

an outstanding place of cultural and environmental heritage

Historical Tours

Walking-tours, each with varying themes start at 10am and 1.30pm from the northern side of Necropolis Circuit on the first Sunday of the month by Friends of Rookwood Inc. Car tours can be arranged by telephoning 9499 2415.

Guides are volunteers and money raised is used for restoration projects. You can join the Friends of Rookwood and enjoy the historical, cultural and social activities while making a contribution to on-going necropolis restoration projects.

Helping Hands

This is another volunteer group who assist with archeological investigation, landscape maintenance, and other supervised activities aimed at restoring the historic fabric of Rookwood Necropolis. Contact Helping Hands on 9746 2177.

How to find a Grave

There are over 640,000 burials and 230,000 cremations recorded at Rookwood. The first burials took place in 1867. Older monuments have since been moved to Rookwood from earlier burial grounds resumed elsewhere in Sydney. Cremations date from 1925 but did not become a significant proportion of the services held at Rookwood until around 1945.

If you are looking for a memorial and you don't know where to start, here are some helpful steps to take:

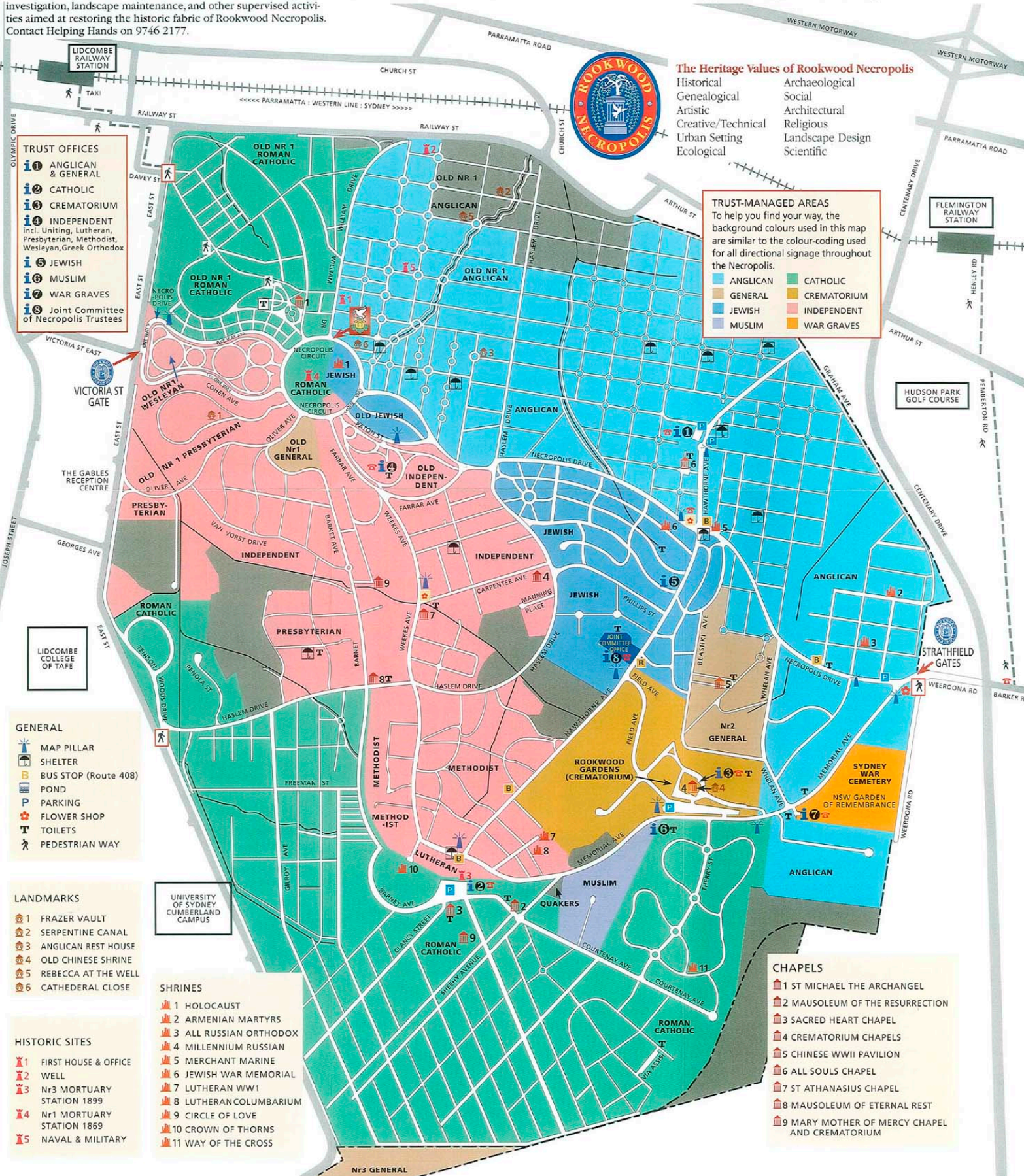
It is useful if you know year of death, whether the deceased was cremated or buried and if buried, what denominational cemetery the deceased was most likely to have been interred.

Records of all burials and cremations are held in the respective offices. The offices located at Rookwood are:

- **Anglican & General**
- **Roman Catholic**
- **Independent** (Independent includes Uniting, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Wesleyan, and Greek Orthodox)
- **Rookwood Memorial Gardens.**
- *** **Muslim** and **Jewish** cemetery records are held off-site.

If you think the deceased may have been cremated, start enquiries at the **Rookwood Memorial Gardens** if the death occurred after 1925, otherwise start your enquiry in the most likely denominational office.

Once you have found the correct office, the staff will be able to help you find the grave in the cemetery.



- ### TRUST OFFICES
- i1 ANGLICAN & GENERAL
 - i2 CATHOLIC
 - i3 CREMATORIUM
 - i4 INDEPENDENT
incl. Uniting, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Wesleyan, Greek Orthodox
 - i5 JEWISH
 - i6 MUSLIM
 - i7 WAR GRAVES
 - i8 Joint Committee of Necropolis Trustees

The Heritage Values of Rookwood Necropolis

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| Historical | Archaeological |
| Genealogical | Social |
| Artistic | Architectural |
| Creative/Technical | Religious |
| Urban Setting | Landscape Design |
| Ecological | Scientific |

TRUST-MANAGED AREAS
To help you find your way, the background colours used in this map are similar to the colour-coding used for all directional signage throughout the Necropolis.

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| ANGLICAN | CATHOLIC |
| GENERAL | CREMATORIUM |
| JEWISH | INDEPENDENT |
| MUSLIM | WAR GRAVES |

- ### GENERAL
- MAP PILLAR
 - SHELTER
 - BUS STOP (Route 408)
 - POND
 - PARKING
 - FLOWER SHOP
 - TOILETS
 - PEDESTRIAN WAY

- ### LANDMARKS
- 1 FRAZER VAULT
 - 2 SERPENTINE CANAL
 - 3 ANGLICAN REST HOUSE
 - 4 OLD CHINESE SHRINE
 - 5 REBECCA AT THE WELL
 - 6 CATHEDRAL CLOSE

- ### SHRINES
- 1 HOLOCAUST
 - 2 ARMENIAN MARTYRS
 - 3 ALL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX
 - 4 MILLENNIUM RUSSIAN
 - 5 MERCHANT MARINE
 - 6 JEWISH WAR MEMORIAL
 - 7 LUTHERAN WW1
 - 8 LUTHERAN COLUMBARIUM
 - 9 CIRCLE OF LOVE
 - 10 CROWN OF THORNS
 - 11 WAY OF THE CROSS

- ### HISTORIC SITES
- 1 FIRST HOUSE & OFFICE
 - 2 WELL
 - 3 Nr3 MORTUARY STATION 1899
 - 4 Nr1 MORTUARY STATION 1869
 - 5 NAVAL & MILITARY

- ### CHAPELS
- 1 ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
 - 2 MAUSOLEUM OF THE RESURRECTION
 - 3 SACRED HEART CHAPEL
 - 4 CREMATORIUM CHAPELS
 - 5 CHINESE WWII PAVILION
 - 6 ALL SOULS CHAPEL
 - 7 ST ATHANASIUS CHAPEL
 - 8 MAUSOLEUM OF ETERNAL REST
 - 9 MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHAPEL AND CREMATORIUM