

KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway links Concord Hospital with Rhodes 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, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning and Concord Hospital.

The plans, launched in 1994 under the 'Australia Remembers' 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 Station to Concord Hospital.

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

The objective of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway

- To provide a lasting Memorial to all veterans who served in World War II with a particular focus on the South West Pacific area;
- To provide an educational experience on this magnificent part of our Australian heritage for current and future generations;
- To improve access to the Hospital for patients, visitors and staff who travel by rail to Rhodes station;
- To provide facilities for healthy life style programs and;
- 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 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.



Rose Garden Entry Area

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

Stations

Places of significance in the 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 New Guinea Campaign.

Information Centre

A state of the art building where visitors will be able to enjoy a cup of coffee and purchase merchandise

Public Walkway

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

Mangrove Boardwalk

A timber boardwalk into the mangroves provides a feel for the vegetation in New Guinea.



How to get there

Transport

Bus - Route 461 City - Ryde (Strathfield to Ryde section earl mornings, late afternoons, Sunday) Route 458 Burwood - Ryde

Rail - to Rhodes Station, then a short walk down hill towards Concord Road and on to the Walkway at Brays Bay Reserve

Parking

- Parking is available in the Hospital car park on Hospital Road. A parking fee of \$4.00 is required
- Rhodes Park via Fremont and Killoola Streets (free parking)
- Brays Bay Reserve (free parking)

Information

- Disabled access
- Disabled toilets - at the Information Building
- Refreshments - catering available at the Café
- Tour - of Memorial and booking of BBQ facilities contact Café on - 8765 1797

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