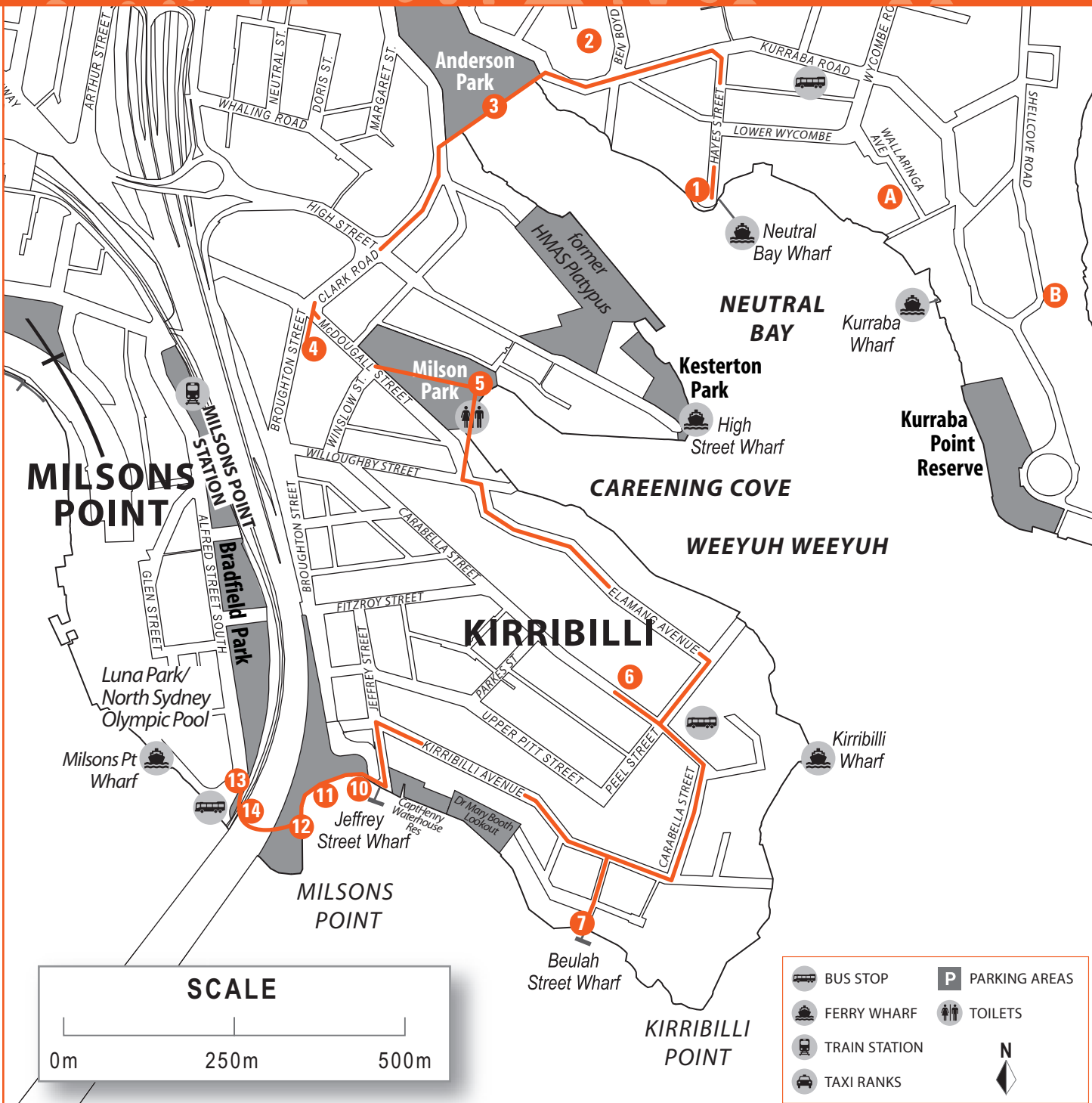


Historic Plaques Walk

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NEUTRAL BAY TO KIRRIBILLI (APPROX 3.5KM)

Plaque checklist

- 1 Neutral Bay Shuttle Tram Service
- 2 Ben Boyd
- 3 Charles Kingsford-Smith's flight from Anderson Park
- 4 Greenway
- 5 Milson Park
- 6 Quarterdeck Apartments 'Miandetta'
- 7 Pastoral Finance Association Wool Store
- 8 Greencliffe
- 9 Henry Waterhouse
- 10 Milsons Point vehicle ferry
- 11 Thomas Raine and the convict ship Surry
- 12 James Milson Snr
- 13 North Sydney's first piped water supply
- 14 Milsons Point Ferry Arcade



PLAQUES WALK 3 – NEUTRAL BAY TO KIRRIBILLI (APPROX 3.5KM)

(APPROX 3.5 KMS - ALLOW AT LEAST 1.5 HOURS)

- Our walk begins at Neutral Bay Wharf, where, in the old tram loop, a plaque marks the site of the **Neutral Bay Shuttle Tram Service** ① which ran from 1900-1956.
- Head back to Kurraba Rd and turn left. Near the corner of Kurraba up Ben Boyd Rd are two old plaques dedicated to controversial entrepreneur, **Ben Boyd**, ② who built a successful whaling and trading business using indentured labourers from the Pacific Islands. His mansion ‘Craignathan’ and warehouse were located on the waterfront in Hayes St.
- Proceed along Kurraba Rd to Anderson Park. Go down the steps and across the waterfront where plaques mark **Charles Kingsford-Smith’s flight from Anderson Park** and the settlement of **Neutral Bay**. ③
- Exit Anderson Park onto Clark Rd. Turn left and continue up and along for some way to the roundabout with McDougall St. Cross *carefully* and continue up Broughton St about 200 metres. In the stone embankment on the right is a plaque marking **Greenway** ④ the largest blocks of flats in Australia when opened in 1954. Turn around and return to McDougall St. Turn right and proceed down to **Milson Park** ⑤ where a plaque in the centre commemorates the creation of the park reclaimed from the cove. Continue up McDougall St and cross Willoughby St to Elamang Ave, follow this along until Peel St and turn right. Proceed up to Carabella St. A short way up on the right is No. 67 the **Quarterdeck Apartments**, the site of ‘**Miandetta**’, former home of Sir Edmund Barton, Australia’s first Prime Minister. ⑥
(Note: No.65 ‘*Miandetta*’ is not the original house)
- Follow Carabella St back down to Kirribilli Ave, past Kirribilli House and Admiralty House to Beulah Street Wharf. A plaque marks the site of the **Pastoral Finance Association Wool Store** ⑦ destroyed by fire in 1921.
- Proceed back to Kirribilli Ave and along to Jeffrey St. Turn left and go down to Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve to the left of Copes Lookout where plaques mark the role of **Waterhouse** and the early home **Greencliffe** ⑧ ⑨. The **Milsons Point vehicle ferry** ⑩ plaque is located on the right hand side of the Jeffrey St wharf. On Olympic Drive running under the pylon a plaque commemorates **Thomas Raine and the convict ship Surry**. ⑪ Further along is a plaque marking the role of **James Milson Snr** in the settling of North Sydney. ⑫ Two plaques near the Western Pylon of the Bridge mark the site of **North Sydney’s first piped water supply and Milsons Point Ferry Arcade** ⑬ ⑭.

There is a ferry wharf next to the entrance to Luna Park. The entrance to Milsons Point railway station is a short walk up Alfred St under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Buses that will take you back up to North Sydney depart from the bus stop near the Bridge pylon.

OPTIONAL SITES

- **A** 5 Wallaringa Ave, ‘**Nutcote**’ home of renowned children’s illustrator and author May Gibbs
- **B** 9 Shellcove Rd, home of prolific children’s author **Leslie Rees** and writer **Coralie Rees**
- **C** **Dr Mary Booth Lookout** at the end of Waruda St. Dr Booth was dedicated to public health and the preservation of harbour foreshore. A sign here outlines her achievements

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.