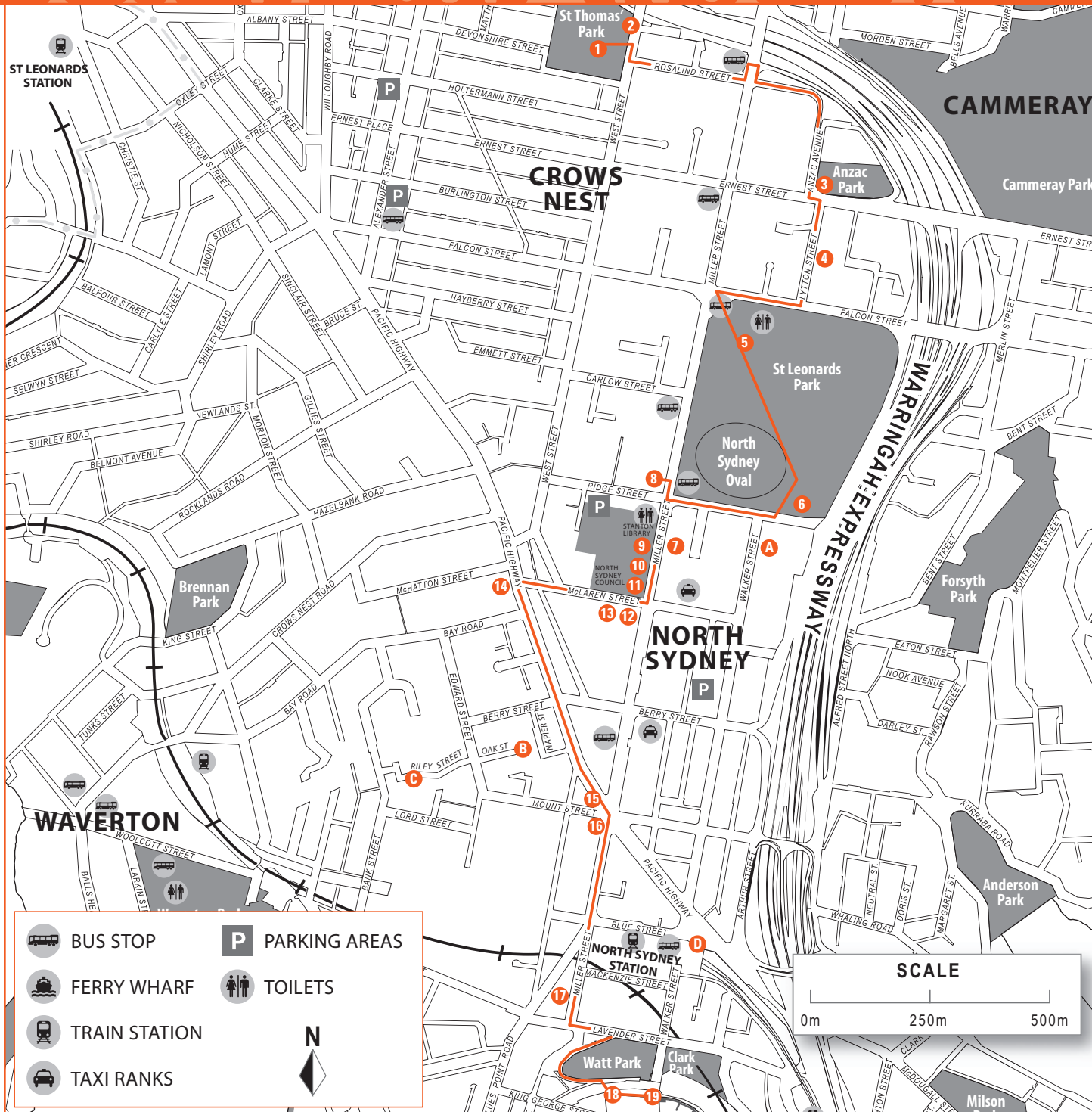


Historic Plaques Walk

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CAMMERAY TO LAVENDER BAY (APPROX 3.8KM)

Plaque checklist

- 1 Alexander Berry
- 2 Sexton's Cottage
- 3 Spirit of Anzac
- 4 Glengarlen
- 5 Milton Boulter
- 6 Tunks Memorial
- 7 Independent Theatre
- 8 St Mary's Church
- 9 John Jago
- 10 Woodstock Girls' School
- 11 Cammeraygal People
- 12 Adelaide Ironside
- 13 John Whitton
- 14 Crows Nest House
- 15 St Leonards Post Office
- 16 School of Arts and Army Training Depot
- 17 St Peters Park
- 18 Neptune Engineering slipway
- 19 Cavill's Bath House



(APPROX. 3.8 KMS - ALLOW AT LEAST 2 HOURS – STEEP STEPS)

- Our walk begins at St Thomas’ Rest Park, West St, Cammeray. Among many plaques are those at **Alexander Berry’s Pyramid Tomb 1** and **Sexton’s Cottage. 2**
- Turn right down West St, then left into Rosalind St. Cross Miller St at the lights to your left. Make your way back down to Rosalind St which bends around to become Anzac Avenue. **Spirit of Anzac 3** plaques behind the 1918 North Sydney Tram Workers War Memorial mark Australian involvement in various conflicts.
- Proceed across Ernest St into Lytton St. At No. 1, near the letterboxes, a plaque marks **Glengarlen Hospital 4** and **Eleanor MacKinnon**, World Founder of Junior Red Cross and prominent figure on the home front during World War One.
- Proceed to Falcon St and turn right. Cross at lights to St Leonards Park, take the diagonal pathway past the **Judge Milton Boulter 5** memorial fir tree and proceed around the back of the North Sydney Oval to the **William Tunks memorial fountain plaques 6** for the history of the park and oval, and formation of North Sydney Council in 1890.
- Proceed past the War Memorial erected in 1924 and cross Ridge St. Turn right and head to Miller St. 100 metres down to the left is a plaque marking the **Independent Theatre, 7** previously a cable tram depot from where trams were pulled up the hill from the Milsons Point ferry.
- Go back to Ridge St and cross Miller St to **St Mary’s Church, 8** the site of Catholic services since 1856.
- Proceed back down Miller Street to Civic Park and Council Chambers where plaques **9 10 11** commemorate local stonemason **John Jago**, **Woodstock Girls’ School**, and the **indigenous Cammeraygal people**.
- Cross McLaren St and turn right. At No. 27 plaques commemorate pioneering female artist **Adelaide Ironside, 12** and further along **NSW Railways Engineer-in-Chief John Whitton 13** responsible for the expansion of NSW’s railways in the 1880s. Across McLaren St is the Blackett Brothers designed St Thomas’ Church from where many of the funeral processions to St Thomas’ Cemetery set out.
- Proceed to the Pacific Highway and cross at the lights to the Demonstration School. A plaque on the old gates originally marked the grounds of Alexander Berry’s **Crows Nest House. 14** Go downhill past ‘Woodstock’ at No.172, a late example of Georgian architecture built by John Brown in 1870 whose timber yard was next door.

- Continue down the highway past the colonnaded Court House adjoining North Sydney Post Office completed between 1886 and 1895. A plaque near the steps of the Post Office marks the site of the **first St Leonards Post Office. 15** This area, known as Victoria Cross, was the historic heart of North Sydney.
- Across Mount St is the site of the 1886 **School of Arts** and later **Army training depot. 16**
- Proceed down Miller St to the 1866 St Peter’s Church. Cross the street to **St Peter’s Park, 17** originally part of the 1840s land grant to the Church, where a plaque is located near steps at the southern end. Go down these steps to the continuation of Miller St and proceed down to Waiwera St from where steep steps lead to Watts Park. Walk to Quiberie Park through the train viaduct to the old **Neptune Engineering slipway. 18** To the far left on the rock face behind the Lavender Bay wharf is the plaque marking the **Cavill’s Bath House 19** established in the 1880s for respectable swimming. This was the birthplace of a pioneer of the ‘Australian crawl’ swimming stroke. Above you is the harbourside villa Berowra.
- Miller Street buses take you back north to Amherst Street, near St Thomas’ Rest Park. North Sydney railway station is a short but steep walk back up the steps beside Berowra and on along Walker St. The ferry leaves outside Luna Park at Milsons Point.

OPTIONAL SITES

- A** Walker Street, **Wenona School for girls**
- B** 6 Napier St, **Don Bank Museum**
- C** 10 Riley St, home of **renowned photographer Harold Cazneau**
- D** Cnr Pacific Highway and Walker and Blue Sts, site of **First Methodist Church on the North Shore 1865-1931**

WHY HISTORICAL PLAQUES?

North Sydney Council’s Historical Plaque Program commemorates people, places and events that have contributed to the area’s history and heritage. Historical plaques provide an interpretation of the local landscape and history of the built environment.

These self-guided walks are like historical orienteering. Your hunt for the historical plaque will take you along harbour foreshores, through bustling business districts and tranquil parks and gardens. Along the way you can discover North Sydney’s many layers of history while taking in its wonderful views.

The North Shore Historical Society is an invaluable partner in North Sydney Council’s Historical Plaque Program. The Society contributes financially and assists with research and plaque wording. New plaques are continually being installed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Most plaques are bronze plates. Some are pictorial panels.

Plaques in the vicinity, but not included on the walk route, are sometimes marked on the map.

Public transport stops and toilets are marked.

Wear comfortable shoes and take a hat, sunglasses, sunblock and water.

All walks have uphill and downhill sections – a varied topography is one of North Sydney’s key features.

Allow time for this, as well as rest and drink stops.

Note: Walks 1, 2 & 3 have steps.

Walks can be done in reverse. Plan your walk to finish back at your car or public transport facility.

A database containing North Sydney’s plaques can be viewed at www.photosau.com/StantonHeritage

For further information on North Sydney Plaques, contact Historical Services on 9936 8400.

Further historical information and walks can be downloaded from the North Sydney Council website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au Click on Library and then North Sydney Heritage Centre. Walk North Sydney maps and other information for walkers are also available from the Council website.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of North Sydney, visit the North Sydney Heritage Centre, Level 1, Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, Mon-Sat 1-5pm.