

"The highest tribute to the dead
is not grief but gratitude."

Thornton Wilder

Redcliffe Cemetery

Cnr MacDonnell Road & Elizabeth Avenue,
Kippa Ring Queensland 4021

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Redcliffe Cemetery WW1 VETERANS TOUR



History

A reserve for a cemetery at Humpybong was set apart by notice published on page 788 of the Queensland Government Gazette in 1874. A letter signed by local residents petitioning for an area to be set aside as a cemetery and recommending portion 201 had been dispatched to the Home Secretary in 1873. In 1879 the Governor appointed the following as trustees of the cemetery: John James Noble, Robert Wright, Thomas Copson, Robert Frederick Tubbs, James Mitchell and William Whelan.

A burial book, begun in 1881, lists baby Edward Henry Pollard as the first burial; the exact site of this burial is unknown. Today, Moreton Bay Regional Council maintains the Redcliffe Cemetery.

WWI Veterans tour

The selection criteria devised to choose the veterans for this particular tour of 19 sites are as follows:

- Their name must appear on an honour board in the Moreton Bay region or they
- must have been born in the region
- must have attended school in the region
- must have lived in the region prior to joining up or immediately after (within five years)

However, as an exception to the criteria for this tour, we have included two Boer War veterans who also fought in WWI. A list of the other 62 WWI veterans buried in this cemetery is included with the handout.

The WWI Veterans tour has been designed as part of Moreton Bay Region Library's WWI centenary commemorations. While every effort has been made to identify WWI veterans buried in the Redcliffe Cemetery, Moreton Bay Regional Council assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions.

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**We invite you to tour the burial sites of
those soldiers who fought in the Great War.**

**As you walk the grounds and listen to their
stories you will discover remarkable tales
of courage and endurance.**

**These are the people who have
helped to shape our region.**



WWI Veterans buried in Redcliffe Cemetery

▶ 1 GILLILAND, Percy George Q24635 Depot Plot 3/W/17

Percy George Gilliland was born in 1899. A timber-getter in the Samsonvale district, he enlisted towards the very end of the war in October 1918 at age 19. By the time Percy had completed his training the war had ended and he was discharged 30 December 1918. Percy married Minnie Bonnell in 1922 and they settled in Cooroy. Percy eventually retired to Redcliffe and died in October 1978, aged 79. (Samsonvale board)

▶ 2 ELLIOTT, Frederick John 2167 Plot 4/T/24

Frederick John Elliott was born in Berkshire England about 1889. He emigrated to Australia about 1912 and was living at Woody Point when he enlisted in October 1915 aged 26. He embarked on the *Commonwealth* in March 1916 returning to Australia in July 1919. Frederick married Maggie Dewar Anderson, widow of Peter Anderson, in 1924. After farming at Landsborough for some years, they eventually returned to live at Clontarf. (Woody Point board)

▶ 3 BANNER, William Thomas 23043 Plot 4/M/8 – no headstone

William Thomas Banner was born 1893 in Gympie. He enlisted at age 22, in October 1915 and embarked on the *Argyllshire* on 11 May 1916. Arriving at Durban some weeks later he was deemed medically unfit and returned to Australia August 1916. William married Annie Mycock 1920 and they lived at Glenafton in Sutton Street Redcliffe. William was a blacksmith and active in local affairs. (Woody Point Board)

▶ 4 DEVERS, Richard 2186 Plot 3/F/7

Richard was born 1894 at Sandgate. He married Lillian Chrystal in 1914 and the family was living at Woody Point when Richard enlisted March 1915 at age 21. He embarked on the *Karoola* in June 1915. Richard was captured at Reincourt during the Battle of Bullecourt and interned as a POW at Giessen. He was repatriated in April 1919 returning to his family at Woody Point. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 5 FROST, Percy Southwell 6502 Plot 3/J/3

Percy Southwell Frost was born in Brisbane April 1892. He enlisted aged 24 in June 1916 and embarked on the *Boonah* in October 1916. Reported missing after the battle of Bullecourt in May 1917, Percy was interned in POW camps in Germany till being repatriated March 1919. Percy returned to Australia and settled in Redcliffe where he married Violet Ashmole in 1922. Thereafter Percy became one of Redcliffe's most well-known citizens, running a grocery store and serving as a councillor for many years. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 6 HASKINS, William MM 2818 Plot 3/M/1

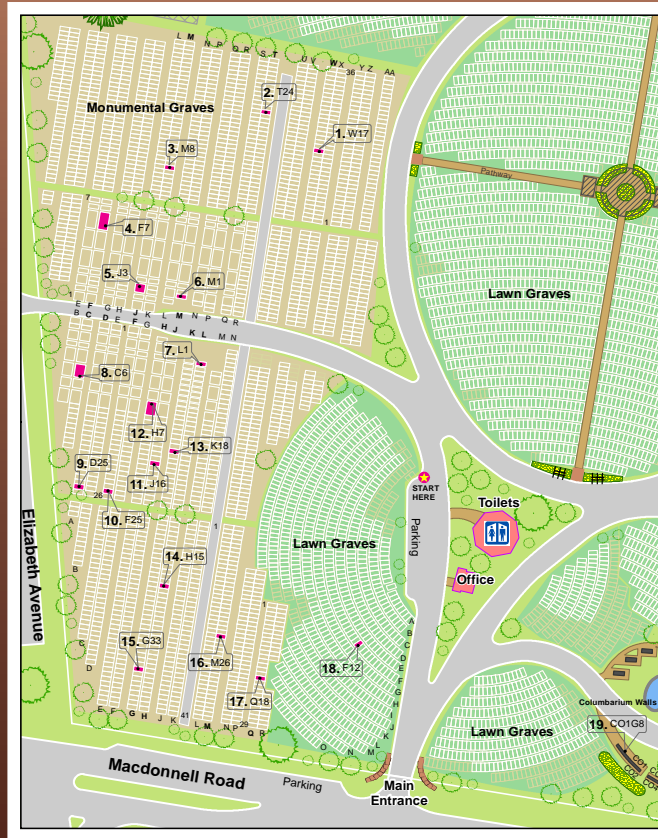
William Haskins was born at Humpybong in 1891 the son of Thomas Haskins and Margaret Whelan, a pioneer family of the region, and enlisted October 1916, aged 26. He embarked on the *Demosthenes* in December 1916. William was awarded the Military Medal in September 1918. He returned 1920, settled into farming life and married Emily Trinder in 1925. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 7 TEBBY, John munitions worker number 868 Plot 1/L/1 – no headstone

John Tebby, father of John Thomas Tebby, was born in England about 1868. He came out to Australia on the ship *Tara* and arrived in Brisbane 1890. John married Keturah Dunlop in 1893 and by 1903 they were living at Woody Point. John was employed by the council when he joined the war effort as a munitions worker in May 1917, aged 46, together with fellow worker, George Carpenter. He embarked on the *Clan McGillivray* three days later in May 1917 and began work in England in July 1917. John returned to Australia in December 1918 on the *Barambah*. (Woody Point board)

▶ 8 PETERS, Leonard 277 Plot 1/C/6

Leonard Peters was born in Ipswich in 1893 and enlisted at age 22 in July 1915. He embarked on the *Wandilla* in November 1915 and returned May 1919. Due to injuries suffered during the war he was no longer able to work as a blacksmith. He came to live with relatives at Redcliffe and was well-known as a motor car proprietor. Leonard died in November 1931 as a result of his war wounds. (Woody Point board)



▶ 9 SHEEHAN, Francis 2713 Plot 1/D/25

Francis Sheehan was born in Brisbane in November 1875 the son of David Sheehan and Johanna O'Brien, a pioneer family of the region. Frank married Jennie Austin in 1900 and they had four children. Leaving his family behind, he enlisted at age 41 in May 1916. He embarked on the *Seang Choon* in September 1916, returning September 1917. Frank and his wife Jennie ran the Woody Point post office store. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 10 CARPENTER, George William 831 Plot 1/F/25 – no headstone

George Carpenter was born in February 1876 in Herfordshire England. He married Amelia Day in 1900 and they came out to Australia where they eventually settled at Redcliffe. George, a council worker, enlisted in May 1917 aged 49 with John Tebby a fellow council worker. Embarking on the *Clan McGillivray* a few days later, George went to work at the Vickers munitions factory in Sheffield, England. He returned on the *Homeward* to Australia October 1918 and remained in hospital until January 1919 when he returned to civilian life. (Woody Point Board)

▶ 11 WALKER, John William 30532 – Boer War Veteran Plot 1/J/16

John William Walker appears to have been born in Yorkshire about 1863. He married in Yorkshire England in 1883 and his first wife Nancy died in 1911. He enlisted in Australia in March 1916, embarking on the *Willshire* in August 1916. Returning to Australia on the *Takada* in 1919 he settled in New South Wales before relocating to Scarborough in about 1949 with his wife Ivy. (Not listed on honour boards)

▶ 12 TEBBY, John Thomas 1663 Plot 1/H/7

John Thomas Tebby, the son of John Tebby, was born in New Zealand in 1895. The family was living at Woody Point when John Thomas enlisted in September 1914 aged 20 and embarked on the *Ceramic* in December 1914. He returned December 1918 and married Elizabeth White in 1921, working as a motor mechanic at Redcliffe. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 13 DILLAWAY, Robert 314 Plot 1/K/18

Robert was born in August 1893 in Surrey, England. He arrived in Australia with his parents in 1910 and enlisted in March 1916 aged 23. Robert embarked on the *Commonwealth* in September 1916 eventually returning to Australia in February 1919. On his return to Redcliffe Robert married Martha Peiper in 1920. They lived at Scarborough where they farmed and were active in local affairs. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)

▶ 14 HURRELL, James Charles UK 3/5565 – Boer War Veteran Plot 2/H/15

James Charles Hurrell was born in Suffolk about 1882. He joined the Suffolk Regiment, 3rd Battalion in 1900 serving in South Africa and was discharged 1916 as medically unfit. He married Eleanor Farrow in 1908. James came to Australia with his wife and son in 1921 on the *Demosthenes*. They settled first at Albany in Western Australia before moving to New South Wales, relocating to Redcliffe about 1949. (Not listed on honour boards)

▶ 15 MacNAMARA, George Francis 2928 Plot 2/G/33

George Francis MacNamara was born in Caboolture in 1887. He enlisted August 1916 at age 29 and embarked on the *Demosthenes* in December 1916. George returned on *Persic* October 1919 and eventually settled at Upper Caboolture with Violet Mabel Haynes. George and Violet retired to Redcliffe where George died in 1959. (Caboolture Honour Board)

▶ 16 SMITH, Oscar Oliver 4213 Plot 2/M/26

Oscar Oliver Smith was born in Strathpine in 1895. He enlisted September 1915 aged 20 embarking on the *Commonwealth* in March 1916. Oscar returned to Australia in August 1918 where he married Frances Ruth Brewer in 1932. They settled at Kallangur before moving to Redcliffe near his wife's parents. (Strathpine Honour Board)

▶ 17 LORD, William Edward 4529 Plot 2/O/18

William Edward Lord was born Brisbane 1895 and enlisted at age 20. He embarked on the *Wandilla* in January 1916 returning to Australia in October 1917. William married Selena Sparkes whose family were pioneers of the district in 1920. He ran a taxi service for a time at Redcliffe before moving to Landsborough to farm. They returned to Redcliffe some years later. (Not listed on honour boards)

▶ 18 WARMAN, Burton Thomas MM 1632 Plot 100/F/12

Burton Thomas Warman was born in London about 1893. He emigrated to Australia on the *Orvieto*, arriving in Brisbane in November 1911. Enlisting at age 22 in July 1915 he embarked on the *Suffolk* on 30 November 1915, returning in the *Orontes* in July 1919. He married Agnes Hilda Torrens in 1921 and they lived at Morayfield for a number of years before settling in Redcliffe where he died June 1989 aged 90. (Caboolture Honour Board)

▶ 19 McKILLOP, Arthur Edward 1934 Plot C01/G/8 - Columbarium

Arthur McKillop was born in Redcliffe in 1898 and enlisted at age 18 in January 1916. He embarked on the *Clan McGillivray* in May 1916 and returned in January 1919. Arthur was from a farming family and had been a butcher prior to enlistment. He married Margaret McGahey in 1924, had four children, and ran a successful dairy business at Rothwell. (Humpybong & Woody Point boards)