

All About Cremation



Ballarat Cemeteries



It would be our honor and privilege to care for your family and loved ones.

With fragrant roses, stately trees, tranquil native bushland and water features here is a beautiful memorial landscape at its most evocative.

The manner in which a person is memorialised is of profound significance.

If you are selecting a memorial site for a loved one, your choice can reflect the life they lived, and how you remember them. This way, the emotional legacy of your loved one is sustained for generations to come.

If you are considering your own final wishes, choosing your memorial place ahead of time provides comfort in knowing the location will uniquely reflect you and your life. It is also a thoughtful way of providing a focal point for family and loved ones to gather and share precious memories in the years to come.

Memorials are offered in perpetuity, alternatively, you may elect to have a limited tenure of 25 years. Perpetual memorials allow families the comfort of knowing that their loved one's memorial is etched in history for future generations at no further cost. Existing memorials with a limited tenure may be converted to perpetual at any time.

Ballarat Cemetery provides a variety of places designed to meet individual wishes. Among them are beautiful landscaped gardens, individual roses, trees and boulders; tranquil native settings and traditional wall niches.

Our friendly cemetery staff are available to help you choose a place that best reflects the life being remembered and ensures an enduring legacy for generations to come. Our grounds are open every day of the year for you to visit at your leisure but it is necessary to make an appointment to discuss your options.

CREMATION MEMORIALS

The Ballarat Cemeteries has a crematorium located via the Doveton Street North entrance.

The cremation process is strictly regulated. Only one cremation takes place at a time in each cremation chamber and all of the records are matched before, during and after the process. The caring crematorium employees follow strict guidelines and processes for every cremation.

Cremation ashes can be buried in a grave, interred in a memorial area, scattered in the cemeteries 'native bush walk' or collected by loved ones. Only the person who authorised the cremation can provide these instructions to Ballarat Cemeteries.

After the service, whenever you are ready to take the next steps, please arrange an appointment with the Ballarat Cemetery staff to discuss your options.

WHAT ABOUT SCATTERING?

Ballarat Cemeteries provide the Native Bush Walk for scattering cremated remains. However, this does not always help family and friends when they need a place to visit and reflect as these locations are not marked. That's because, while memorials certainly pay respect to the departed, their primary purpose is to assist the living. They offer a focal point for precious memories, and provide an opportunity to share these memories with family, friends and future generations.

Cover image: Birdsong Walk



PRE PAYMENT

Selecting and organising your cremation and final resting place ahead of time can provide great comfort in knowing that your final wishes will be carried out, and that loved ones will not be burdened with tough decisions during a particularly vulnerable time.

Advantages of planning ahead at Ballarat Cemeteries include:

- Protection against future price increases. You pay today's price, regardless of when the service will be required.
- Pre-purchasing provides the opportunity to secure a desired location so that memorials of family members may be positioned together.
- Family members are not burdened financially. When decisions are made in advance, there is nothing more to pay and no ongoing fees.
- Relief for the family to not have to make decisions at a difficult time.

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT

Ballarat Cemetery provide the option of payment plans for pre-need products and services and conversion to perpetuity.

Please refer to our website:

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or contact our office on 03 5332 1469
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for further information.



Memorial Options



BIRDSONG WALK

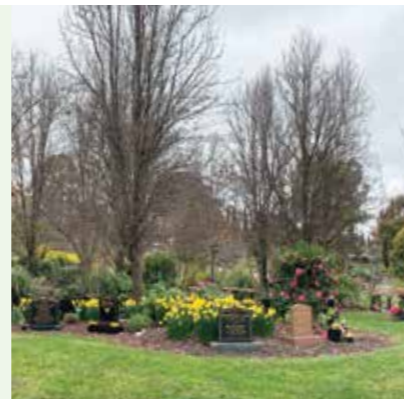
Birdsong walk is a tranquil setting with a poetic fusion of sustainable native plantings and calming water features. Meandering streams flow amongst a landscape of rock or granite features highlighted by flowering Australian shrubs with an aspect overlooking water. Plaque options include designs of Birds, Kookaburras or Cockatoos.



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TANDERRA MEMORIAL GARDENS FOUNTAIN GARDENS

Featuring garden beds and sweeping lawns, these memorial gardens are home to a variety of trees and shrubs that transform with the changing seasons of the year. Urns containing cremated remains are placed in garden beds and marked by memorials in natural stone. Each memorial has provisions for six placements, providing the opportunity for families to create a unique memorial.



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POET'S WALK

A native Australian bushland, with individual boulders positioned in private coves create a sense of being at peace with nature. The entrance of each cove is welcomed by a poem reflective of the peaceful native setting. Bronze plaques with a gumnut design are placed on individual rocks.



Map C6

Memorial Options



INDIVIDUAL ROSES

Featuring a spectacular display of fragrant colourful blooms from October to June. Garden beds of standard, bush and weeping roses provide up to four memorial placements at each site. Plaque designs include borders of roses, and the Garden of Memories has a choice of a rose or pansy design.



BIRCH FOREST

Birch Forest offers a stately, individual tree for memorialisation overlooking colourful Birdsong Gardens. Space for up to four placements and eight plaques is provided at each memorial.



Map Q10

MEMORIAL SHRUBS & TREES

A variety of memorial shrubs and trees, both flowering and evergreen, are placed throughout the gardens to cater for personal choice. Up to 16 placements and eight plaques may be located at each site, allowing for the creation of extensive family memorial which may be continued for future generations.



Memorial Options



PERIMETER GARDEN BEDS

Perimeter placement memorials feature options of carefully tended garden beds of carpet roses or peaceful native gardens with thoughtful plantings of kangaroo paw, correa, banksia, she-oak, grevillea and callistemon.



NICHE WALLS

Set in peaceful surrounding garden areas the ashes are secured within a niche, faced by a single bronze plaque. If a niche site does not allow for all of the ashes to be interred then we will seek advice from the family as to what to do with the remaining ashes.



CONTEMPLATION GARDEN

Graceful and calm, the Contemplation Garden is a temporary placement site to allow families to visit while they have not yet decided on a permanent memorial for their loved one. Cremated remains are placed in a non-perishable container and identified with a nameplate on a granite block. There is no charge for this service.



Map E4

Babies and Children

At Ballarat Cemeteries, cherishing the memory of young lives lost is an integral part of what we do. Our philosophy of honouring and celebrating those lives is recognised with special, dedicated spaces.

BABIES GARDEN

The Babies Garden provides for the placement and memorialisation of ashes for infants.



Map U5

TREE OF MEMORIES

Located adjacent to the Babies Lawn is a tree sculptured in bronze and features hand crafted bronze leaves with individual inscriptions. This memorial provides the opportunity for families to commemorate any baby up to the age of 12 months including those lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.



Map U5

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Bluestone blocks and a colourful native garden setting border the Children's Corner which provides memorial space for children aged between one and 12 years. Bronze plaques on natural rocks or polished granite headstones are placed within the garden beds overlooking the lawns and provide a serene setting for all those who visit.



Map Q1

Memorial Options

DREAMTIME NATURAL BUSH GARDEN

A place of belonging for those to be memorialised within their ancestral homeland which is the Wadawurrung country. The burial ground is open to all in our community wanting to be memorialised in a special area that recognises the traditional owners, and have affinity with the beliefs of those who walked the land before any other cultures.



Map B8

PLAQUES

Memorial plaques are offered by Ballarat Cemeteries to complement various areas of the gardens. Manufactured in solid bronze, all plaques feature a protective coating and quality finish. Plaques for garden memorials are available in colours of blue, green, maroon or a bronze finish. Wall niche plaques are available in bronze only. Additional options of photographs and/or emblems of significance can be included.



URNS & JEWELLERY

A variety of urns and jewellery in a range of sizes and finishes are available at the cemetery office. Urns are suitable for placement at a memorial, display at home or to use for scattering services.



Memorial Options

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial entries are carefully inscribed by highly skilled artists and entered in the Book under any date(s) selected. The entries may be up to ten lines with the option of including an emblem of your choice. Books are displayed in a protective glass case, open on the corresponding day, enabling entries to be viewed at each anniversary in an atmosphere of privacy. Personal copies of entries are also available to purchase.



NATIVE BUSHWALK

A natural bush area that gently and beautifully lends itself to the scattering of cremated remains. The particular location of the scattering is not marked or recorded, however a memorial may be arranged elsewhere within the cemetery as a lasting record for future generations. The area's many walking tracks grant families privacy for reflection and solace while wandering among the native trees and pleasant wildflowers.



SOVEREIGN CHAPEL

The newly renovated Sovereign Chapel provides a perfect location for your service. With updated modern furnishings, modern audio visual equipment, local artwork and an atrium providing natural lighting, it's a space that provides peace and light for your ceremony. Combined with the heritage of Ballarat structures, this beautiful chapel offers all cultures a wonderful location to celebrate the memory of a loved one.



DOBSON LOUNGE

Featured to the side of the Sovereign Chapel is a welcoming room that can be used for catering, a reception area or a peaceful place to be removed from the crowd.

The Chapel and the Dobson lounge provide access for all abilities.



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LEGEND

- Direction of grave numbers
- Direction of rows
- Touch screen A5, T7
- Toilet A5, C6, E4, T9
- Disabled Toilet C6
- Flowers T7
- Cafe T7
- Rotunda F9, M9, L11, S8
- Parking B3, C3, G1, H6, O2, B2



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