

## Wollongong General Cemetery

### Victims' Burial Sites

#### Anglican

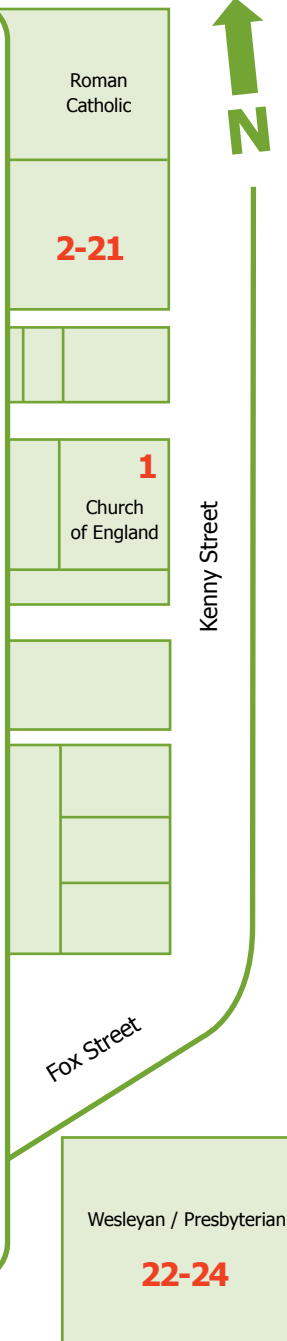
1 Henry O. MacCabe

#### Roman Catholic

- 2 Denis Egan
- 3 Edward Egan
- 4 Michael Egan
- 5 Thomas Egan
- 6 Edward Gallagher
- 7 Michael Gallagher
- 8 Edward J Gill
- 9 Stephen Gleeson
- 10 Patrick McCann
- 11 Thomas P Morriss
- 12 Walker J Morriss
- 13 John Murphy
- 14 Matthew Peace
- 15 James Purcell Snr
- 16 James Purcell
- 17 John Purcell
- 18 Patrick F Purcell
- 19 Thomas Purcell
- 20 John Ryan
- 21 Francis Stewart

#### Wesleyan / Presbyterian

- 22 William V Bray
- 23 Henry James
- 24 William C Woodroof



## Victims Buried Elsewhere

### West Dapto Roman Catholic Cemetery

James Head  
Daniel Healey

### Helensburgh General Cemetery Anglican Portion

William Nixon

### Albion Park Roman Catholic Churchyard

William Doherty

### Old Bowenfels Cemetery Near Lithgow

Thomas Sylvester Best

## Brief History of the Disaster

At 2pm on Thursday, 31st July, 1902, Mt Kembla Mine suffered the worst mining disaster in Australia's history, when a gas explosion killed 96 men and boys. The resulting Royal Commission concluded that a roof fall in a goafed area pushed inflammable gases into contact with a wheeler's naked lamp, triggering a series of coal dust explosions.

The disaster victims included some rescuers. At first, the great number of dead posed the immediate problem of where the bodies were to be buried. A site was chosen in Windy Gully on company donated land and a mass grave dug. Very quickly families claimed and removed their dead for burial.

Of the 33 miners buried in Windy Gully Cemetery, four unclaimed bodies were buried in the mass grave on the high side of the Cemetery making Windy Gully the resting place of most of the miners killed in the explosion.

At least 32 bodies were buried in the Soldiers' & Miners' Anglican Church Cemetery, Mount Kembla.

There were two unregistered deaths - one which is particularly poignant. Michael (Mickey) Brennan, aged 19, had begun work 4 days earlier. His body was never found - maybe his remains were buried in the mass grave.

Work recommenced at Mt Kembla Mine 8 weeks later on 24th September, 1902. Many families lost the breadwinners. Some families lost all their men. Families had to be fed and clothed. Bereaved families had to be supported. And this support came from the immediate and the wider community. Donations came from overseas, especially from Britain, where the company was based and shareholders lived. Unfortunately, the majority of the funds did not reach the widows and children.

Windy Gully Cemetery was finally consecrated 100 years later on 31st July, 2002, by Rev Gordon Bradbery, during the centenary commemoration of the disaster.

Windy Gully Cemetery is recognized as a cemetery of State significance.

An initiative of Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Inc - Proudly supported by Dendrobium Mine Community Enhancement Program

## Historic Mining Community of Mt Kembla Village

### Kembla Heights

### Windy Gully



*Visit*

### Walk 3

Soldiers' & Miners' Anglican Church Cemetery

Windy Gully Cemetery

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Site of Australia's most devastating mine disaster

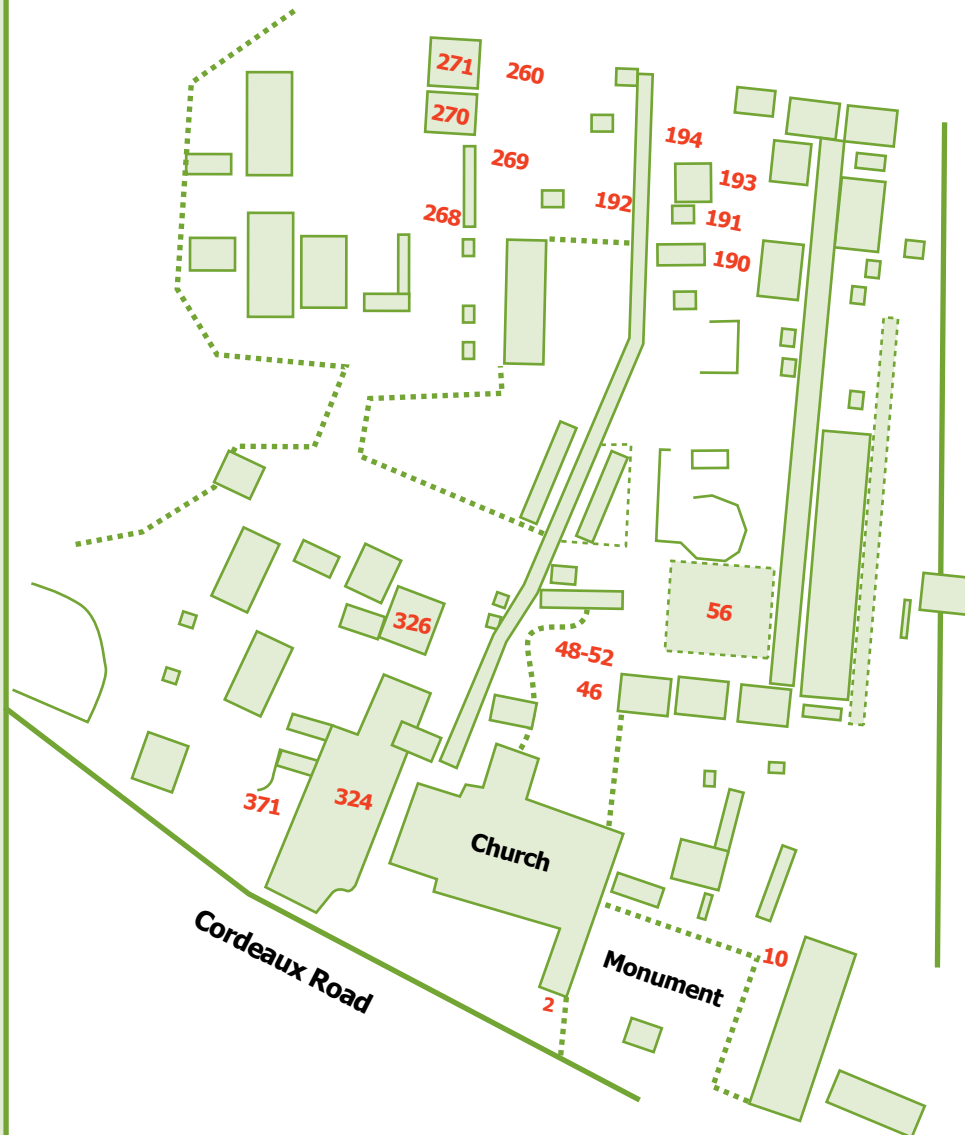
31st July, 1902

96 Souls

*The past we inherit  
- the future we build*

Self-Guided Walking Tours

## Soldiers' and Miners' Anglican Church Cemetery

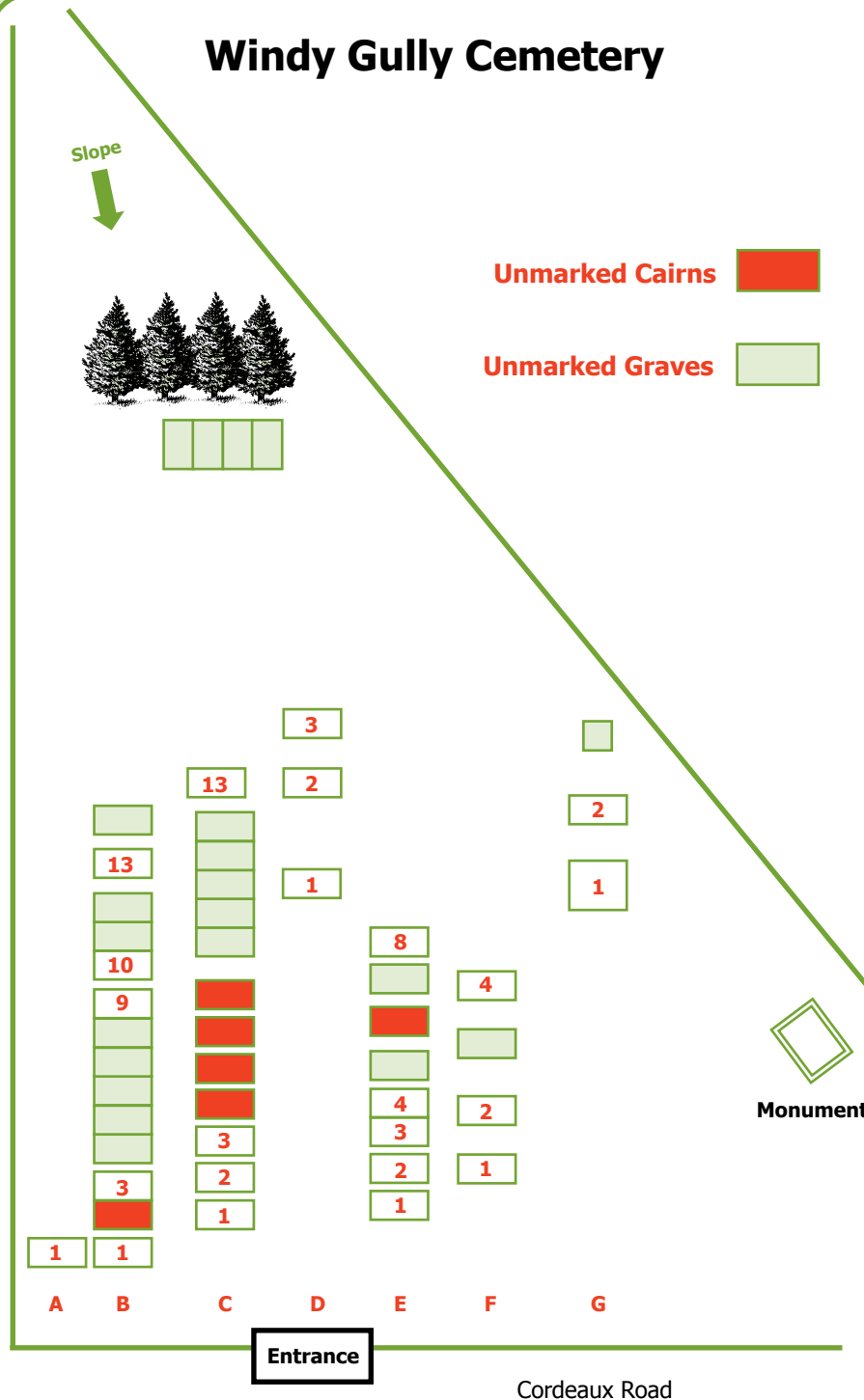


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- 48 James Annesley
- 52 William Brasher
- 326 George H. Dixon
- 371 Frank Dungey
- 192 Frederick R. Dunning
- 56 Joseph F. Dunning
- 56 Thomas R. Dunning
- 49 William Filby
- 260 George O. Hartley
- 191 Jehu Hitchens
- 193 Thomas Hughes
- 51 Percy Hunt
- 51 Percy S. Hunt
- 51 William (Allen) Hunt
- 2 John H. James
- 269 Richard Lane Snr.
- 269 Richard Lane Jr.
- 50 Henry Meurant
- 50 William Meurant
- 271 George Morris
- 324 John G. Nees
- 190 Henry Rich
- 190 James H. Rich
- 46 Albert Skilling
- 271 Frederick Smith
- 10 Claude Stafford
- 10 David Stafford
- 10 William Stafford
- 268 John Walker
- 270 Richard Walker
- 268 William Walker
- 194 George Youngman



## Windy Gully Cemetery



### Victims' Burial Sites

- E3 Henry Aitken
- E2 John Aitken
- B3 Albert W. Blackett
- B3 Robert G. Blackett
- C1 Alfred Hewlett
- C1 William Hewlett
- C2 Reynold Hume
- G1 Robert Jones
- E4 James McDill
- E8 William McMurray
- E8 Alexander Morrison
- E8 Henry Morrison
- D1 George Russell
- G1 Richard Thomas

### Disaster Victims List Buried Unmarked Graves

- Richard Bellis
- John Bryson
- Arthur Carter
- Charles Church
- Thomas Howell
- John Jeffrey
- Thomas Kindred
- Hugh McLister
- James McLister
- John Muir
- Peter Muir
- Jacob Nelson
- William Nelson
- William J. Price
- Edward Robson
- David Scott
- William Silcock
- Thomas Tost
- Joseph Wilkinson

