

Geelong Cemeteries Trust

Cemeteries



Granite Headstones

Arrangements may be made with a monumental mason to supply and install a granite headstone, of a design approved by the Trust.



Lawn monuments at Eastern Cemetery are of varying design. A double monument may be approved for two adjacent graves.

Lawn Headstones are of a standard design, which varies between cemeteries. There is a separate headstone for each grave.



Bronze Plaques



Memorialisation is provided by an individually cast bronze plaque, which is mounted on a concrete beam at the grave. Plaques may be ordered at the Administration Office of the Trust.



The style of the headstone or plaque permitted depends on the location of the grave, by cemetery and section.

The Use of a Grave

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The *Right of Burial* for a new grave is granted by Geelong Cemeteries Trust upon payment of the prescribed fee.

The holder of the *Right of Burial*, or a person legally acting on his/her behalf, has a number of rights and obligations, principally -

- ❖ to provide his/her written permission, and obtain the written permission of the Trust, prior to every use of the grave. Such uses include each burial, interment of cremated remains or the installation of any monumental work
- ❖ to issue instructions prior to the first burial in the grave, which will determine the number of subsequent burials, if any, the grave will accommodate
- ❖ to maintain the grave and any monumental work thereon
- ❖ to advise the Trust of his/her current address, in order that contact may be made if there is need.

The grant of a *Right of Burial* does not convey an interest in the real property of the grave. The cemeteries are situated on Crown Land.

Prearranging a Grave

The *Right of Burial* for a new grave may be acquired in advance of need.

Current legislation provides that a *Right of Burial* purchased for future use is subject to the condition that it shall lapse if not exercised within 25 years of acquisition. The holder of an unexercised *Right* may, prior to it lapsing, acquire a further *Right* upon payment to the Trust of relevant fees which then apply.

Floral Tributes

Floral Tributes, whether natural or artificial, may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Trust.

Graves in Monument Areas

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There are many areas in Trust Cemeteries where monumental work is permitted. As monuments are expected to retain their structural integrity, restrictions apply to the materials and type of construction which may be used.

Prior to construction commencing on any monumental work, a design plan must be submitted to and approved by the Trust.

The holder of the *Right of Burial* is responsible for the maintenance of the monument and the grave.



The Eastern Cemetery, Geelong – Ormond Road, Geelong East
Geelong Western Public Cemetery – Minerva Road, Geelong West
Barrabool Hills (Highton) Cemetery – Barrabool Road, Highton
Grovedale (Germantown) Cemetery – Church Street, Grovedale
Mount Duneed Cemetery – Williams Road, Mount Duneed
Geelong Memorial Park & Crematorium
– Burvilles Road, Mount Duneed
Leopold (Kensington) Cemetery – Kensington Road, Leopold
Drysdale (Bellarine) Cemetery – Oakden Road, Drysdale
Portarlington Cemetery – Smythe Street, Portarlington

All are open daily for pedestrian access.

The available range of graves, monument and memorialisation options varies between these cemeteries.

Administration Office

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About the Trust

Geelong Cemeteries Trust is a not-for-profit Incorporated Trust, which operates under the provisions of the Cemeteries Act (Victoria).

The Trustees are members of the Geelong community who are appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Memorialisation of Cremated Remains

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Attractive commemorative areas have been created within the grounds of Trust Cemeteries, where a range of memorialisation options are available. An inscribed memorial plaque accompanies cremated remains set in rose garden, native shrub garden, wall niche or other individual feature, depending on the cemetery.

Tenure for a memorial position is limited to a term of 50 years from its date of allocation. Arrangements may be made for renewal of tenure, or for the cremated remains to be subsequently collected or scattered within the cemetery grounds.

An inscription in the Book of Remembrance, located in the chapel at Geelong Memorial Park, is available as an alternative or in addition to one of the more traditional memorials.

Other Options

A limited number of sets of cremated remains may be placed in a grave at a Trust cemetery, subject to the necessary authority first being provided.

If cremated remains have been either forwarded to the family or scattered by the Trust under instruction, these options remain available

- ❖ an entry in the Book of Remembrance
- ❖ placement of a bronze plaque at a memorial position provided by the Trust.





The cemeteries administered by Geelong Cemeteries Trust reflect the historic significance and much about the early lifestyle of Geelong. The Trust promotes this historic value and encourages the public, in particular family historians and school groups, to visit. A Pioneer Wall has been established at the Eastern Cemetery for families wishing to memorialise ancestors whose graves are not marked with a headstone.

Burials were first conducted at the Eastern Cemetery, Geelong in 1839, and it continues today as one of the oldest functioning cemeteries in Victoria.

Geelong Western Public Cemetery commenced in 1858 as the 'new' cemetery, providing for the recently increased population of Geelong West following the gold rushes.

Initial burials took place at other Trust cemeteries at Drysdale (Bellarine) in 1852, Grovedale (Germantown) in 1854, Barrabool Hills (Highton) in 1856, Leopold (Kensington) in 1860, Mount Duneed in 1864 and Portarlington in 1878.

Geelong's crematorium, developed by the Trust on the 40 hectare Geelong Memorial Park site at Mount Duneed, was established in 1988. This site will be developed in stages to become a major regional cemetery.