SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WALKING TOUR

1 Sutherland Memorial School of Arts
Sutherland Memorial School of Arts. Completed in 1922, the school was built to honour the men from Sutherland who fought in WWI. The school was used to encourage the arts, recreational activities and educational pursuits. It was opened on 28 May 1922 by the Minister of Education, Albert Bruntnell. The building has been since used for billiards, library books, celebrations, dances and public meetings. Today it hosts a theatre group and was formerly the home of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society and Museum.

Sutherland Memorial School of Arts

2 15 East Parade
This building is a unique example of the Interwar California bungalow style. The land was first granted to SW Gray in 1878. The Intercolonial Investment Land and Building Company obtained the land in 1885. The first aerial photograph of the block was taken in 1930, showing the house set in a large, established garden.

3 Sutherland Station
Sutherland Railway Station was opened on the 26th December 1885. The station faced the railway on one side and the road on the other. It consisted of a goods shed and a stationmaster's residence. In 1886 the line was extended to Waterfall and in 1939 it became the junction for the Cronulla line.

Suthejrland Station 1954

4 Brinsley's Joinery
Brinsley's Joinery dates to the interwar period. The Brinsley family initially worked from home and then purchased the joinery which serviced many of the buildings in the area. In 1929 the Joinery was destroyed by fire and then rebuilt. The building was acquired by the council in 1994 and extensive restoration work has been carried within the site.

5 Old Ambulance Station
This station was the first for the St George Sutherland Shire District Ambulance Service in the Sutherland Shire, built into an old motor repair garage. The station was moved in 1929 and the building served as a saddlery shop for many years.

6 Forby Sutherland Memorial Park
The Forby Sutherland Memorial Park was opened in 1971 to honour the men who entered Botany Bay on the Endeavour in 1770. Forby Sutherland a member of the crew who died in 1770 and whom the Sutherland Shire is named after, is the inspiration for the park's name.

7 Council Chambers
The Sutherland Shire Council first met on June 18th 1906 at the Miranda School of Arts. This current administration building was officially opened in 1964 and is still used today.

8 Sutherland Primary School

The school was opened in 1887, consisting of only one room constructed of weatherboard and corrugated iron. By 1892 there were 105 children attending the school. When the number of students reached capacity in 1928 the school was upgraded to an Intermediate High School. The opening of Port Hacking High School in 1958 saw the secondary students transferred and the school reverting to primary education.

Sutherland Primary School 1896

9 President Avenue

President Avenue was renamed from Sutherland Street in honour of the first President of the Sutherland Shire Council, William George Judd.

10 Old Tram Office

This building serviced the old tramline which extended from Sutherland to Shelly Park at Cronulla. The tram began running in 1911 and moved both goods and people. The fare for the complete journey was sixpence and took 35 minutes. The passenger service ceased service in 1931, while the goods service continued for a short time.

11 Boyle's Hotel

Boyle's Hotel, originally named the Railway Hotel, was the first hotel in Sutherland, built in the late 1800s. The hotel was taken over by Ted Boyle in 1901. In 1937 the original building was demolished and replaced by the building that currently stands. The bricks used were sourced from the Kirrawee Brick pit.

Railway Hotel 1910

12 77 East Parade

This building is a rare example of the late Victorian style of housing. It is evidence of the second subdivision of the Sutherland Township Estate spurred on by the Sutherland Railway.

13 Woronora Cemetery

Woronora Cemetery was first opened in 1895. Since then over 90 000 people have been buried and 137 000 cremated. In 1902 a number of remains were moved from the Devonshire Street Cemetery, in Surry Hills, to Woronora to make way for Central Station. This is why some headstones predate the opening of the cemetery.