

# Drownings in the "National Park" and Surrounds

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Date	At AUDLEY					
yyyy_mm_dd	Name	Location	Age	Address	Remarks	Source
2019_02_25	Nepalese Student	Figure Eight Pools	21	Nepal	Two men washed from rocks at high tide, one scrambled back, one missing.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2019_01_29	Indian National	Watta Lagoon	20	India	Missing around 6.00pm, Police divers located the body at approx. 1.30am	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2018_12_04	Man drowned	Little Marley	-	Not Given	2 men washed from rocks, one swam ashore, one drowned	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2018_11_01	Bangladeshi National	Watta Lagoon	20	Bangladesh	3 men aged 19, 20 and 21 jumped from cliff, 2 rescued, one drowned	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2016_12_25	ADHIKARI Sujan	Watta Lagoon	29	Nepal	Jumped from falls, did not resurface, recovered unconscious, died	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2016_02_28	"Iranian National"	Garie Beach (nth. end)	30	Iran	Rock Fishing, swept off rocks, Picked up by Helicopter, 50m out, critical, died	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
2015_10_03	ZHENG Shangju	Wattamolla	63	China	Rock fishing with son-in-law, washed in, helicopter crew & police recovered body	<a href="#">ABC</a>
2011_05_07	JIAO Yun Chao	Betw'n Watta & Garie	56	Kangaroo Pt	Rock fishing at Curracurrang and washed from the rocks	<a href="#">ABC</a>
2009_05_13	STEPHENS Peter Alexander	Bulgo Point	40	Cornwell UK	Man noticed struggling in the water, drowned before help arrived.	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
2009_03_31	CARMEN Margaret (Doctor (GP))	Bulgo Point	55	Otford	Walked to Bulgo and did not return, Body found washed up at Undola 11 days later	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
2005_12_19	WARREN Harold	Bulgo boat channel	42	Helensburgh	Went missing late Friday, Body (accidently) found by diver on Monday	<a href="#">Harold's body was noticed by the d</a>
2004-01-18	HANG Tin du	Audley	22	Greenacre	Fell from Aqua-Bike 400m west of Audley Weir, Geoff Hughes dived in but too late.	<a href="#">ABC</a>
1993_01_31	A 19-year-old man	Audley	19		Stepped out of boat and disappeared	<a href="#">SMH 01 Feb., 1993 p 4</a>
1992_09_05	LEE Jason	Audley	15	Bonnyrigg	Their three canoes overturned in Kangaroo Creek, 300m from Allambie flat	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1992_09_05	LEE Philip	Audley	14	Bonnyrigg		
1992_09_05	VANG Tong	Audley	19	Cabramatta		
1991_03_25	"Fairfield Man"	Wattamolla	29	Fairfield	Swept off rocks, body recovered 30 March	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1989_06_03	MYUNG Sun Park	National Park	28	Lakemba	"Washed from rocks in the National Park"	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1987_10_24	HOLT Julie Merle	National Park	25	Otford	Drowned after her car stalled on a flooded causeway "in the Royal National Park"	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1987_04_17	"Unidentified man"	Audley	20's		Hired a boat at 2.00 pm, Police divers recovered the body at 3.30pm	<a href="#">SMH 18 April, 1987</a>
1986_10_27	LIS Carlos Ruben	Jibbon Point	38	Eastlakes	Entered the water to rescue his son but was drowned. (Son was OK)	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1986_03_30	ILIES Lucan	Watta Lagoon	10	Plumpton	Drowned while swimming with brothers. "Lucien" in SMH	<a href="#">SMH 31 March, 1986</a>
1986_01_12	CALCANAS Jim	Audley	20	Guilford	Canoe overturned, trapped in weeds	<a href="#">SMH 13 Jan. 1986, p 2</a>
1985_08_23	JONES Anthony	Sth Marley	25		Missing, Washed from rocks at southern end of Marley Beach	<a href="#">SMH 24 Aug., 1985, p 4</a>
1985_01_16	BAUDISH Raoul Patrick	Watta Lagoon	6	Woollahra	"Our adored little son Whose short, bright and sunny life was ended by drowning at Wattamolla	<a href="#">SMH 20 Feb., 1986</a>
1985_01_16	DREW Darrian Holey		5		Inquest report, 20 Feb. 1986	
1981_02_12	CREARY Peter James	Wattamolla	25	Cabramatta	Fisherman, washed from rocks at Wattamolla	<a href="#">SMH 13 Feb., 1981, p 9</a>
1979_12_06	BREDEMEYER Raymond Allan	Audley Weir	13	ACT	Drowned in the Royal National Park while on a school excursion. (SMH death notice)	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1974_12_15	UKIL Sait	Watta Lagoon	6	Sydney	Helicoptered to Sutherland Hospital in a critical condition and later died	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1974_04_15	GREAD Peter Norman	"Royal National Park"	21	Bass Hill	10ft Canoe overturned, Fisheries inspector recovered the body 1 hour later	<a href="#">SMH, 16 April, 1972</a>
1973_11_25	Man Missing	Kangaroo Creek	30		3 girls drowned at Stanwell Park, man missing in Kangaroo Creek, Royal National Park	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1973_03_03	PRESCOTT David	Garie Beach	18	Ashcroft	Caught in rip,	<a href="#">SMH Sun., 4 Mar. 1973, p. 36</a>
1973-02-17	No Name	The Nella (Balconies)			Two men washed from rocks, believed drowned	<a href="#">SMH Sun., 18 Feb., 1973, p. 2</a>
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1972_12_23	KOCANKOVSKI Rosa	Watta Lagoon	13	Cabramatta	Church group, noticed missing, later found on the bottom of the lagoon	<a href="#">SMH 27 Dec., 1972, p. 8</a>
1972_06_11	FULLER Brian	Garie Beach	14	Yagoona	Swept off rocks, Scout lost at sea	<a href="#">SMH Tues., 13 Jun. 1972, p. 1</a>
1972_01_16	FALCONER Stephen	Bulgo Point	19	Kirrawee	Fisherman, washed off rocks , His body washed up on Bulgo beach one week later.	S/Park SLSC members Lance Mort
1970_12_20	SMYTHE Howard Darcy	Hacking River	19	Mangerton	Fell off a rowing boat, ("a strong swimmer" but epileptic) Anglican Youth excursion	I Merc. 21/12/1970, State Lib.
1970_12_20	BERNE Brendan Francis	Wattle Forest Flat	24	Hillsdale	Body not recovered at time of report, Police divers called, I Merc. 21/12/1970, State Lib.	<a href="#">1970 12 21 SMH</a>
1970_12_16	HUMPHREYS Peter	Marley Beach	28	Concord	Church Group. All three went to the assistance of other boys who were in difficulties in the surf,	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1970_12_16	ABRAHAMAS Richard		12	Concord	The Canberra times later reported that the bodies of the two boys were recovered, two days	
1970_12_16	TANNOUS John		9	Burwood	after the incident, by police skindivers.	
1968_06_23	LEUVER Francis	Wattamolla	22	Cronulla	SMH, June 25 1968 , page 6	SMH, 25 June 1968,p6
1968_06_23	STEVENSON Ray	Wattamolla	17	Cronulla	SMH, June 25 1968 , page 7, Boat swamped, missing with Francis LEUVER, next above	
1968_06_16	MARTIN Keith Inglis		36	Bundeena	Washed from rocks 3 miles south of Port Hacking Head, boat picked-up body	<a href="#">SMH, 17 June 1968 p 1</a>

1965_04_17	SHORT Paul Leslie	Wattamolla	38	Pagewood	Last seen fishing from rocks at Wattamolla	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1964_12_27	RITCHIE John Charles	Watta Lagoon	9	Cabramatta	Got out of his depth in the lagoon and drowned	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1964_03_29	SWANENBERG Johan	Wattamolla	26	Hackett, ACT	Washed from rocks (Spelling of name from NSW BDM)	
1964_03_29	GYZEN Christian	Wattamolla	44	Blacktown	Washed from rocks (Spelling of name from NSW BDM)	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1963_12_17	PERGOLIZZI Guiseppo	Watta Lagoon	11	Stanmore	Fell from rock ledge into 15ft of water	<i>SMH 18 Dec., 1963, p. 9</i>
1962_01_21	WASKA Werner Percy	Wattamolla	21	Burwood	Washed from rocks,	<i>SMH, 22 Jan., 1962, p 4</i>
1961_11_05	STUDHOLME John	Wattamolla Lagoon	11	Revesby	Missing, last seen near the Lagoon, a 9 hour search was fruitless.	<i>SMH 6 Nov., 1961 p5</i>
1961_04_04	LOWDER Kenneth	Garie Beach	16	Peakhurst	Drowned in surf	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1961_01_29	GRANDE Benedict	Watta Lagoon	20	Matraville	Drowned while swimming in the lagoon	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1960_07_28	CAINES Dianne	Bundeena Creek	3	Bundeena	From Loftus street Bundeena, went missing, found, drowned in Bundeena Creek	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1960_01_30	DALY Michael	Watta Lagoon	4	Marrickville	Family on a picnic, Found drowned in the Lagoon	<i>SMH 1 Feb. 1960, page 1</i>
1959_05_30	FOORD Arthur	Wattamolla	37		Drowned Wattamolla Beach	<i>SMH 30 Aug., 1960</i>
1959_01_18	WELLINGS Terry	Watta Lagoon	14	Gray's Point	Drowned Wattamolla Lagoon, Police recovered the body	<i>SMH 19 Jan., 1959, page 1</i>
1958_01_28	HASLEHURST Geoffrey	Audley	16	Guildford	Church Picnic, Fell from hired boat in 12 feet of water.	<a href="#">(S:- Canberra Times)</a>
1958_01_09	LEWIS Sandra Annette	Audley Weir	5	Rockdale	Fell out of boat	<a href="#">(S:-Canberra Times)</a>
1957_10_08	WHITE Roger	Marley Beach	23	Artarmon	"Freak wave" struggled from the surf to the beach, where he collapsed and died.	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
	TOLHURST Raymond		21	Stanmore	"Freak wave" swept to sea by a strong undertow	
	REDHEAD Kenneth		11	Waverton		
1957_06_02	FIELDS Geoffrey	Wattamolla	24	Dulwich Hill	3 Fishermen washed off the rocks	Bodies not recovered, Death
1957_06_02	BRUCE William		24	Haberfield		Cert's. issued in 1961
1957_06_02	CHAPPELL Brian		28	Balmain		<a href="#">Recovered unconscious from surf, u</a>
1956_08_29	HUNT Jack	Wattamolla	33	Yagoona	Army Frogman, did not resurface with others	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1955_12_31	RUST Sydney James	B/Palms / Era	39	Gladesville	Father, Jumped in to try to save his son	A third person, Thomas STRUTTON
	RUST Peter	B/Palms / Era	13	Gladesville	Son, Washed from rocks in big seas (I Merc., 2 Jan. 1956_ -Library microfilm)	There appears to be no death regi
1955_09_18	TURNBULL David	Wattamolla	32	Merrylands	"Testing an underwater lung"	<a href="#">The Broadcaster</a>
1954_11_13	TRACEY Ronald William	Curracurrang	21	Lidcombe	Snorkeling	<a href="#">The Sun Herald</a>
1954_01_17	BAILEY Arthur John	Watta Lagoon	9	Auburn	Swimming Cramp	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1953_12_27	THORPE Harry George	Wattamolla	7	Sans-Souci	"Drowned at Wattamolla"	<a href="#">The Courier Mail</a>
1953_05_18	HELY Alfred	Ocean Beach	48	Mortdale	Washed from rocks (Jibbon:_ In Memoriam, SMH., Tues., 17 May, 1955, p24)	<a href="#">(S:- Newcastle Morning Herald)</a>
1953_01_02	TONGE George	Hacking River	80	No Fixed	Unknown	<a href="#">Canberra Times</a>
1951_03_23	CASTELLETTI Francis	Wattamolla	28	Arncliffe	Fishing, swept into surf and drowned	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1951_01_02	RIXON David	Era Beach	19	Erskineville	Caught by Rip while surfing	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1950_12_27	MEALING Joseph	Port Hacking	46	Marrickville	Camped at Bonnie Vale, went in a 16ft launch to Cronulla for supplies, Swamped by a wave on a sandbar as they returned. 3 others in the boat were saved	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	GIBSON Dorothy Jean	Port Hacking	19	Bexley		
1950_07_10	WORNUM Jenefer	Wattamolla	23	London	Yacht was swept onto rocks	<a href="#">(S:- Sydney Morning Herald)</a>
1949_12_03	SAYERS Clive	Audley	24	Oatley	Dived in and held Valerie Cooper till she was rescued, then sank.	<a href="#">The Sunday Herald</a>
1949_12_04	GARDINER Robert W	Hacking River	16	Maroubra	Impromptu swimming race	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1949_02_16	O'BRIEN John Thomas	Audley	9	West Ryde	Sank while swimming in deep water. (Gas Employees Picnic)	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1946_12_08	EGGLETON John	Audley	4	Forest Lodge	Fell from boat, Audley	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1945_11_21	AITKEN John	Bulgo	57	Helensburgh	Fishing Boat Capsised in Surf. "Jack" was a "dusted miner" with small lung capacity. Jack's father and brother were killed in the 1902 Mt Kembla Mine Disaster.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1945_11_08	BYRNE Russell	Audley	17	Clovelly	Drowned while swimming in prohibited area at Audley	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1944_06_24	CROUCH Lester William	Marley	43	Auburn	Washed in, fishing, "At the Waterrun" Cairns Post 26 June 1944."	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	CROUCH Reginald B.		37		Jumped in to try to save him	
1943_02_11	BOWMAN William Sefton	Watta Lagoon	21	Walgrove	Army NX144343 , Broke his neck after diving into shallow water,	<a href="#">On armoured car manoeuvres at V</a>
1942_10_04	FITZPATRICK Raymond	Kingfisher Pool	12	Earlwood	Kingfisher Pool is in the Heathcote NP, down-stream from Waterfall	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
1940_04_14	HODGSON Archibald John	The Gulf	28	Jewish Point	Washed off rocks (Fishing at the "Gulf" between Watta and Garie)	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	HODGSON Ronald	The Gulf	22	Jewish Point		<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	LAMB Robert	The Gulf	28	Oatley		
1939_01_08	OSLAND Ray	Watta Lagoon	6	Glebe, N'castle	Missed around 3.00p.m., Found in 3 feet of water	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1938_10_30	STONE Theodore J	Era Beach	28	Oatley	Caught in a rip. This drowning led to formation of the Era Surf Club	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1937_12_12	DEIGHTON Thomas	Heathcote Ck., Waterfall	11	Redfern	With party of 11 other cubs, found drowned in 4 ft of water.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1937_08_01	St GEORGE Mary Ellen	Near Audley	53	Petersham	Fell from rowing boat	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	MILLETT Vernon L D		56	Artarmon		

1936_12_01	COLLINS John	Hacking River	15	Flemington	Fell / Stepped from rowing boat	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	GLENFIELD Joseph		15	Concord	Jumped in to try to save Collins	
1935_12_27	ANGWIN Lola	Colliery Dam (Garawarra S.R.A.)	7	Leichhardt	Mother and her 2 children were drowned in the Colliery Dam on Wilsons Creek.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
	ANGWIN Francis		8			
	ANGWIN Florence		32			
1934_12_08	GRIFFITHS Thomas	Hacking River	8	Hurstville	Waded out of his depth	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1932_01_17	GOODWIN Stanley	Audley	18	Newtown	Audley, Salt Water, swimming, cried for help and disappeared.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1930_11_23	COULL Jessie Elsie	Garie Beach	18	Concord West	Carried out to sea by an undertow (Originally named as Jessie ASKEW i.e. SMH )	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1930_09_11	CARPENTER William Henry	Audley	~60	Fremantle	Found drowned near causeway	<a href="#">The Daily News</a>
1929_02_17	CUSACK Matthew Joseph	Audley	16	Redfern	Swimming across the river near the Rest House, cried for help then disappeared.	<a href="#">Singleton Argus</a>
1926_12_30	HORNBY Arthur	"Watermarle"	20	Helensburgh	Washed off Rocks (later I Merc 7 Jan "near Geira")	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1922_01_28	LOCKERIDGE Gladys	Below Audley	12	Belmore	Salt water "some distance below Audley," Slipped into deep water	<a href="#">Northern Star</a>
1921_12_11	BRENNAN Ernest A V	Hacking River	20	Surry Hills	Fell from boat, two miles above Audley	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1920_04_04	PETERSON John	Near Simpson's	18	Campsie	A boat capsized about 200 yards from Simpson's Wharf, at Bundeena,	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1920_02_01	MARSH Henry	Hacking (Salt.)	31	Drummoyne	Slipped into deep hole, deceased when recovered	<a href="#">(S:- The Evening News)</a>
1920_01_15	McCULLOCH William	Colliery Dam (Garawarra S.R.A)	10	Helensburgh	Drowned in the Colliery Dam on Wilsons Creek, (later Garawarra S.R.A.)	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
1919_10_06	LIVERSIDGE Reginald Percival	Wattamolla	24	Balmain	Washed from rocks while fishing, body recovered at Boat Harbour (born c1894)	<a href="#">Evening News</a>
1914_12_20	SWIFT William	Garie Beach (nth. end)	?	?	Motor boat washed onto rocks, Swift drowned.	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
1910_01_18	HEFFERNAN Stephen	"Wattoh Malla"	21	Helensburgh	Washed off rocks. (Helensburgh miner, during a 13 week general strike)	<a href="#">(S:- Sydney Morning Herald)</a>
1906_05_06	GOSLING Joseph	Thompson's Rocks	43	Balmain	Washed off rocks near Nth side Stanwell Park.	<a href="#">South Coast Times</a>
1906_04_14	HINTON Fred	Dark Bay, Port Hacking	Youth	Petersham	Could not swim, sank into a hole near the shore and drowned	<a href="#">The Evening News</a>
1902_10_15	EDMONDSON Colin	Colliery Dam (Garawarra S.R.A)	6	Helensburgh	Drowned in the Colliery Dam on Wilsons Creek, (later Garawarra S.R.A.)	<a href="#">Newcastle Morning Herald</a>
1902_05_22	COOPER Ernest	Audley	8	Audley	Fell from boat	<a href="#">(S:- Sydney Morning Herald)</a>
1900_12_23	NIHILL Patrick	Audley	12	Surry Hills	Sank into deep water, under for four minutes	<a href="#">(S:- Sydney Morning Herald)</a>
1900_07_06	YANTS Julius	Audley	17	Audley	Boat capsized between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning, BDM has "YANTS"	<a href="#">(S:- The Evening News)</a>
1897_09_26	STEWART William	Near Audley	19	Summer Hill	Fell from a boat below the weir. Initially named as Arthur but later as William	<a href="#">(S:- The Evening News)</a>
1894_11_11	JOHNSTON George	Hacking River	22	Strawberry Hills	Boat capsized about 1/2 mile below the National Park Dam	<a href="#">SMH Family Notices 17 Nov. 1894.</a>
1894_06_30	JACOBSEN Charles	Bulgo			"was drowned off the rocks at Bulgo" - "body not yet recovered"	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a>
1889_04_22	Man about 5' 10"	Thompson's Rocks	~50		Body found on rocks north of Stanwell Park (See Ill Merc. last item in articles)	<a href="#">Illawarra Mercury</a>
1886_05_06	CHRISTIE Thomas	National Park	35		Found Drowned, "had been missing since last Christmas"	<a href="#">Newcastle Morning Herald</a>