architect Pty Ltd, the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway has the following spectacular features:

Memorial Centrepiece

A striking series of granite walls on which images from the Papua New Guinea Campaign have been sandblasted. Water also forms an integral part of the centrepiece, cascading alongside the granite walls.

Rainforest area

Includes a watercourse leading into a pond overlooking the Parramatta River.



Memorial Rose Garden

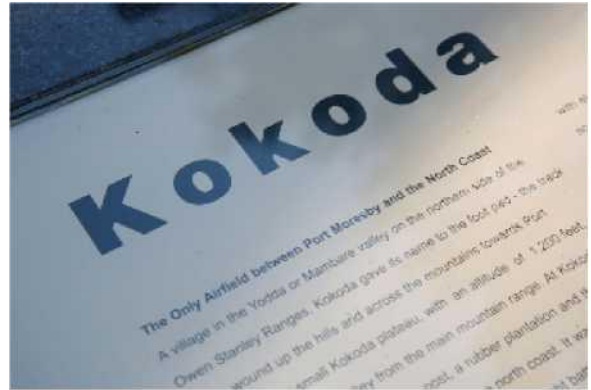
A peaceful and beautiful entrance, featuring two semi-circular memorial walls among beds of roses. On the walls are over 500 plaques dedicated to the memory of individuals or units who served in the war. The Memorial Rose Garden is linked to the Walkway by the Bruce Kingsbury V.C. Path.

Stations

Places of significance in the Papua New Guinea campaign where important battles were fought, or events occurred. There are a total of 22 stations along the Walkway, each providing historical accounts and images of the Papua New Guinea campaign.

Ralph Honner Education Centre

A state-of-the-art building where school students and other visitors can experience the Virtual/Augmented Reality program, enjoy a cup of coffee and purchase merchandise. A digital honour roll with the names of Australians killed in the campaign is projected onto the Centre windows (during office hours).



Private Bruce Kingsbury VC Memorial Garden

A peaceful memorial garden in front of the Ralph Honner Education Centre, dedicated to Private Bruce Kingsbury VC.

Public Walkway

An 800m walkway linking Rhodes railway station to Concord Repatriation General Hospital.



How to get there

Transport

Bus: Route 410 Macquarie Park - Hurstville (Strathfield to Ryde section early mornings, late afternoons, Sunday); Route 458 Burwood - Ryde

Rail: To Rhodes station, take the Blaxland Road exit, then a short walk downhill towards Concord Road, and onto the Walkway at Brays Bay Reserve.

Parking

- Parking is available in the Hospital car park on Hospital Road. A parking fee is required
- Rhodes Park via Fremont and Killoola Streets (free parking up to 2 hours)
- Brays Bay Reserve (free parking up to 2 hours)

Information

- Disabled access
- Disabled toilets - at the Ralph Honner Education Centre
- Refreshments - catering available at the cafe (to re-open soon) or contact the Walkway to book the BBQ facilities (a fee will apply)
- Tour of Walkway - available for schools and community/other groups

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