



METROPOLITAN  
CEMETERIES BOARD



## Cemetery Renewal

*Cemetery Renewal* is best defined as the redevelopment of existing cemetery burial sections to accommodate new gravesites, memorial gardens and facilities. The creation of new gravesites is only possible in sections where the pathways between the existing graves are 60cm wide.

For those sections not affected by the Cemetery Renewal program, families are encouraged to continue using their family plot through a process known as Lift and Deepen. Families may request further burials be conducted by agreeing to the exhumation and re-interment of the remains of their loved ones at a greater depth, creating one or more new burial positions.

Detailed information regarding Cemetery Renewal can be accessed by collecting a copy of the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board (MCB) publication 'Cemetery Renewal – Ensuring the Future' from the administration buildings at MCB cemeteries. The document can also be accessed by visiting the MCB's website ([www.mcb.wa.gov.au](http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au)).

The map overleaf provides a point of reference for sections that will be subject to Cemetery Renewal. It shows those sections classified historical, those sections which have already undergone Cemetery Renewal and those sections in which renewal is scheduled.

Occupational safety and health concerns and legislative obligations have impacted on the continued use of certain older cemetery sections that have been audited and are now deemed high risk. Conditions apply to new burials in these sections.

For more information regarding the ongoing use of a family plot, the Karrakatta Cemetery Renewal program or the areas in which burials are now restricted, please contact Client Services at Karrakatta Cemetery on 1300 793 109. Alternatively, call in to our Karrakatta administration building to discuss the matter in person.

For enquiries relating to monumental work in proposed development or re-developed areas, please contact the MCB to discuss your options.

## **H** Historical Sections – not subject to Cemetery Renewal

These sections have been identified as being of historical significance and are not subject to Cemetery Renewal. They will continue to be maintained as burial sections in their current form. Conditions apply.

### Expired Grant of Right of Burial:

- New Grant of Right of Burial (Grant) can be issued for 25 years
- A further 25 year Grant can be purchased immediately or prior to expiry of the current Grant
- A grant must be purchased for all graves under the monument.

### Current Grant of Right of Burial:

- Grant may be renewed prior to expiry (only where Grantee is still alive or where Probate of Will has been granted)
- Interments permitted (burials and interment of ashes)
- Monumental work permitted on condition such is consistent with style of monumental work in a given section.

### Sections:

Anglican AA, BA, CA, EA, GC, ZA, ZB, ZC & Lawn 3. Roman Catholic AA, BA, CA, AC, BC & Lawn 1. Wesleyan BA.

## **R** Completed Cemetery Renewal Sections

These sections have already been redeveloped or are nearing completion to provide new memorial sections, burial sections or other facilities.

The Grant of Right of Burial in completed sections cannot be purchased or renewed unless the original gravesite has been retained.

Completed Renewal sections are:

### Memorial Sections

Anglican DC, EC, LC, IC, MC, KC, RC, WA & XC. Japanese AA. Roman Catholic BB, CB, DB, EA, FC & IA.

### Burial Sections

Roman Catholic EC. Anglican DA, FC, GA, HA, HC, JA, KA, LA, MA, NA, NC, OA, OC, UC, VC, ZL & ZO. Brethren AA. Congregational BA, EA & FA. General BA.

### Mausoleum

Roman Catholic FA, IA, JA.

## **!** Approaching Cemetery Renewal

These sections are part of the MCB's redevelopment plan.

Where gravesites are retained, Grants can be renewed or new Grants purchased. Where renewal or the issue of a new Grant is not possible, use may be permitted on payment of a fee. Conditions apply. Please check with our staff.

The redevelopment plan is reviewed annually.

## **C** Conditions Apply

These sections are affected by MCB's responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984. So as to meet legislative obligations, burials in these sections are, in part, restricted with a number of guidelines being applicable.

Grantees and families having existing gravesites in these sections are asked to contact one of our Client Liaison Officers to discuss the implications for future burials.

## Government Graves

- Government allocated graves can be purchased at any time subject to the applicant accepting that there has been one or more prior interments (burials)
- Further interments are permitted where the Grant has been purchased and is current
- Monumental work permitted during currency of Grant.

## Update your family details

To ensure that the MCB is able to contact families, it is vital that we have your current contact details. To be registered as a contact for a family grave please contact one of our Client Liaison Officers on 1300 793 109, or email your name, address, telephone, mobile, and email address to [mcb@mcb.wa.gov.au](mailto:mcb@mcb.wa.gov.au) or by letter to PO Box 53 Claremont WA 6910. Don't forget to provide the full location of the gravesite and the full names of the deceased.

When considering wills and enduring power of attorney undertakings, please ensure mention is made of any family gravesites to ensure that future generations of your family remain aware and can inform the MCB of their interest.

**Please note: The MCB reserves the right to amend its Cemetery Renewal schedule.** At all times, every effort will be made by the MCB to keep families informed of any changes. The renewal map and schedule is reviewed annually.