

THE KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

The Memorial Walkway is an 800 metre path linking Concord Hospital and Rhodes station, along the shore of Brays Bay on the Parramatta River, with an established rainforest landscape simulating that of the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

Launched in 1994 and dedicated in 1998, it is supported by the City of Canada Bay, Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Concord Rotary and sub-Branched of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

Access is via Hospital Road, Killoola Street or Brays Bay Reserve.

A LIVING MEMORIAL

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway is a tranquil, living memorial to all men and women who served in World War II with a particular focus on the South West Pacific region. It is recognised as one of the most significant war memorials in New South Wales.

It provides an educational experience, recording a significant and proud period of Australia's military history. Each year more than 4,000 school pupils visit the Walkway and many times that number use the resources of the Walkway's website.

The Walkway provides a convenient and relaxing access to Concord Hospital for patients, visitors and staff who travel by train to Rhodes station. It is used regularly by people pursuing a healthy outdoors lifestyle, and has become a tourist attraction.

FEATURES OF THE WALKWAY



MEMORIAL CENTREPIECE

At the centre of the Walkway is a magnificent series of granite walls on which images taken by photographer Damien Parer during the New Guinea campaign have been sand blasted. Water forms an integral part of the Centrepiece, cascading alongside the granite walls.

Wreaths are laid at the Centrepiece during commemoration services, marking ANZAC Day, VP Day and Kokoda Day.

STATIONS

Along the Walkway through the rainforest environment is a series of 22 stations, each commemorating a significant battle or location during the New Guinea campaign in WWII. Visitors are encouraged to view the historical accounts and images at each station and scan the QR code for additional information.



ROSE GARDEN ENTRY AREA

At the end of the Walkway, opposite Concord Hospital, is a peaceful entrance, featuring two semi-circular memorial walls among beds of roses. Each wall contains plaques mostly dedicated to the memory of individuals who served in WWII.

The Bruce Kingsbury VC path then links the Rose Garden to the Memorial Walkway.



RALPH HONNER EDUCATION FACILITY

The education centre is named after Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Honner, the commanding officer of the 39th Battalion in late 1942 when it was engaged in desperate fighting on the Kokoda Track. Equipped with video and virtual reality technology to tell veterans stories, the centre is a focal point for schools and visitors to the memorial.

Displayed on the Centre's window is a digital honour roll of Australians killed in the Kokoda campaign.