

WWI Centenary Street Name Trail

The advent of WWI had a dramatic impact on society. Here in Daceyville and Pagewood we can see this in the naming of local streets.

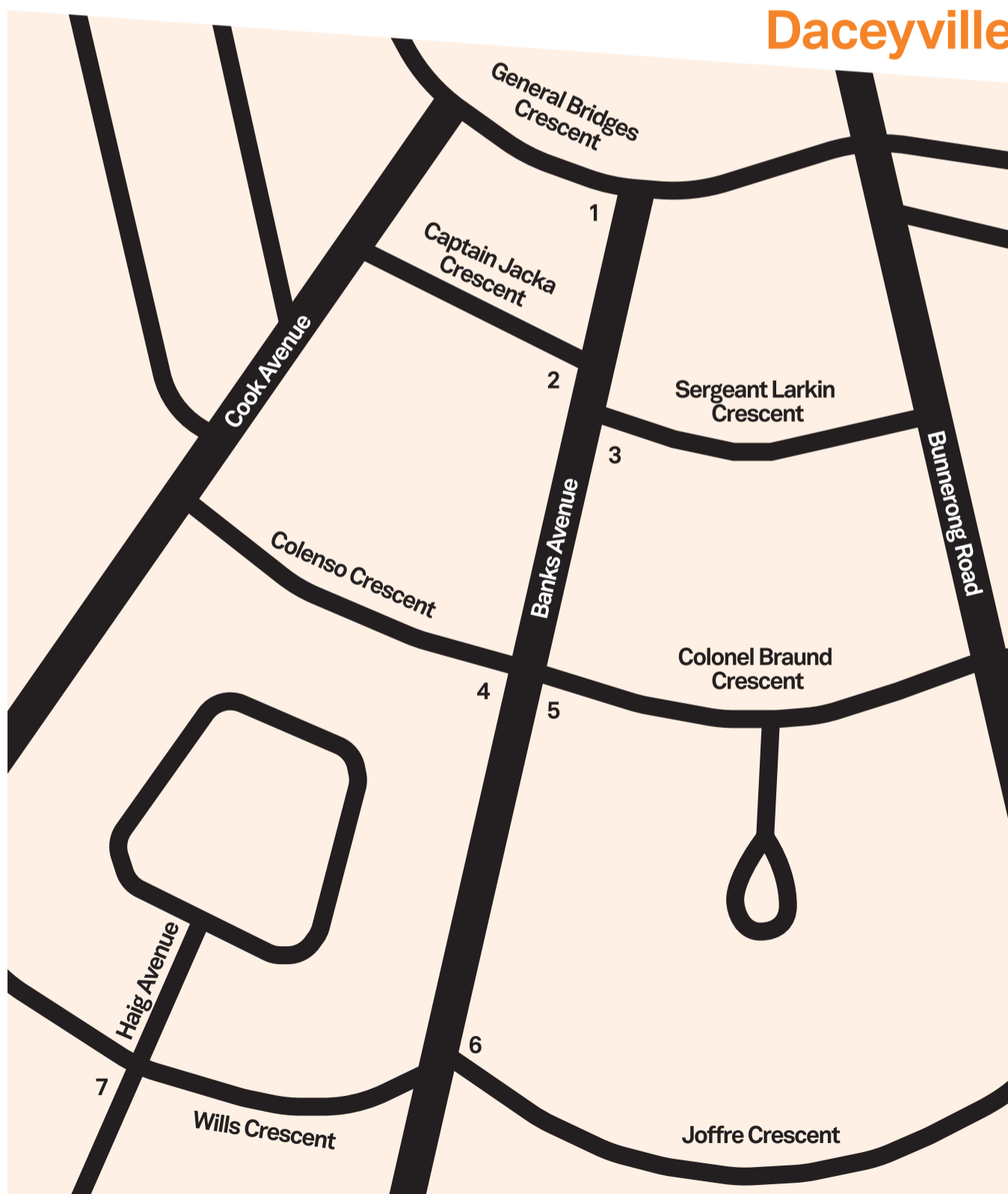
When the construction of Daceyville began in 1912, early road names were inspired by the European exploration of Australia. Banks Avenue, for example, remembers Sir Joseph Banks, the well-known naturalist who, in 1770, sailed with Captain Cook into Botany Bay.

This pattern of street naming changed when WWI started to dominate the hearts and minds of society. Later streets instead bore the names of heroic servicemen and important commanders. Captain Jacka Crescent, for instance, honours the first Australian to be awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award given for wartime bravery.

In 1961, this association with war continued when Burke Crescent was renamed Colenso Crescent, in memory of a local family who had lost two sons during WWII. This street, which runs parallel to Wills Crescent, originally honoured the explorer Robert O'Hara Burke who, with William John Wills, attempted to cross Australia from south to north in 1860. Wills Crescent remains but Burke was replaced to avoid confusion with Bourke Road in Mascot.

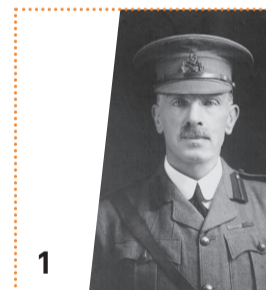
For more on the history of Daceyville see *Audaciousville: The story of Dacey Garden Suburb Australia's first public housing estate*.

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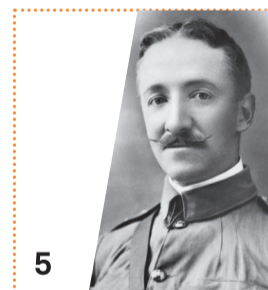


- 1 General Bridges Crescent
- 2 Captain Jacka Crescent
- 3 Sergeant Larkin Crescent
- 4 Colenso Crescent

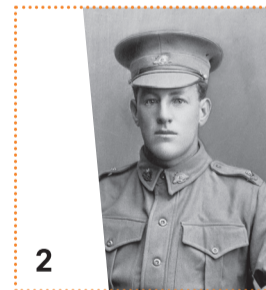
- 5 Colonel Braund Crescent
- 6 Joffre Crescent
- 7 Haig Avenue



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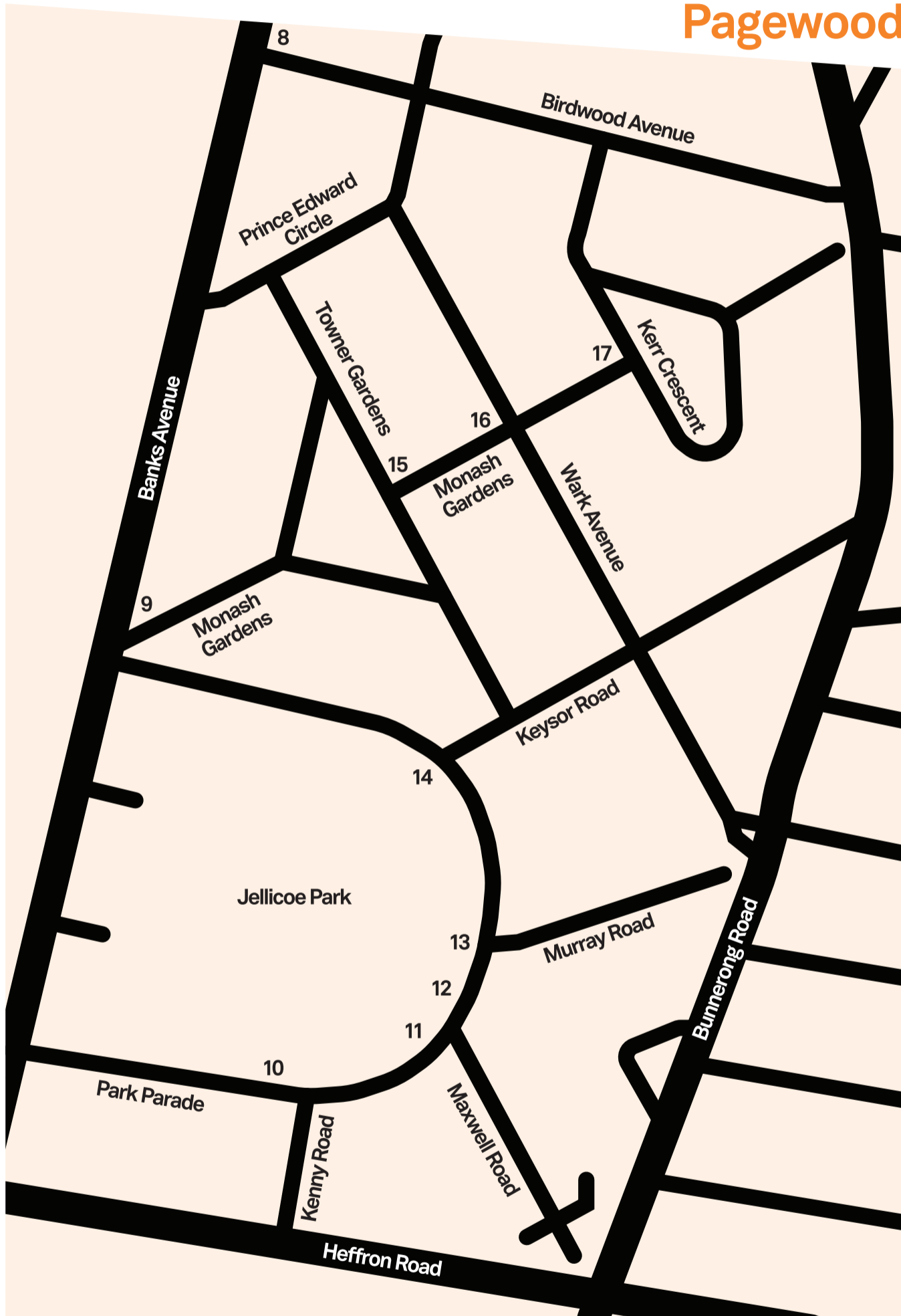


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Pagewood



- 8 Birdwood Avenue
- 9 Monash Gardens
- 10 Kenny Road
- 11 Jellicoe Park
- 12 Maxwell Road

- 13 Murray Road
- 14 Keyzor Road
- 15 Towner Gardens
- 16 Wark Avenue
- 17 White Road



We acknowledge the Bidjigal and Gadigal clans who traditionally occupied this area.

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