

HOW TO GET THERE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

By Bus: Buses run via Concord Hospital from the City, Burwood, Strathfield and Ryde.

By Train: Trains run to and from Rhodes railway station. For further information call the Transport Infoline on 131 500 or consult <https://transportnsw.info>

When arriving at Rhodes station, take the Blaxland Road exit, cross Concord Road and follow the signs to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway.

BY CAR

Kokoda Track Memorial carpark: up to two (2) hours free parking Mon-Fri; Up to four (4) hours free parking Sat-Sun and public holidays. **Concord Repatriation General Hospital carpark:** Less than 30 mins: free, otherwise parking fees apply. **Brays Bay Reserve:** up to three (3) hours free parking, entry via Concord Road.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

To organise a school or community group visit to the Education Centre with a guided tour of the Memorial Walkway contact our Office Manager:

Phone: (02) 9166 0890 (10am – 2pm weekdays)

Email: admin@kokodawalkway.com.au

Visit our website kokodawalkway.com.au at any time for further details on visiting the Walkway and the Centre.

DISABLED FACILITIES

There is disabled access to the Memorial Walkway. Disabled toilets are available at the Education Facility building.

BARBEQUE FACILITY

An undercover barbeque facility with seats can be booked for functions. A booking fee is required. Please refer to the booking form on our website www.kokodawalkway.com.au/bookings/function-area-bookings/



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Take a virtual tour of the Memorial Walkway, access research material and listen to veterans' oral histories.



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KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY



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-branches 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 or regularly pass through the Walkway grounds..

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 and others 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.

BRUCE KINGSBURY GARDEN

The garden in front of the Education Centre is dedicated to Private Bruce Kingsbury VC, in recognition of his bravery during the Battle of Isurava, where he became the first soldier awarded the Victoria Cross for actions on Australian territory. The dedication is accompanied by a sculpture depicting a wounded Australian soldier being helped by a Papuan villager, honouring the compassion and support of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.

STATIONS

Along the Walkway through the rainforest environment is a series of 22 stations, each commemorating a significant battle or event 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.



MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN

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 World War II. The Bruce Kingsbury VC path links the Rose Garden to the Memorial Walkway.



RALPH HONNER EDUCATION CENTRE

The education centre is named after Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Honner, the commanding officer of the 39th Battalion in August 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.