

Centenary of Federation Walk Bondi Junction

1 East Suburbs Leagues Club (Easts)

Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club (Easts) opened their new premises at 93-97 Spring Street in 1968. The Club is the home of the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Team, which was founded in 1908 at Paddington Town Hall.

2 Boot Factory

The Boot Factory was built in 1892 for William Sidaway and Sons. Production of footwear commenced soon after the factory was completed and continued until the factory closed in 1969.

3 69 Oxford Street

Late 19th century shops and first floor residences with impressive figurines, pilasters and tiling.

4 Hough’s Windmill

Mill Hill Road takes its name from the windmill operated by Henry Hough from about 1841 to about 1879 on his ten acre Hope Farm. Centred on what is now 27 Mill Hill Road, Hough’s Mill was the last of Sydney’s windmills.

5 65 Mill Hill Rd

This shop built for MA Bennett, grocer is an example of the “corner stores” dotted through residential areas where shopkeepers would give credit known as “tick”. By the 1970s many had already ceased to operate.

6 MacNeil Memorial Church

This early 20th century church commemorates Rev. John MacNeil, B.A., the first inducted Presbyterian Minister for Waverley who established the Mill Hill Mission in 1886. Since October 1978 the church has been the John MacNeil Early Childhood Centre.

7 Waverley Library Ron Lander Centre

Built by Waverley Council and opened in 1999 it is one of the largest municipal libraries in Australia.

8 Clementson Park

Named for a former NSW parliamentarian, Bill Clementson, this park was opened in 1998. A community garden has since been developed on the southern side.

9 65 Ebley Street

This has been a roller skating rink, film studio from the days of the silent films until the late 1940s, soft drink factory, TV production studio and a retail store.

10 Toll Gate

The first toll-gate in Waverley was erected in 1856 at Allen’s Corner, near the present day Grand Hotel. In 1869 the toll-gate was moved to Oxford Street near what is now Mill Hill Road. In 1877 the NSW government abolished toll-gates.

11 Local Branches - Sculpture

A gift in 2000 of the late Baron Edson, a local businessman.

12 Hoyts Star Picture Theatre

The Star Picture Theatre started life in 1910 as an open-air silent movie theatre on the corner of Bronte Road and Brisbane Street. In 1927 Olympic Pictures acquired the site and in 1928 they opened the largest, most modern theatre of its day with seating for 2,300. It was demolished in 1981.

13 Brisbane Street

This avenue of Hill’s fig trees are 60-70 years old.

14 Salvation Army Citadel

Built in 1925 in Free Classical Style this building is still owned by the Salvation Army and now used for secular purposes.

15 Pearces’ Land

In 1849 Simeon and James Pearce purchased 4½ acres between Bourke, Blenheim and Birrell streets. Many of the 1850s stone houses in this area are similar to those built by the Pearces in Randwick’s Struggletown. Peter Dodds McCormick who wrote ‘Advance Australia Fair’ died at 87 Birrell Street in 1916.



16 14-22 Porter Street

Late Victorian Terrace. Nearby was once Allen’s Soapworks.

17 Waverley RTRS (Radio Transmission Repeater Station)

Used for microwave radio transmission for Telstra network; mobile phone transmission for Telstra and free to air television transmission for all TV stations.

18 St Mary’s Anglican Church.

This church, designed by Edmund Blacket, was built in 1863/4. Later additions to the church included the extension of the church by 17 feet and the addition of an organ chamber in 1873. The organ, which remains in use today, was installed in 1889.

19 Waverley Park

Waverley Park was purchased by the State Government in 1879 for (7,500, following representations by Waverley Council. The land was known as Flagstaff Farm and contained several Chinese market gardens. Waverley Park was dedicated in 1880.

20 Cricket Memorial

This classical structure was built to commemorate Charles Gregory in 1911. The names of three young men killed in a car accident in 1965 were added later.

21 War Memorial

When the subscription opened in 1917 for the erection of this memorial to those who died in World War I Charles Wood donated (1400, the total cost of the memorial. Each Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services are held here for ex service men and women.

22 Council Chambers

The council chambers acquired its post war brutalist appearance when extensive alterations and additions were made in 1975-77 to the 1911 Federation Free Classical style building. A third floor was added in the 1980s.

23 Waverley House

This sign cannot be located on the actual site of the house and has been put in Barnett Levey Place (1988) Built by Barnett Levey in 1827 Waverley House was named after Sir Walter Scott’s Waverley novels. The house was variously a private residence, orphanage and school. It was demolished in 1904.

24 Mayflower Chapel

This Congregational Church became known as the Mayflower Chapel when the Mayflower aged care units opened in 1965. The chapel is built in Victorian gothic style in light sandstock brick and stone with a belfry and spire.

25 Gladsmuir

Gladsmuir on the corner of Llandaff Street, a grand Victorian Villa with its square tower was built by John H Newman. It is now a health department building. Newman was instrumental in the construction of the nearby Congregational Church.

26 Llandaff House

Llandaff (later Craighsnest) built in 1876 was a large house, surrounded by extensive gardens, stables and a tennis court. It was demolished in the mid 1970s. The stone gate posts are all that remain.

27 Eora Park

Named after the local Aboriginal people the park was created to provide green space in a busy urban centre when the surrounding development took place.

28 Coronet Theatre

Opened in 1921 on the corner of Waverley and Oxford streets, Olympic No 1 was among a chain of four theatres established by William J Howe. Hoyts acquired the theatre in 1930 and renamed it the Coronet. Screenings ceased in 1968.

29 Grace Bros & Waverley Bowling Club

In 1933 Grace Bros opened a branch store in the Coronation Hall at Bondi Junction. Built in 1911 the Hall had been a skating rink, boxing stadium and theatre for vaudeville shows.

30 Pattinson’s Corner

For generations Pattinson’s Corner was a Bondi Junction landmark and meeting place. It takes its name from Pattinson & Co, later Washington H. Soul Pattinson who operated the nearby chemist shop from 1903.

31 Tea Gardens Hotel

In 1854 Alexander Gray was granted a licence for the Waverley Tea Gardens Hotel which was to be surrounded by gardens, summer houses and a quoits pitch. It was a popular weekend spot. The first hotel was a single story building.

32 Bondi Junction Waverley RSL

The Bondi Junction Waverley RSL was formed in 1933 . The Club purchased Walter Stone’s premises in 1954 and the present Club was opened in 1968. Walter Stone, carrier and furniture seller began by selling produce and fuel here in about 1888.

33 Central Synagogue

This was the first Jewish Congregation in the Eastern Suburbs and is the largest in Australia. This synagogue, dedicated in 1998 replaces an earlier one destroyed by fire.

34 Ben Eden

In 1863 James Campbell built Ben Eden, a two storey gothic stone villa. In 1927 it became a Marist Brothers school and monastery. In 1993 the site was redeveloped and the refurbished villa retained as two strata residences.

35 Waverley Bus Depot

This is the site of the former Tram Depot opened on September 17, 1902. In 1959 the Tram Depot was closed and converted to a bus depot. Few buildings remain of the original depot.

36 O’Sullivan’s Garage

This building was built as stables in 1920 for Harry Lynch’s horses. Briefly it was the depot for Stringer’s Bus Service. Since 1926 it has been O’Sullivan’s Garage, first run by Eugene and Ellen O’Sullivan and now run by their son Phil.