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SYDNEY'S GEOGRAPHIC HEARTLAND



> Sydney Olympic Park

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The geographic and demographic heart of Greater Sydney is around Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush Bay, which made it a very accessible venue for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Today, Sydney Olympic Park provides visitors with a wide range of attractions and a choice of activities, including tours of venues that hosted the world's athletes. (Pages 32-33).

Further north on Homebush Bay Drive at Rhodes is Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Brays Park which honours a most significant battle in the Papua-New Guinea campaign of 1942-1943.

Cross the Parramatta River to Ryde. (Pages 30-31) There are an amazing number of bays, picnic or fishing spots from Putney through to Henley on the Parramatta River, which serves as Ryde's southern boundary. In the north, Ryde is bounded by the Lane Cove River National Park, one of Sydney's traditional family meeting and picnic places.

Follow Victoria Road through Gladesville to picturesque Hunters Hill peninsular and Woolwich. Don't miss Eastwood's Granny Smith Festival in October of each year.

South from Sydney Olympic Park to the beautiful and uniquely Asian themed Auburn Botanic Gardens at the corner of Chisholm and Chiswick Roads, Auburn. Nearby Rookwood Necropolis is an outstanding example of Victorian burial traditions. Voluntary guides conduct tours. Paddy's Markets at Flemington are Sydney's "Biggest & Best" traditional markets.

Canada Bay takes its name from the Irish and French Canadian rebels who settled in the area after they were deported to Australia following the Canada Revolution of 1837-8. With over 38 km of foreshore on the Parramatta River, Canada Bay is a great place for a picnic, a leisurely bike ride or strenuous run around the harbour. Best known is the Bay Run, a 7km trail around Iron Cove. Parks, walks, some great foreshore clubs and restaurants and exciting views.

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> Lane Cove National Park