

Our Services For Our Community



**GEELONG
CEMETERIES TRUST**
Caring for our Communities





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**"I am of the Earth
and to the Earth I shall return once more
life and death are old friends
and I am the conversation between them
I am their late-night chatter
their laughter and tears
what is there to be afraid of
if I am the gift they give to each other
this place never belonged to me anyway
I have always been theirs."**

- Rupri Kaur



The Geelong Cemeteries Trust administers 20 cemeteries throughout the Geelong, Bellarine, Queenscliff, Gisborne, Surf Coast and Colac Otway areas.

Our mission is to provide caring services to our families and communities to maintain a respectful, sustainable environment.

Pre-Purchasing Your Final Resting Place

Organising a funeral can be distressing and overwhelming.

Pre-planning funerals gives peace of mind, alleviating the pressure of decision-making.

The first step is to discuss your thoughts with loved ones, enabling them to be part of the process and be clear on the final decisions.

Pre-purchasing also creates a cost saving advantage. As the cost of services increases over time, pre-purchasing ensures you will avoid any future increases in costs.

Schedule an appointment with our friendly staff to discuss options; including burial, cremation, interment and memorialisation.



Flexible Payment Options

Losing a loved one is already a difficult and overwhelming time without the added stress of finding required funds to ensure they are laid to rest in their preferred way.

At Geelong Cemeteries Trust, we offer flexible payment options. Payments can be made in monthly instalments (over a period of up to two years) to alleviate the one-off financial burden felt by some families.

The Trust does not charge additional fees or interest to enter into a flexible payment agreement and guarantee the prices for the period of the agreement.

The following range of products and services are available within a flexible payment agreement:

- Graves, mausoleum crypts and memorial gardens (pre-purchase)
- Interment and cremation fees (pre-purchase)
- Plaques (installed once paid in full)





Our Chapel is situated amongst the beautifully landscaped native gardens of Geelong Memorial Park.

The architecturally designed space is suitable for both religious and non-religious services.

The Chapel comfortably seats 80 people, and features the latest live streaming technology to enable your service to be webcast to anywhere in the world.

Geelong Memorial Park & Crematorium

Our Function Room complements the Chapel, providing the perfect location to hold your after-funeral catered event.

The space is complete with the latest webcasting technology, enabling your function to be live-streamed to those unable to attend in person. You can also continue to display your photo presentation from the funeral service while broadcasting your music selection.

The modern, comfortable amenities include a commercial kitchen and a fully operational stocked bar.

The Geelong Cemeteries Trust is in partnership with **THE RK GROUP**, a renowned catering company delivering extraordinary service and high quality food and beverages.

Speak with one of our knowledgeable staff or visit our website to view our catering guide to find a package that best suits your needs.



Memorialisation

A memorial is a symbolic place shared with family, friends and future generations.

Our cemeteries offer a wide range of tranquil memorial options providing a place for personal reflection and commemoration.

If you are unsure which is the best option for you, please reach out to discuss with our knowledgeable staff.



Garden Memorialisation

There are many different types of gardens and garden memorials within our cemeteries. Our shrub gardens provide landscaped design, offering a large range of native plants and shrubs. Our rose gardens offer a more traditional, elegant setting for your memorial.

Niche Memorial Walls

The raised positioning of niche memorial walls offers protection of the remains in a beautifully landscaped area. It is a striking and dignified commemoration for cremated remains.



Tree Gardens

Offering a stunning and lasting memorial, our tree gardens can provide a peaceful place to remember a loved one. Placed within lovely landscaped gardens, a choice can be made between native or exotic trees and additional memorials can be added to cater for future family members.



Water Features

Our gardens are simply stunning and offer many different options for memorialisation, like the beautiful water features including fountains and rapids.

Bench Seats

Bench seats are positioned with care throughout our cemeteries and can be purchased as a memorial. They offer a special place to sit and reflect.





Personalised Garden

A Personalised Family Garden is a unique memorial that is designed and constructed to your personal specifications, allowing for as many positions as required.

From the shape and location of the garden, to the variety of plants, feature tree and the ability to proudly display your family name on a feature boulder or garden ornament, the Personalised Family Garden is an investment that will benefit your family and future generations.

Guidance by our qualified horticulturalists will ensure that you are able to create a truly personal and unique garden.

Book Of Remembrance

An inscription within the book of remembrance offers a very personal tribute to your loved one. Each memorial entry is hand scribed by a skilled artist in the style of illuminated medieval manuscripts.

The book is of the finest parchment, leather bound and is mounted in its own cabinet. It is on display for viewing at the Geelong Memorial Park Chapel.





Urns & Jewellery

Our extensive range of urns includes stunning decorative styling created from brass, timber or glass. We also offer biodegradable options. Our friendly staff can assist you with your choices.

Our bronze and aluminium urns are purpose built to ensure ashes are preserved in perpetuity when placed at a memorial position.

Jewellery containing a few grains of ashes makes a special memento or gift allowing you to keep the memory of your loved one close to your heart.

Memorial Plaques

A memorial plaque commemorates the life of a loved one and completes an established memorial.

We offer a wide range of memorial plaques cast in solid bronze or etched on premium black granite.

Memorial plaques may be personalised by adding photos, motifs/emblems, borders and colours to reflect the life and personality of your loved one.

Our trained staff will assist you throughout the selection and design process.



Burial



Choose from a traditional lawn grave with a headstone, bronze plaque or decorative structures such as our stunningly finished mausolea, concrete-lined graves and monument graves. Each cemetery offers a place to visit, reflect and remember their loved ones.

Discuss the options with our friendly staff to ensure you have made the right choice for you.

Concrete-Lined & Monumental Graves

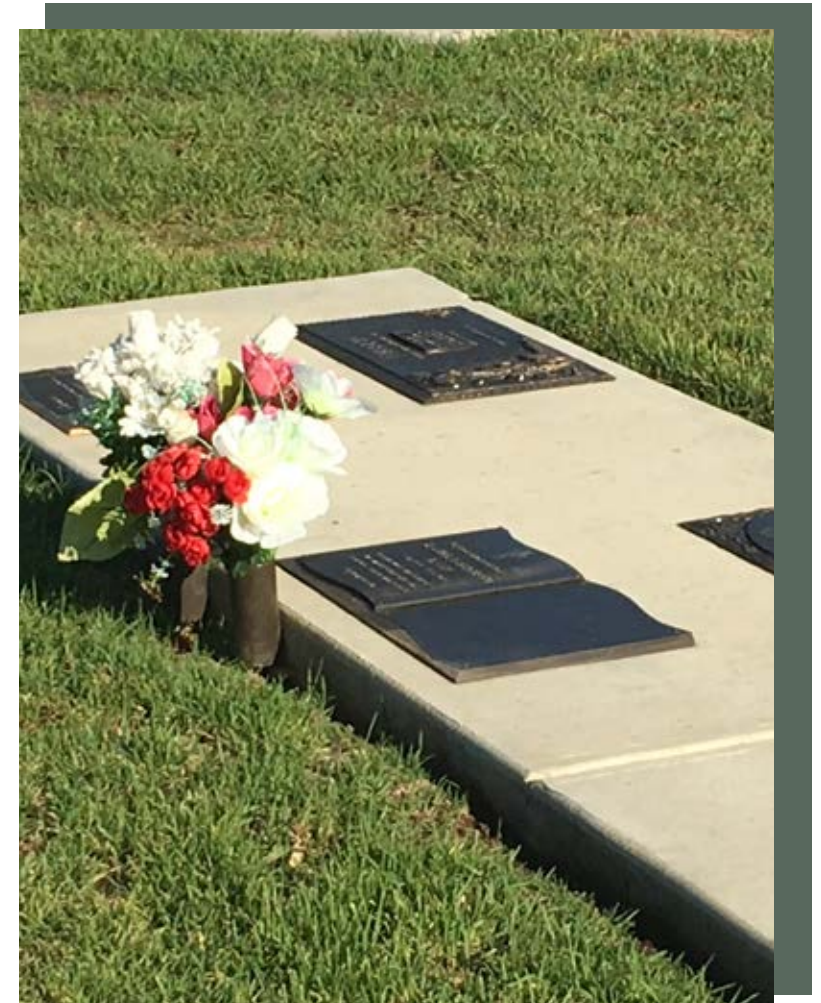
Adding a monument to a grave allows for a more personalised decorative tribute to be erected, with the option for designs of cultural or family significance.





Lawn Graves

Our lawn graves are placed amongst pristine, landscaped gardens within our cemeteries. They offer plaque, headstone and freestyle memorials, all of which can be designed to offer an expressive, lasting commemoration.





Green Funerals

A personal choice for the environmentally conscious.

The Geelong Cemeteries Trust offers the community a unique and sustainable final resting place with minimal disturbance to the natural environment. Includes environmental cremation memorials, natural burials and green burials.

There are many choices to reduce environmental impact or to further ensure a pure basis for new organic life. Talk to Geelong Cemeteries Trust about these options.



Gisborne Cemetery Ironbark Memorial Walk

Gisborne Cemetery Ironbark Memorial Walk acts as a reserve for the indigenous vegetation, a natural canopy of red ironbark, long-leaved box, black wattle, cherry ballart and narrow-leaved peppermint provide shelter to a variety of understory shrubs, grasses and herbs.

This sensitive design ensures an important protected habitat for endangered plants and native fauna, as well as providing a unique, serene, natural setting for traditional burials and cremation memorials.



Lorne Cemetery Forest Memorial Walk

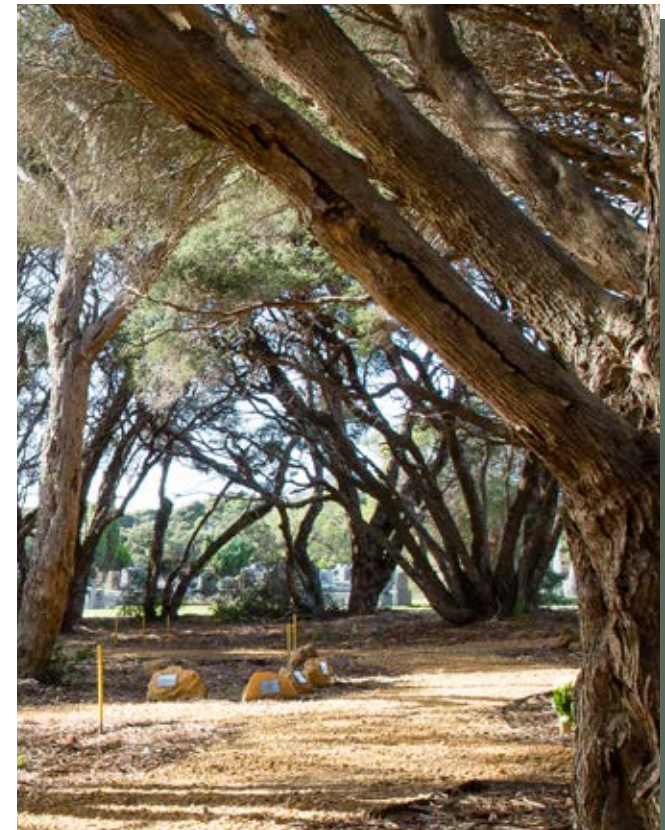
Set high on the northern border of the cemetery with panoramic ocean views, the new Forest Memorial Walk is a calm and peaceful space.

The Forest Memorial Walk provides a unique and natural setting for cremation memorials.

Queenscliff Cemetery Moonah Memorial Walk

Our Moonah Memorial Walk, at the Queenscliff Cemetery in Point Lonsdale, offers a sensitive design incorporating sweeping paths created from crushed local limestone.

The mature coastal Moonah woodland provides a unique, serene, natural setting for traditional natural burials and cremation memorials and is home to hundreds of indigenous plants, herbs and shrubs.





Mausolea

Positioned in a tranquil and scenic location within Geelong Eastern Cemetery, our Mausolea offer families a secure and quiet environment for reflection. Offering stunning views overlooking Geelong and Corio Bay and surrounded by beautiful gardens and walkways.

The award winning architect designed interiors are elegantly finished with the highest quality materials. The three Mausolea have slight variations in colour and design giving each building its own unique character.





CEMETERIES OF THE TRUST

- Barrabool Hills (Highton)
- Beeac
- Colac
- Drysdale
- Flinders Memorial Park (Lara)
- Geelong Eastern
- Geelong Memorial Park & Crematorium, Armstrong Creek
- Geelong Western
- Gisborne
- Grovedale (Germantown)
- Leopold (Kensington)
- Lorne
- Mount Duneed
- Mount Moriac
- Portarlington
- Queenscliff (Point Lonsdale)
- Warncoort
- Whoorel (Birregurra)
- Winchelsea
- Yaugher (Forrest)