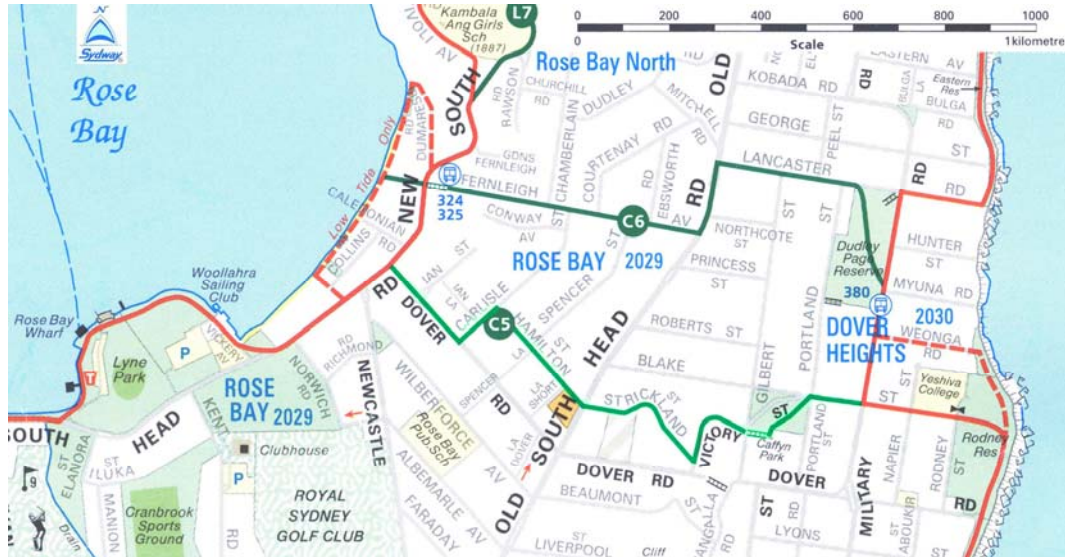


# CIRCULAR QUAY TO SOUTH HEAD AND CLOVELLY

## CONNECTING WALK C5: DOVER

### ROSE BAY SHOPS TO DOVER HEIGHTS



- Main Walk:** —      **Loop and Connecting Walks:** —      **Alternative Routes:** - - -
- Distance:** 1.4km.
- Time:** 30 mins.
- Level:** Moderate; some steps.
- Transport:** Rose Bay Ferry; New South Head, Old South Head and Military Rd buses.
- Connects with:** Main Walk (at Rose Bay and Dover Heights).
- Facilities:**  
*Toilets:* Rose Bay.  
*Picnic spots:* Rose Bay Beach, Caffyn Park and Dudley Page and Rodney Reserves.  
*Shops or hotels:* Rose Bay; Old South Head Rd; Military Rd and Blake St.

This reasonably gentle uphill Connection Walk connects the **Main Walk** at Rose Bay shops and Dover Heights near Rodney and Dudley Page Reserves. It could be part of a number of circular walks incorporating parts of the Main Walk and other connection walks such as C3, C6 or C7.

*Leave the Main Walk at Rose Bay shops and continue along New South Head Road and turn up Dover Road. Turn left at Carlisle Street and right at Hamilton Street to Old South Head Road.*

The only dangerous part of this walk is the beginning of Dover Road where several enticing food shops and the attractive *Hotel Rose Bay* are lurking. The Hotel has a fascinating tribute to a former resident of the 1930s, Carrie Ryan, in the form of an overhead large scale model railway system on which substantial train sets chuff and toot their way over the patrons' heads.

Number 24 Dover and neighbouring *Lynton* were once part of Kersworth Preparatory School which closed in the 1930s. **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church** on the Carlisle Street corner was completed in 1913 but contains a number of elements from the 1835 St Andrew's Scots Church once near Sydney's Town Hall. These include historic memorial plaques, cedar pews, plate, the stone font, the 1885 Hill organ and stained glass windows and even rafters. Immediately uphill from it is the 1919 Sunday school hall. A little further uphill again is the imposing brick façade of a former Christian Brothers College, now McCauley Primary School.

Hamilton Street retains a few original cottages that have not (yet) succumbed to development as it leads to Old South Head Road at the edge of a cluster of shops.

*Cross Old South Head Road to and continue up Strickland Street, turning left into Victory Street. At the Gilbert Street intersection, take the steps up to Caffyn Park before continuing up Blake Street to rejoin the **Main Walk** at Military Road.*

Strickland Street passes Moriah College's King David Preparatory School, almost invisible behind its defensive fence, before meandering gently uphill. Along Victory Street some great views open up behind back to the city. The steps up to Caffyn Park are not all that trying but there is the option of an easier grade by continuing on Victory Street. Caffyn Park immediately offers excellent harbour and city views which must be very popular on New Years Eve. Adjacent Blake Street leads to Military Road and on to Rodney Reserve to rejoin the **Main Walk**.