



## ABOUT THIS SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Broken Hill Cemetery is the final resting place of a number of significant Broken Hill residents.

The *Broken Hill – Our People* tour takes you through to some of the burial sites of people who have made important contributions to the community.

Relive significant moments in Broken Hill and Australia's history through the lives of people such as Percival Brookfield – an early socialist who fought for worker's rights, Pro Hart – an ex-miner turned artist and Albert Morris – the "Father" of Broken Hill's regeneration scheme.

Other tours in this series include: 'Broken Hill – Our City' and 'We are the Miners'.



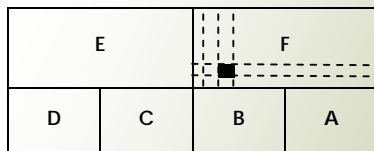
## LOCATING A GRAVE

In order to locate a specific grave, it is important to understand the layout of the cemetery.

Broken Hill Cemetery is broken into a number of sections based on religious denominations, such as Independent, Catholic, Jewish or General. Each section is then divided into blocks (eg. A, B or C) and each grave has a row and grave number (note that some graves do not have a row number).

For example, the location of the grave Independent F: Row 2 Grave 3 is as follows:

INDEPENDENT SECTION



## MORE INFORMATION

### Broken Hill City Council

Administrative Centre  
Cnr Blende and Sulphide Street  
Opening Hours: 8am – 5pm (Mon – Fri)  
Phone: (08) 8080 2290  
Emergency Only: 0409 785 423

### Broken Hill City Library

A wide range of resources are available for the family history researcher at the library.  
Blende Street  
Phone: (08) 8088 3317 for opening hours  
Email: [admin@bhlibrary.org.au](mailto:admin@bhlibrary.org.au)

*Broken Hill Cemetery is a very special place for the people of Broken Hill. All visitors are requested to observe all signs and directions and respect the rights and needs of other visitors.*

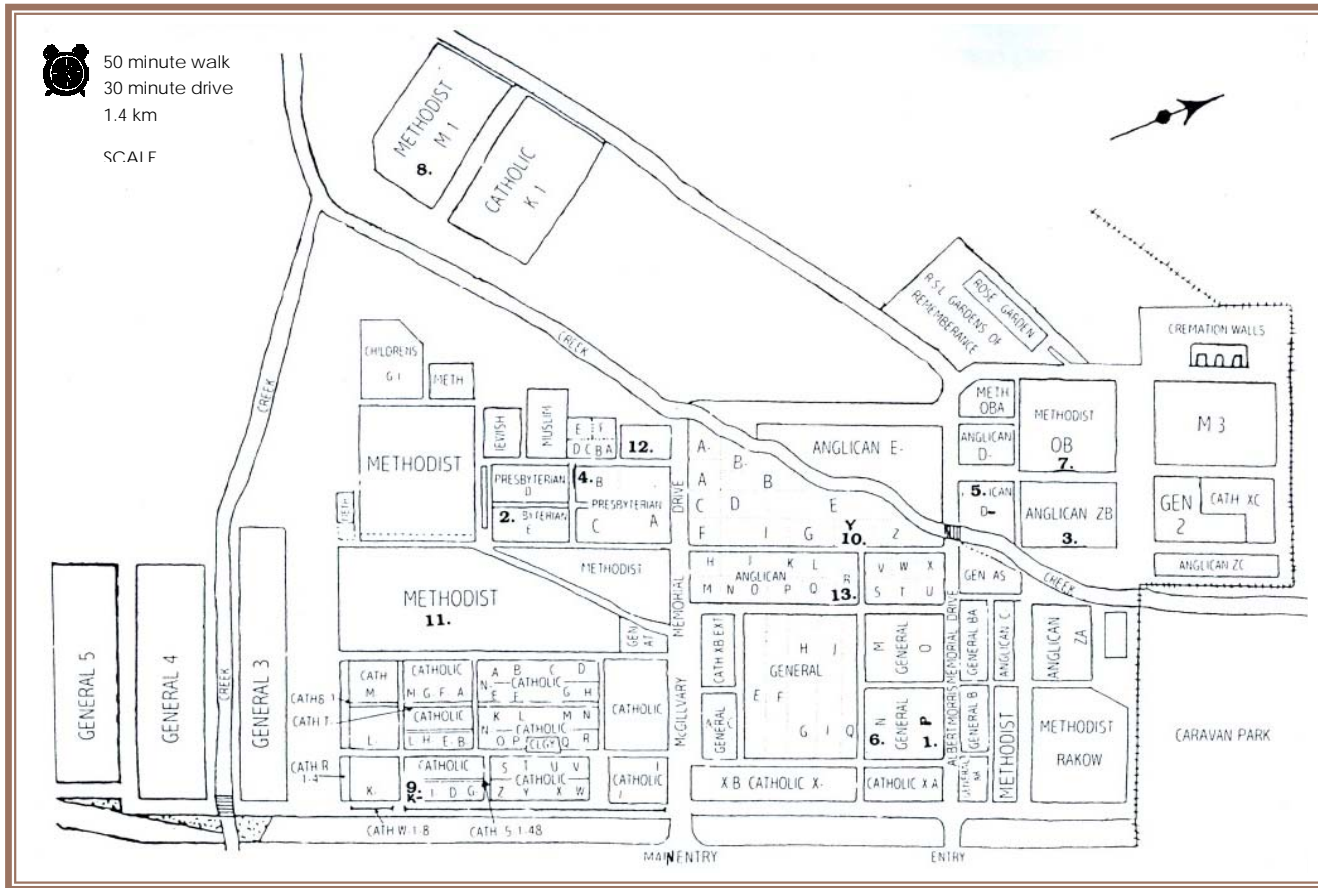


# Broken Hill

## C E M E T E R Y

*Cemeteries are an important part of every city's heritage. Dedicated in 1889, the Broken Hill Cemetery on Rakow Street provides a valuable record of the diversity of Broken Hill's early mining community and a valuable insight into the development of Broken Hill and the surrounding region.*

B R O K E N H I L L  
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## BURIAL SITES OF INTEREST

1. Percival (Percy) Brookfield (1875-1921)  
General N: Grave 232
2. Alma Cowie (1898-1915)  
General N: Grave 41
3. Samuel Byrne (1883-1978)  
Anglican ZB: Row 18 Grave 51
4. James Crocker (1885-1960)  
Methodist OB: Row 12 Grave 2
5. Albert Morris (1886-1939)  
Anglican D: Row 5 Grave 22
6. Juliette Windeyer Idriess (1861-1908)  
Anglican Y: Grave 47
7. George Urquhart (1845 -1915)  
Presbyterian B: Row 6 Grave 3
8. Dr. W.D.K. McGillvray (1866-1933)  
Presbyterian E: Row 11 Grave 1
9. Sackville Kidman (1855 -1899)  
Methodist I: Grave 31
10. Kevin Charles (Pro) Hart (1928-2006)  
General 5: Row 7 Grave 22
11. E.P (Paddy) O'Neill (1876-1953)  
Catholic K-: Grave 230

### START: INTERPRETATION CENTRE



#### STOP 1: PERCY BROOKFIELD & ALMA COWIE

*Percy Brookfield* was an early socialist who began work as a miner before being elected as a Member of Parliament for Sturt. He fought for worker's rights and was a leading activist. This memorial was erected by public subscription and the words on the monument are testament to his character and his politics.

*Alma Cowie* was the youngest victim of the Picnic Train Massacre where four people died and seven more were injured. Regarded as the only outbreak of war hostilities on Australian soil, the incident began when two local men of Turkish origin shot at a trainload of picnickers on their way to New Year celebrations.



#### STOP 2: BYRNE, CROCKER & MORRIS

*Samuel Byrne* worked as a miner in Broken Hill before he began painting. As one of Australia's best naive artists, he has exhibited internationally, often documenting the history of Broken Hill and highlighting environmental issues in his paintings.

*James Crocker* received the Salvation Army's highest award, the 'Order of the Founder'. Instituted in 1917, this order of merit marks meritorious Christian example and witness, and distinguished or memorable service.

*Albert Morris* was once the chief assayer for the Central Mine in Broken Hill. Known as the "Father" of Broken Hill's Regeneration Scheme, his interest in the plants of the arid interior led to his idea for a green belt to control sand drift from the Broken Hill mines.



#### STOP 3: JULIETTE WINDEYER IDRIESS

Killed by a typhoid epidemic in Broken Hill. *Juliette Idriess* was the mother of the famous author Ion Idriess, who was a significant contributor to Australian publishing and literature. Ion's writing includes the famous 1956 book titled 'The Silver City: Early Days at Broken Hill.'



#### STOP 4: URQUHART & DR. MCGILLVRAY

*George Urquhart* was a sheep overseer who joined Charles Rasp in 1883 as part of the "Syndicate of Seven" which was formed to lease and mine Rasp's findings.

*Dr. W.D.K. McGillvray* was President of the Broken Hill Field Naturalist Club and "one of the first to run a motor car in Broken Hill". He set up a General Practice in Broken Hill in 1897.



#### STOP 5: SACKVILLE KIDMAN

*Sackville Kidman* was a pioneer butcher of Broken Hill who formed a partnership with his brother Sir Sidney Kidman, the famous pastoralist. Together they purchased a number of cattle stations around Australia.



#### STOP 6: KEVIN CHARLES (PRO) HART

*Pro Hart* acquired the nickname Pro(fessor) for his wide general knowledge while working in the mines. His art has been exhibited worldwide & his funeral (May 2006) was the first state funeral held west of the Great Dividing Range.



#### STOP 7: E.P (PADDY) O'NEILL

As an ex-miner, *O'Neill* was the Barrier Industrial Council's second and most long-serving president. Working as a council employee, he was also a Municipal Employees Union official and a social conservative.