



CONNECTIONS 2024

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### NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2024 CONNECTIONS

FOCP's 9<sup>th</sup> Exhibition on *Veterans' Connections* is the first exhibition about the history of Veterans & Repatriation services at Callan Park & Broughton Hall.

Veterans' stories (largely absent in recent decades) are a huge part of the history of Callan Park, and of Broughton Hall

- 2024 CALLAN PARK'S VETERANS : A CENTURY OF CONNECTIONS
- 2023 CALLAN PARK SHARED STORIES
- 2018 BROUGHTON HALL : *BROUGHT TO LIFE*
- 2017 LOST VOICES OF CALLAN PARK
- 2015 BROUGHTON HALL : *IN THE GREAT WAR*
- 2015 CALLAN PARK : *COMPASSION AND CONFLICT IN THE ASYLUM*
- 2010 FACES IN THE PARK
- 2007 BROUGHTON HALL : *PRIVATE PROSPERITY, PUBLIC VISION*
- 1999 BROUGHTON HALL : *PRIVATE GARDENS, PUBLIC THERAPY*

### FOCP APPRECIATES PERMISSION TO INSTALL THIS EXHIBITION:

**GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS** • Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager  
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**NSW MINISTRY OF HEALTH** • Andy Ngo, Manager  
Finance Services & Asset Management

**WE HELP OURSELVES** • Garth Pople, Executive Director

**ROZELLE HOSPITAL ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION** • many people have generously shared personal + family recollections of Callan Park + Broughton Hall ... some of whom are cited in this Exhibition – *thank you*

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**INNERWEST COUNCIL** • Local History Grant

**CURATOR** • Roslyn Burge

Footnote 1: Frank Cotton, *'The Living and the Dead'*, *The Australian Worker*, 28 March 1928, p7

Many sources inform this exhibition — FOCP welcomes all enquiries:  
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## CALLAN PARK'S VETERANS : A CENTURY OF CONNECTIONS

Self-guided Outdoor Historic Exhibition @ Callan Park + Broughton Hall  
April + May 2024

*The world needs no war memorials ... in this or any other land ... such memorials already exist ... There are over 300 human war memorials in Callan Park ... representing men whose nerves and brains gave way owing to the horrors they went through ...<sup>1</sup>*

Servicemen began returning to Australia from the horrific battlefields of WWI in 1915, some with terrible wounds and lost limbs, others with invisible wounds — shell-shock and trauma — needing places to convalesce.

Callan Park swiftly pivoted to accommodate veterans, becoming #28 Australian Auxiliary Hospital – a wartime military hospital. Broughton Hall, still a private estate, was lent by the Langdon family to the government, and after renovation by the extraordinary women of Red Cross, became a wartime military hospital in 1915, #13 Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

Between 1918 and 1961 Repatriation Department constructed 8 wards specifically for veterans + a social club + Cane Room + Bootmaker's workshop + a Bowling green & clubhouse + Veterans' Recreation Hall = a huge investment.

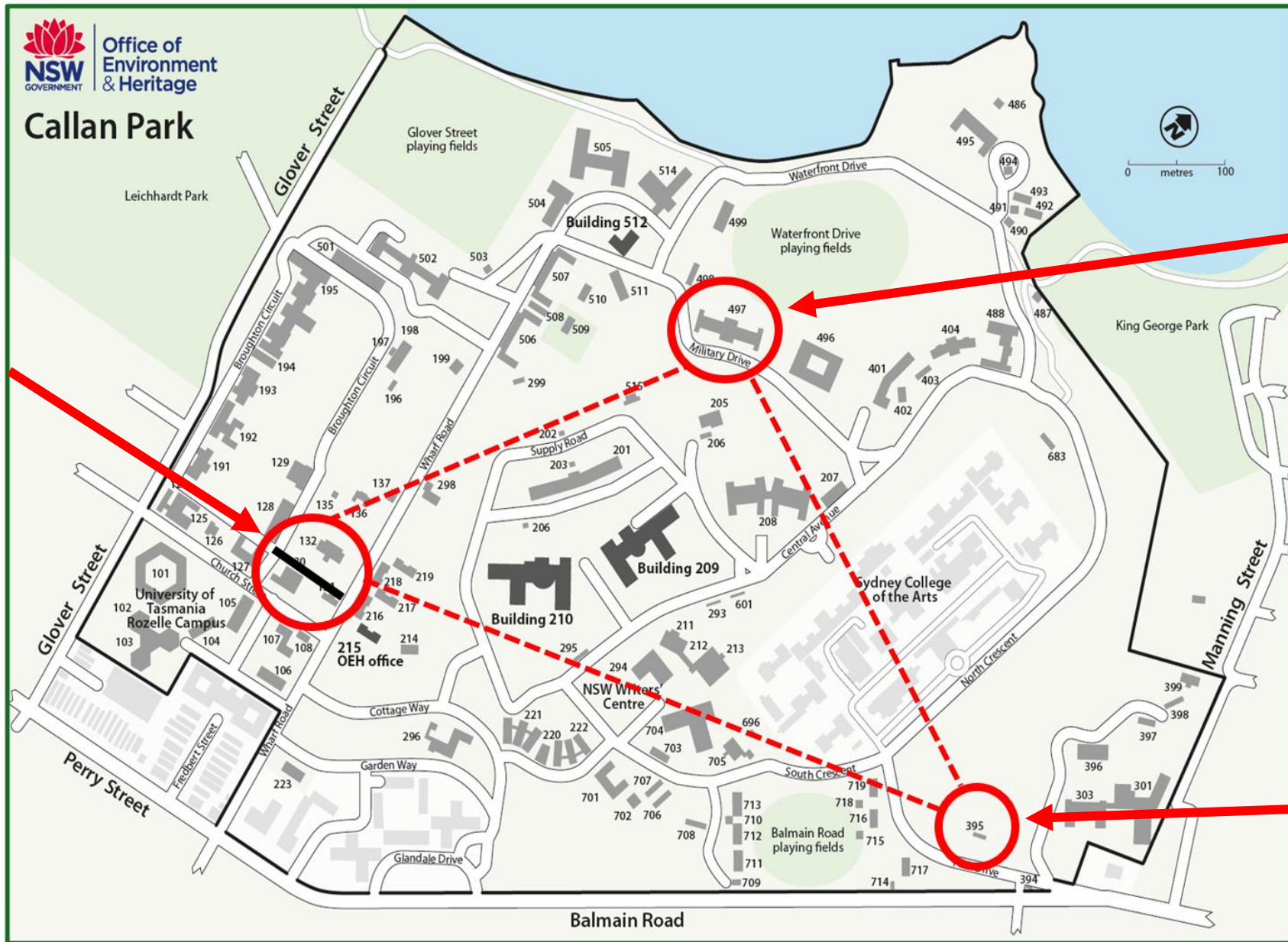
Veterans were among the last patients to leave when Callan Park closed in April 2008. FOCP continues to advocates for the delivery of a new, contemporary model of mental health services for veterans and the whole community.

### Exhibition is located in three locations

- **Callan Park War Memorial** [near the Main Gate at Cecily Street]
- **Sydney Harbour Bridge War Memorial** [beside Waterfront Oval]
- **Broughton Hall** [small road off Wharf Road near Church Street]

**See map overleaf**

# CALLAN PARK'S VETERANS : A CENTURY OF CONNECTIONS



## BROUGHTON HALL

Off Wharf Road near Church St

See small black line in circle – indicating internal unnamed road within Broughton Hall near corner of Wharf Road and Church Street

## SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL

southern side of Waterfront Drive Oval + in front of Repatriation Ward B

## CALLAN PARK WAR MEMORIAL

near Main Gates @ Cecily St