



**Jack Gordon Hides**  
*Papua New Guinea Explorer*

Catholic Monumental, W9, Grave 0053

Born in Port Moresby, Papua, second of the seven children of Horace Herbert Hides, and Helena Marie. He was a Roman Catholic, a fine swimmer, a sprint runner and an amateur boxer.

In July 1925, Hides joined the Papuan Public Service as a cadet clerk and in May 1926 transferred to the Government Secretary's Department as a cadet patrol officer. Appointed patrol officer in February 1928, he became assistant resident magistrate, 2nd grade, in February 1934, serving in succession. He first demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and bushcraft on a series of patrols from Kerema in 1930-31 into the partially unexplored Kukukuku country.

In 1932, on 20 September, Hides married Margeurite Montebell Priestley in Liverpool, New South Wales, and together they had two children.

In 1935 Hides was personally chosen by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Hubert Murray to lead an expedition into the last large unexplored region of Papua. It was the last major exploratory expedition in Papua-New Guinea to be carried out without radio or aerial support. Upon returning from the most dangerous patrol ever carried out in Papua, Hides was the centre of intense publicity and was widely criticised for the bloodshed. The loss of life during several of his journeys might have been avoided by better planning and more caution.

In 1937, Hides led a private prospecting expedition up the Strickland River to find gold he thought he had seen earlier. His companion David Lyall became seriously ill and they were forced to retreat. Lyall passed away on 17 September. Hides returned to Sydney and in the following year, he died of pneumonia. In his time, Hides wrote four successful books based on his experiences, with the last published posthumously.



**'Ricky'**  
**Richard Ernest May**  
*Māori Entertainer*

General Lawn, O, Grave 0377

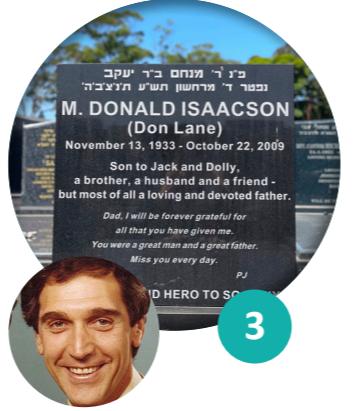
Born in Onehunga (Auckland), New Zealand, to Keith 'Kotcy' May and Reihera Tuaiwa 'Rachel' May. At the age of 15, May asked for an audition at the Picasso, a coffee lounge/nightclub in Auckland. The word quickly spread among jazz fans that this teenager was gifted.

In 1961 May signed with Harry M. Miller's La Gloria label, which released his debut single in 1961, a cover version of Chubby Checker hit "Let's Twist Again". In 1962, Ricky relocated to Sydney and primarily worked in cabaret. He recorded compositions of Nat King Cole and appeared on Australian TV shows such as The Don Lane Show, and hosted his own show, Ten on the Town, on TEN-10.

He issued no further recordings until 1973: a double album with ABC records. In 1974 ABC decided to release a second double album, "Just Foolin' Around" – A Tribute to Louis Armstrong. In 1986 RCA released a Christmas album, "It's the Christmas Man". Beyond this he concentrated on live cabaret performances and television work. He later appeared regularly on Hey Hey It's Saturday.

May performed in Europe, Las Vegas and on the South-East Asia cabaret circuit, while maintaining a large following in Australia. He won the Entertainer of the Year award in Australia in 1979 and 1980. It is unknown when May married his wife Colleen Ann Roser. Together they had one child, a daughter called Shani.

On 1 June 1988 Ricky May had a fatal heart attack at the Regent Hotel, Sydney, after receiving a standing ovation on the opening night of a new cabaret show. He had also recently become an Australian citizen. May received the Benny Award from the Variety Artists Club of New Zealand, the highest honour available to a New Zealand variety entertainer.



**'Don Lane'**  
**Morton Donald Isaacson**  
*TV Legend*

Jewish Monumental, F17, Grave 0057

Born in New York, USA to a Jewish father Jacob Isaacson and a Catholic mother Dolly. Raised in The Bronx, by his mid-teens he decided he would be in show business. He entertained at parties, played varsity football and basketball, and later gained a scholarship.

After college, Isaacson worked in New York nightclubs but was then drafted into the US Army at 21. He formed a double act with a soldier, which went on to win a contest that earned them an appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1955. After service, he toured all over the country entertaining troops.

Isaacson returned to New York nightclubs where he adopted his stage name "Don Lane", after fellow entertainer Frankie Laine. He worked his act throughout Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Lane moved to Honolulu for his first headline offer and contract as a solo performer. A Nine producer gave Lane the chance to fill in for the last six weeks of a talk show on Sydney television.

Tonight with Don Lane was a precursor to The Don Lane Show, which is still the highest rated variety program in Australian television history. In 1975, Lane's role made him the most highly paid performer on Australian television. Bert Newton met Lane on-set, where there was instant on-screen chemistry. The show featured big musical numbers, notable guests including via satellite interviews and comedy sketches. He helped young local entertainers establish themselves, including John Farnham. The show was cancelled despite still having strong ratings.

He also pursued film, US television and radio, and found success as a sportscaster on Australian TV for various sports codes. Lane's deteriorating health from Alzheimer's led to him passing away on 22 October 2009 in Sydney. He was remembered as a generous performer and personality.



**Lieutenant Colonel Hyacinth 'Ralph' Honner DSO MC**  
*Soldier and Australian Ambassador to Ireland*

Roman Catholic Lawn, Block 14, Grave 0084

Born in Fremantle, Western Australia, the third of six children of Richard Joseph Honner, and his Irish-born wife Eleanor Iris. In 1923 Honner entered Claremont Teachers College and the University of Western Australia. Admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor, he worked as a solicitor until 1939.

Honner served in the Citizen Military Forces from 1924 and was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1936. Immediately following the outbreak of World War II, he transferred to the Australian Imperial Force. Promoted to captain, he was given command of 'C' Company, 2/11th Battalion. In April the 2/11th was shipped to Greece, and they fought continuously until its evacuation to Crete on 25 April 1941. He was promoted to major in October and awarded the Military Cross in December.

Honner's experience in the Mediterranean prepared him well for the Kokoda Trail and he conducted a skilled defence and fighting withdrawal back along the trail; his troops rested only when the tide had turned against the Japanese. Honner was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his Papuan service. Following the disbandment of the 39th, he was posted as commanding officer of the 2/14th Battalion. Honner received a gunshot wound to the hip, forcing an end to his active service.

Honner moved to Sydney to become chairman of the No. 2 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal. He served as President of both the New South Wales division of the United Nations Association and the New South Wales division of the Liberal Party of Australia. From 1968 to 1972 he served as Australia's Ambassador to Ireland.

Honner passed away on 14 May 1994 and is commemorated by the Ralph Honner Kokoda Education Centre, opened as part of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, Sydney. At his funeral, an unknown Japanese veteran walked up to his coffin and bowed in respect.

## Historic Walk

Harmony Theme



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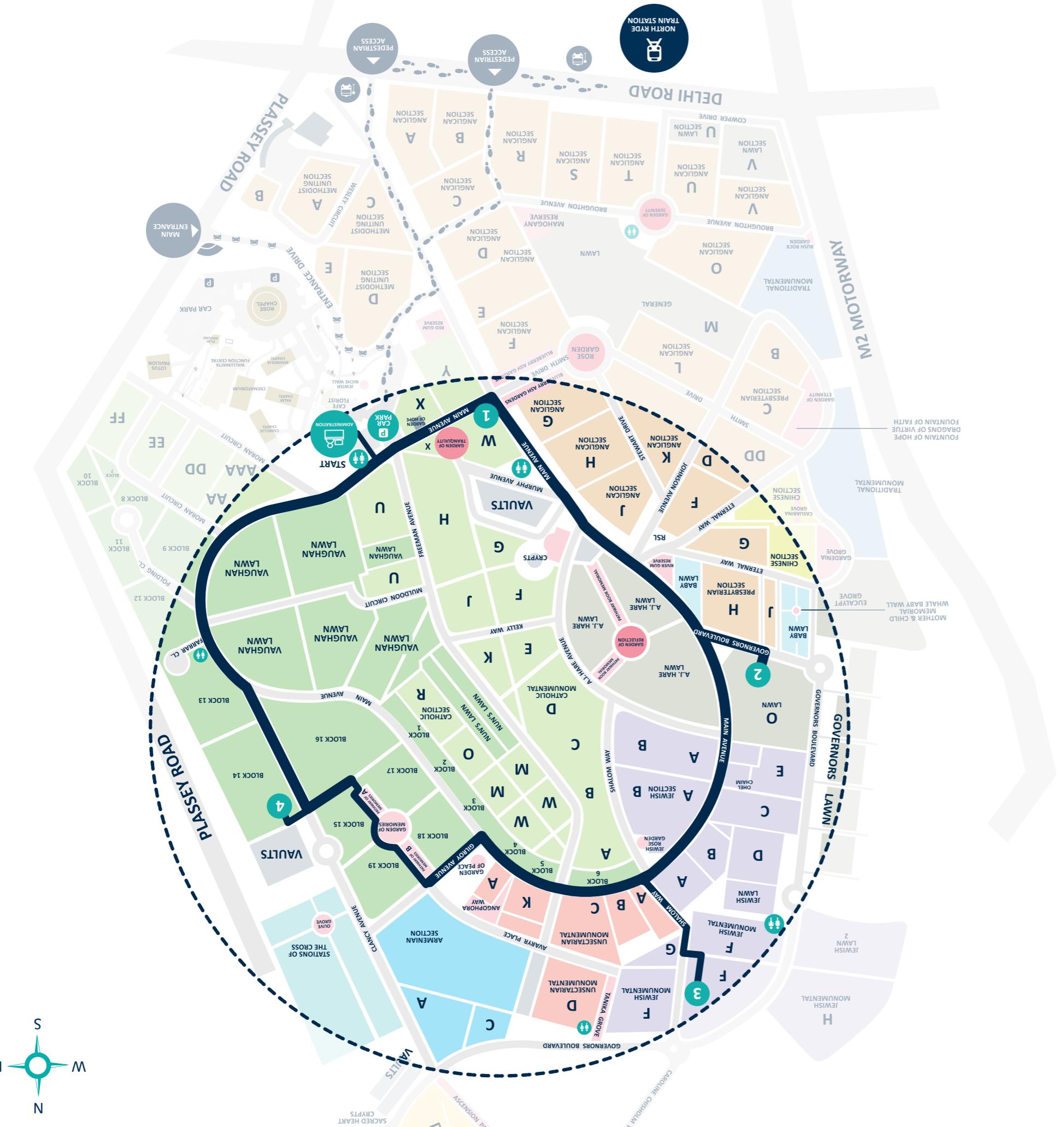
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