



## Remember

- All flora, fauna and any natural or cultural features are protected and should not be removed or defaced.
- Pets must be leashed at all times, unless in a leash free area.
- Keeping to the tracks will minimise soil erosion and damage to the vegetation.
- Please use rubbish bins if provided, or alternatively take your rubbish with you.
- Observe fire bans – do not smoke near flammable vegetation.
- When passing near homes respect residents' privacy.

## “Little Digger”

Little Digger Park, which lends its name to the restored track, was named in honour of William Morris Hughes. Mr Hughes was a member of the first Commonwealth Parliament and Prime Minister of Australia from 1915 - 1923.

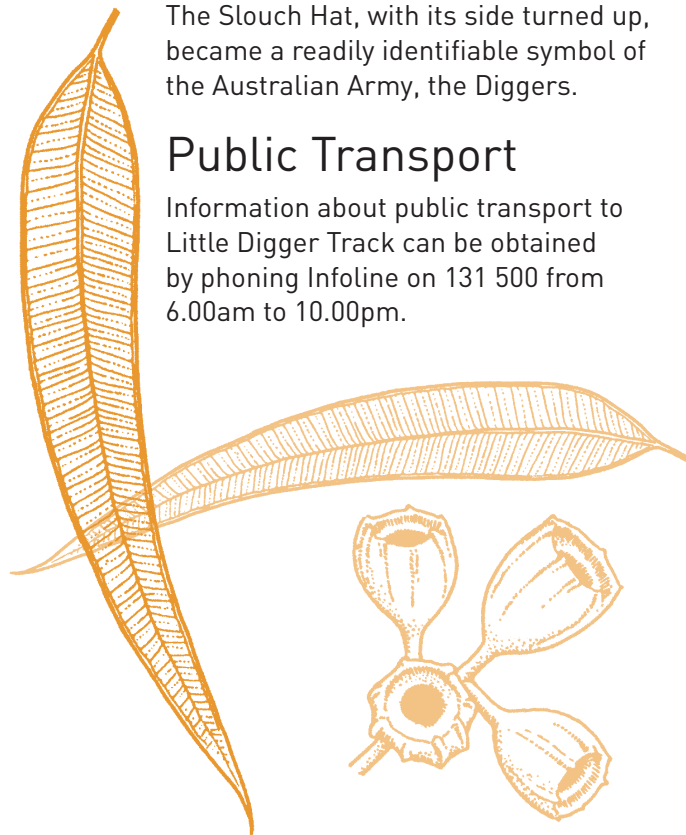
Following his term as Prime Minister he continued as a member of Parliament, holding the federal seat of Bradfield from 1949 until his death in 1952. He was a long time resident of the area.

He acquired the name “The Little Digger” because of his association with Australian troops during World War 1.

The Slouch Hat, with its side turned up, became a readily identifiable symbol of the Australian Army, the Diggers.

## Public Transport

Information about public transport to Little Digger Track can be obtained by phoning Infoline on 131 500 from 6.00am to 10.00pm.



## Further Information

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**Little Digger Track**  
Roseville to Middle Harbour  
via Moores Creek

Ku-ring-gai Walking Tracks



# Little Digger Track

Little Digger Track is a one kilometre walk that takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. The track starts under the old oak tree at the corner of Roseville Avenue and Amarna Parade, Roseville, opposite the Little Digger Park.

The track follows Moores Creek, skirting the Roseville Golf Course, then descends into the sandstone gully until it joins with the Two Creeks Track which takes you to Middle Harbour.

Sections of the track were originally built to provide access to Roseville Baths in the 1920's. After the closure of the baths in 1969 the track fell into disuse and became overgrown with vegetation.

Thanks to funding from the Federal Government through the Centenary of Federation Trust, and support from the local community, the track has been restored and once more provides access to Middle Harbour.

Features of the track include waterfalls, rock pools and caves, remnants of rainforest vegetation, mighty Sydney Red Gums (*Angophora costata*), She Oaks (*Casuarina glauca*) and many types of ferns.

The varied habitat is home to a large number of Australian native animals including the rare and threatened Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*). Walking quietly you may see the Eastern Water dragon (*Physignathus lesueurii*) and hear the calls of frogs. Look up into the brushy shrubs and you will see the homes (dreys) of the shy ringtail possums (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*).

# Points of Interest

- 1 Roseville Golf Course** was used by the Australian Military during World War 1 as a training camp for Army Engineers. The engineers were trained in the construction of trenches and timber bridges. Much of the timber used for construction was obtained from the local area.
- 2 Little Falls** was aptly named due to the size of the water fall.
- 3 Babbage Falls** was named after Eden Herschel Babbage who was a Ku-ring-gai Council alderman. Mr Babbage was also well known for his altruistic regard for his fellow citizens and his dedicated efforts for the establishment of Roseville Park.
- 4 Sandstone Steps** are thought to have been constructed in the 1930's by works gangs during the Great Depression as part of the original walking track to the Roseville Baths.
- 5 Carlyle Falls** was possibly names after the English author and philosopher Thomas Carlyle.



# Map

