



## Living Legacy Memorial Tree Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is a Living Legacy Tree?

A Living Legacy Tree allows for cremated remains to be in direct contact with the root system of tree. Normally cremated remains are toxic to tree health however Living Legacy has a patented methodology for neutralising these toxins.

### 2. How is a Living Legacy Tree different to our existing memorial trees?

Existing memorial trees usually involve the cremated remains being interred in a container at the base of the tree. The Living Legacy option actually converts the cremated remains into viable nutrients for the tree; they are not stored in a container but connect with and directly feed the root system.

A Living Legacy Tree is also supported by the additional off-set planting (Forest Footprint) of 200 trees in Australia or overseas by Greenfleet. These trees will benefit the global environment for generations to come and will offset most of the environmental impact of your time on earth.

### 3. What is the process to sign-up for a Living Legacy Tree?

Contact the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust on **1300 022 298** and one of our helpful horticulturalists will arrange an appointment time to discuss available tree species and locations.

### 4. How much does a Living Legacy Tree cost?

A Living Legacy Tree is \$10,465 (GST-free and comparable with other cremated remains interment options). This includes:

- The planting of a semi-mature tree (approx. 1.5 to 2 metres tall)
- The patented Living Legacy formula
- The planting of 200 off-set trees, a Living Legacy "Light Path Earth Marker" so the details of your loved one is digitally linked with the tree
- Access to the Gen Connect smart phone app to help loved ones easily locate a person's Living Legacy Tree.

### 5. Can my tree be a "family tree"?


An individual Living Legacy Tree can have up to four interments, so your tree can truly become a *family* tree.


Interments that occur after the initial planting involve the insertion of a circular tube into the area around the tree's base to facilitate interment of the additional cremated remains and patented formula so the planted tree does not have to be disturbed.

Each additional interment carries an additional fee of \$1230.

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**6. Where can I plant a Living Legacy Tree?**

Most GMCT cemeteries can accommodate new trees, subject to space availability and any other site specific restrictions.

One of our qualified horticulturalists will meet with you at the proposed cemetery to discuss location and tree selection.

**7. What type of tree can I plant?**

On the GMCT website you can find a list of preferred species which has been developed in consultation with GMCT's horticulturalists. This list identifies which tree species are suitable and available for each site.

While GMCT will endeavour to assist with other species of trees, this cannot be guaranteed.

**8. What happens if the Living Legacy Tree dies?**

All trees are naturally growing organisms and it is impossible to guarantee that a tree won't die.

Should your Living Legacy Tree die unexpectedly or be damaged due to unforeseen circumstances in the first 10 years of its life, the tree will be replaced at GMCT's cost. Please note that most tree planting needs to take place in the cooler months of the year. If your tree dies *after* 10 years, you will be notified and have the option to plant another tree. An additional interment of \$1230 would be applicable (GST-free).

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