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Fourth Generation Grieve

Woollahra Council's Cr Nicola Grieve's daughter, Isabella, 9, takes a strong interest in her family's history. Pictured here at the memorial at Watsons Bay to her Great Great Grandfather, the Boer War hero, Gideon Grieve, Isabella copied the details on the monument to use in a school project.

From the inscription Isabella found out that Lieutenant Gideon Grieve commanded T Company of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch in the Boer War. He was killed in action while attempting to save the life of one of his soldiers at a place called Paardeberg in South Africa.

Isabella was curious about the emblem on the memorial, how Gideon came to be in South Africa at all, what the Boer War was all about, and how an Australian came to be leading a company of the famous Scottish Black Watch regiment. She wondered where Paardeberg is and why the people of Woollahra built a special memorial just to him.

Isabella will have some of her questions answered on Sunday 31 May at 3 pm when she attends with other members of the extended Grieve family and guests, a ceremony to re-dedicate the memorial.

Interested members of the public are welcome. The NSW Boer War Memorial Committee and Woollahra Council are jointly hosting the ceremony.

Tax deductible donations to the National Boer War Memorial, Victoria Barracks, Oxford Street, Paddington NSW 2021.

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Ends

Photo: samples attached of: Isabella examining the memorial text, for which permission of both parent and child has been obtained. Media free to take own pictures.

Text on Memorial reads:

"To the memory of the late Lieutenant G. J. Grieve who fell fighting at the battle of Paardeberg South Africa 18 February 1900 Aged 36."

