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Rev. Theodore Delwin 'Ted' Noffs
*Founder of Wayside Chapel,
 Wesley Church Minister and
 Humanitarian*

Methodist Monumental, D8, Grave 0025

Born in Mudgee, Australia, the second of three children of German-born Theodore Erwin Bernhardt Noffs, a travelling salesman, hunter, and artist, and his wife Leila Eva Mary, née Roth, who was from an immigrant-German winegrowing family. Ted completed his schooling at Parramatta. He entered the ministry in 1947 and was ordained in 1952. In 1957, Noffs travelled with his family to America to study and gain an MA at the Garrett Biblical Institute in Illinois in 1959.

He returned to Australia to become the new assistant pastor of Central Methodist Mission, Sydney. Noffs was co-founder and first President of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, and helped start the Lifeline counselling service. He established an unconditional relationship with drug-using youths, marginal intellectuals, down-and-outs and other denizens of Kings Cross. Setting up the Wayside Chapel was pivotal to the realisation of his idiosyncratic ministry, becoming the focal point not only for regular church services, but also topical debates, small theatre productions and more.

In 1965, he joined forces with the activist Charles Perkins instigate the now-famous Freedom Ride. Noffs became increasingly concerned with the rise of drug abuse amongst the young, establishing Australia's first Drug Referral Centre in 1967. In 1987, Noffs suffered a massive stroke and was unable to return to work. Margaret Noffs assumed management of The Wayside Chapel and The Wayside Foundation, which was then renamed The Ted Noffs Foundation in 1992.

Noffs published several books and passed away at Paddington. His funeral was held at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. In 1985 he was named Australian Humanist of the Year by the Council of Australian Humanist Societies and Australian Humanitarian of the Year by the National Australia Bank, and in 1986 he received the Advance Australia Foundation's Advance Australia award.



2

Major General Sir George Frederick Wootten KBE, CB, DSO & Bar, ED
Australian Army Officer

Church of England, L6, Grave 0002

Born in Marrickville (Sydney), Australia, he was the seventh child of English, London-born migrant parents, William Frederick Wootten, a carpenter and later a civil engineer, and Louisa Wootten, née Old. He graduated from the Royal Military College at the start of the First World War. He practised as a solicitor and having given up smoking in 1930, he had begun to put on weight. By 1941 he would weigh 127kg and he was 175 cm tall.

Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Wootten was seconded to the Second Australian Imperial Force, despite doubts about his physical fitness for such a post. Wootten's massive frame attracted irreverent nicknames, but he won the respect of his division. The task of training his division for jungle warfare and amphibious operations was not lightened for Wootten by the death of his elder son George in an aircraft accident while he was on active service with the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wooten was the chairman (1945-58) of the Repatriation Commission in Melbourne; he devoted himself strenuously to the welfare of veterans. Although he lived for a time in nursing homes, his wife and family cared for him.

Wootten passed away at Concord and was buried with full military honours and Anglican rites. In recognition of his service, Wootten was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and Companion of the Distinguished Service Order with Bar. He was also awarded the US Distinguished Service Cross and Mentioned in Despatches four times. He was elevated to a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) in 1958. A 1956 portrait of Wootten by Sir William Dargie is held at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.



3

Sir John Oscar Cramer KBE
Politician

Vaughan Catholic Lawn, row 27, Grave

Born at Jacob and Joseph Creek, New South Wales, Australia, fourth of six children to parents John Nicholas Cramer, and Emily Eleanor, née Cullen. In Sydney 1917, John met his future wife, Mary Teresa Earls, and they married on 14 January.

During the Depression Cramer became interested in politics, initially through the All for Australia League, a forum for debating non-party policies. As an alderman in North Sydney from 1931, he was closely involved in the development that resulted from the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Cramer won preselection for the short-lived Democratic Party and stood unsuccessfully for the division of Lane Cove at the 1944 State election. He was elected to the provisional executive of the New South Wales division of the Liberal Party of Australia in January 1945. Cramer gained Liberal preselection for the Federal division of Bennelong in 1949, winning comfortably at the election in December. He retained the seat without difficulty at ten consecutive elections.

In 1956 the prime minister, (Sir) Robert Menzies, made Cramer minister for the army. After the Federal election in 1963, Cramer offered to resign to make room for a younger minister. Remaining on the back bench for a decade, he became weary of the stress of politics and did not seek preselection in 1973. Cramer retired from parliament at the 1974 election.

On Menzies's recommendation Cramer was knighted in June 1964. Survived by his two daughters and younger son, Cramer died on 18 May 1994 at Lulworth House, Elizabeth Bay.



Dame Mary Therese Cramer DBE
*Australian Charity and
 Community Worker*

Vaughan Catholic Lawn, Row 27, Grave 119A

Born in New South Wales, Australia, the eldest of six children of William Earls and Maria (née Kirby), who had emigrated to Australia from Ireland. Mary, a teacher before her marriage to John (later Sir John) Cramer, in January 1922, brought her formidable organising skills to rearing their four children and to her public activities.

On the election of her husband as mayor of North Sydney in 1939, she assumed the duties of lady mayoress. Mary organised a Voluntary Aid Detachment for North Sydney at the beginning of World War II, and the first group of the Women's Australian National Service in Sydney and became its first commandant. Her husband later became a founding member of the Liberal Party of Australia and a Minister for the Army from 1956-1963.

She was president of the New South Wales division of the Red Cross Society and of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital Advisory Board at North Sydney. Despite recurring illness, she maintained her public activities and was appointed as Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 12 June 1971 for distinguished public service, which had covered four decades.

According to the report in The Sydney Morning Herald on 26 May 1994 on the death of Sir John Cramer, 'Sir John with his late wife Dame Mary, had left an indelible mark on the lower North Shore'. Dame Mary Cramer passed away in September 1984, aged 91.



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Approx.
1.0km



Approx.
1hr

Given the nature of the cemetery ground surfaces, power wheelchair users won't be able to complete this walk. A manual wheelchair user or pram user may need to take their time or bring assistance.

Those with young children are encouraged to use a carrier instead of a pram.

If you use any other type of mobility aide, such as crutches or a walking frame, you will need a reasonable level of cardiovascular fitness to complete this walk.

