

# KARRAKATTA CEMETERY RENEWAL

*Cemetery Renewal* is best defined as the development of existing cemetery burial areas to accommodate new gravesites, facilities and/or memorial areas.

With no capacity for expansion within the surrounding areas, it was initially anticipated that burial land at Karrakatta would have been completely occupied by 2004 if not for the implementation of a renewal initiative.

The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board (MCB) realises that *Cemetery Renewal* is a sensitive topic and one that needs to be implemented with compassion and understanding. Although there is no disturbance to burials below ground level, *Cemetery Renewal* does result in a significantly remodelled surface environment. Archival records of inscriptions and photographs of original monuments are maintained by the MCB. Only headstones that are damaged beyond repair are removed from the cemetery. Headstones not retained at the original burial site are utilised in landscaping projects throughout Karrakatta.

Steps taken prior to commencing renewal in a designated area form part of a detailed process. Detailed information regarding *Cemetery Renewal* can be assessed by collecting a copy of the MCB publication '*Cemetery Renewal - ensuring the future*' from the administration buildings at MCB cemeteries. The document can also be accessed online at [www.mcb.wa.gov.au](http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au)

The map overleaf provides a point of reference for the renewal program over the forthcoming +25 years. If a grave for which you are responsible is affected, the MCB would welcome the opportunity to provide further information and discuss the renewal program.

Legislation governing renewal programs is covered under Division 4 of the Cemeteries Act 1986.

Specific questions should be directed to the Client Relations via telephone on (08) 9383 5200 or e-mail to [mail@mcb.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@mcb.wa.gov.au)

## Historical Sections and lawn areas - not subject to renewal

These sections have been identified as being of historical significance and will be maintained as burial areas in their current form and are not subject to renewal.

### Expired Grant of Right of Burial

- Grant may be renewed.
- Where a monument spans more than one grave, all graves should be renewed.
- No interments allowed, unless Grant renewed.

### Current Grant of Right of Burial

- Grant may be extended prior to expiry.
- Interments permitted\*
- Monumental work permitted.

### Areas

Anglican AA, BA, CA, EA, GC, ZA, ZB, ZC and Lawn 3  
Roman Catholic AA, BA, CA, AC, BC, Lawn 1, Wesleyan BA  
All general lawn areas.

## Completed Renewal Areas

In the process of Cemetery Renewal these areas have already been redeveloped into memorial and burial areas or site facilities (e.g. mausoleums)

The Grant of Right of Burial in completed areas cannot be renewed unless the original headstone has been retained in situ. Areas to which this applies are as follows:

### Memorial Areas

Anglican EC, LC, IC, MC, KC, RC, WA, XC  
Japanese AA  
Roman Catholic IA

### Burial Areas

Roman Catholic BB, CB, EA, FC, DB, EC  
Anglican HC, KA, LA, MA, NC, OC  
Brethren AA and Chinese AA

### Facilities

Roman Catholic FA

## Due for Renewal next 5 Years

This category refers to sections that will be progressively renewed over the next 5 years. Areas are categorised according to the proposed development outcome. Areas will not be renewed unless Ministerial approval is given.

### Memorial Gardens

Roman Catholic DA, GA

### Burial Areas

Anglican JA, LB, NA, OA

### Facilities

Roman Catholic JA  
(future mausoleum site)

Utilising the guidelines as provided within the Cemeteries Act 1986, an extensive 12 month community consultation process is undertaken and submissions from concerned parties are sought. It is during this phase that the MCB endeavours to contact the grantees for each grave affected by the proposal.

### Expired Grant of Right of Burial & Government Graves:

- Grant cannot be renewed unless the grave is to be retained.
- Further interments not permitted unless grave is to be retained (grant must be renewed).
- Ashes may be conditionally interred before renewal work commences.
- Monumental work not permitted.

### Current Grant of Right of Burial

- Grant cannot be renewed unless the grave is to be retained.
- Interments permitted.
- Monumental work permitted.

## Due for Renewal next 5 - 25 Years

Development of these sections is scheduled to take place after 5 years and before 25 years.

### Expired Grant of Right to Burial

- Grant cannot be renewed unless the grave is to be retained.
- Interments are permitted if the grave has previously been used\*
- Additions/alterations to existing monuments are permitted.
- New monuments are not permitted.

### Current Grant of Right of Burial

- Grant cannot be extended prior to expiry unless the grave is to be retained.
- Interments permitted\*.
- Monumental work permitted.

### Free/Government Grave

- Grave cannot be purchased.
- Interments are not permitted.
- Monumental work is not permitted.

## Due for Renewal next 25+ Years

The MCB has identified these sections for renewal as part of a long term planning process

### Expired Grant of Right to Burial

- Grant can be renewed.
- No interments allowed unless Grant is renewed.
- No new monumental work is permitted unless Grant is renewed.
- Additions/alterations to existing monuments permitted.

### Current Grant of Right of Burial

- Grant can be extended prior to expiry.
- Interments permitted.
- Monumental work permitted.

\* = Interments may only be permitted where physically possible. Standard fees apply. Availability of this option is assessed on a grave by grave basis.

## UPDATE YOUR FAMILY DETAILS

To ensure that the MCB is able to contact families regarding a range of issues including Cemetery Renewal, it is vital that we have the current contact details. To be registered as an additional or primary contact for a family grave please contact us by telephone on (08) 9383 5200, by e-mail at [admin@mcb.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@mcb.wa.gov.au) or by post to MCB, PO Box 53, Claremont WA 6910.

NOTE: To become the primary contact or grantee, a number of requirements need to be addressed which can be addressed in consultation with the Client Relations at the MCB.