

A guided walk around

Dangar Island



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Location: Hawkesbury River

Walk length: 3.3 km return

Facilities: Picnic areas, toilets

Getting there: Dangar Island ferry from Brooklyn, water taxi, private boat

Also: Picnic on Bradleys Beach, visit the general store for refreshments

Dangar Island was known as a gathering place for members of the Guringai language group and evidence remains of their history in engravings, middens and rock shelters on the island. European history dates from 7th March 1788 when Governor Phillip and his party camped on the island for the night. A large quantity of mullet was caught and they named the island "Mullet Island".

From 1886 – 1889 Dangar Island was leased to the Union Bridge Company during the construction of the railway bridge over the Hawkesbury River.

During WWII Dangar Island was a base for Army and Navy personnel protecting the railway bridge from potential Japanese submarine attacks.

- 1 Public wharf
- 2 General store
- 3 Dangar Island historic water tower
- 4 Remains of Henry Carey Dangar's 1890 home
- 5 Community hall park and toilets
- 6 Blackbutt trees located on Grantham Crescent are heritage listed.
- 7 Plaque commemorating Captain Phillip's landing
- 8 Bradleys Beach
At Bradleys Beach you can see the remains of a shellfish midden, which is evidence of Aboriginal occupation of the island. Middens are composed of the discarded shells of a variety of molluscs such as oysters, cockles and pippies, which were consumed by the Aboriginal people.

- 9 At this location, WWII boom nets were anchored to prevent entry of Japanese submarines.
- 10 The rock shelves and midden at this site are testament to previous Aboriginal presence on the island.

- 11 **Kiparra Park**
The vegetation community at Kiparra Park is Blackbutt – Rough Barked Apple Forest and is regarded as being of regional conservation significance. View Aboriginal engravings of a wallaby and fish and also axe grinding grooves.

