

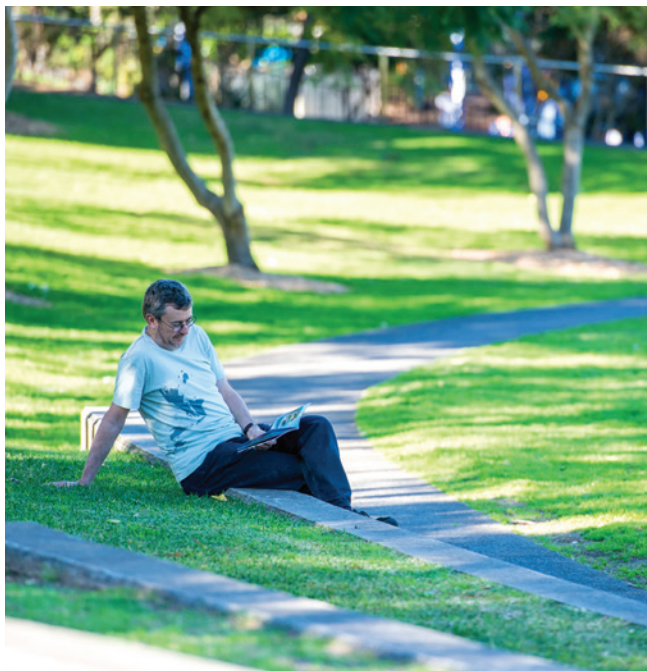
## BROOKVALE HERITAGE WALK

- ⑥ William Frederick Parker (not his son William Francis as stated in the plaque) acquired 100 acres in 1836, 50 acres on each side of the present day Old Pittwater Road. He named his land Brookvale after the creek that flowed through it. His house was near the intersection of William St. His son, William Francis Parker built his house, Brooklands, at the western end of Cross St in 1879.

As the Parker estate was subdivided, 8 acres were sold to Sydney Alexander Malcolm in 1883. Malcolm's daughter, Jane Try, stayed in the family home, **Brookvale House**, until 1957 when it was sold to make way for Warringah Mall.

- ⑦ Within the grounds of Brookvale Bus Depot, the **Tramway Staff War Memorial** is a stone obelisk demonstrating the sentiment of tramway staff in commemorating those who had given service in World War I.

- ⑧ One of the original buildings of Brookvale Public School is heritage listed as an example of an early **20th Century school building**. It consists of sandstone bricks, sandstone foundations and a hipped and gabled roof. *Please note that public access is not permitted on school grounds.*



### *Brookvale Heritage Walk*

Take your time, relax, come and learn a little about Brookvale's heritage.

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# *Hello* BROOKVALE HERITAGE WALK





## GRADE

Easy

## DISTANCE

2.8km loop

## TIME

45 mins - 1 hour

## PATH

Mostly footpath, some verge walking, occasional steps, gentle hill



Brookvale House, 1910



Jane Try Stand

Manly Warringah Sea Eagles



★ START HERE

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P PARKING

🚌 BUS STOP

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The diversity of Brookvale's history will amaze you. From pioneer farmers and tradesmen in the 1800s and migrant market gardens following World War II, Brookvale progressed to a place of industry and manufacturing. The area is now an important employment precinct, with a proud history of agriculture, industry and of course, rugby league!

- 1 **Brookvale Park** opened in 1911, when the first parcel of land was dedicated for public recreation by Jane Malcolm (later Try). Once known as Farrell's Paddock, the land hosted many community celebrations such as the expansion of the tramline from Manly to Brookvale in 1910.

The inaugural Brookvale Agricultural Show took place in 1921 and was an annual event until the 1980s. It was considered a warm-up to the Royal Easter Show. It has again become an annual event since the Park's centenary in 2011.

Trotting was a regular event until the Oval was reshaped to a rectangle to accommodate football.

- 2 The Oval is the spiritual home of the mighty **Manly Warringah Sea Eagles**. Warringah Council first provided use of Brookvale Oval in 1932 to host the Manly Warringah Junior League. After several attempts to join the First Grade NSW Rugby League, the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles were granted admission to the 1947 premiership competition. They now boast 8 premiership titles.

- 3 Planted in the 1920s by local school students as part of Arbor Day celebrations, these mature **Brush Box and Camphor Laurel trees** along Pine Ave, Federal Pde and Alfred Rd have recently been heritage listed.

*(Featured image - Please see the front cover)*

- 4 Operational between 1914 and 1998, the **brickworks** are significant for using original machinery to make dry-pressed bricks. The site has since been adapted for housing, however several buildings and a tall chimney stack remain.

- 5 As the former site of St Luke's Church of England, these 4 mature **Canary Island Palms** were planted on 2 July 1927 in memory of a number of pioneer parishioners, including 82-year-old William Francis Parker who died that day.

Can you imagine being underwater here? **Fossil records** of 24 fish species found in the brick pits have been dated to the Triassic period, 240 million years ago. Genus *Brookvalia* measured 30-97mm in length.