



The Greater Metropolitan  
Cemeteries Trust

Lasting memories, peaceful places.

# ALL ABOUT BURIALS





Lawn graves with headstones at Keilor Cemetery



Lawn graves with plaques (on a raised beam) at Northern Memorial Park

## CHOOSING BURIAL

Although burial is influenced by many cultural or religious associations, the common link for these many traditions is a desire to have a special place for family and friends to visit to remember their loved one.

All graves are owned in perpetuity. Each cemetery has a wide range of burial options and landscapes to choose from, making it easy to find a place that you think best reflects the preferences of your loved one. Please call our caring Client Services team to discuss which option best suits your requirements.

## PLANNING AHEAD

It makes sense to purchase a grave and interment before you need it. Securing a position in advance takes away the stress associated with having to select a position while grieving.

When you buy a position, you become the holder of the “right of interment” (often referred to as ROI), and are issued with a certificate of entitlement. It is important to tell your next of kin that you have bought a position and where you are keeping the certificate of entitlement. Ensure that a copy is kept with your will, as it becomes part of your estate.

The only person who can claim the right of interment is the person named on the certificate or that person’s spouse by prior arrangement. If you choose to relinquish your position you will be refunded its present-day value, minus an administration fee. It is possible to transfer the holder’s name on a right of interment. For relinquishment and transfer, there are strict requirements on identity checks. Please call the Client Services team for more information.

## WHEN SOMEONE HAS PASSED AWAY

You can buy a position directly from us or through a funeral director. Graves sold by GMCT do not attract the goods and services tax (GST). Some positions are “cemetery-to-allocate”, which means you can select an area and GMCT will allocate a specific grave or cremated remains location. Others are “family-to-select”, meaning your family can select the exact location within an area.

If you have opted for a family-to-select grave, a selection fee applies.

To have all your questions answered about types of graves, their availability and the number of interments they can accommodate, please call the Client Services team on the relevant number on the back of this brochure.



Vault graves at Preston Cemetery



The interior of Williamstown Cemetery's La Cappella di Sant'Antonio Mausoleum



Monumental graves at Lilydale Memorial Park

## GRAVE TYPES

### LAWN GRAVE WITH HEADSTONE

This traditional grave type has a masonry headstone in a lawn setting. It is perfect if you want to mix natural and man-made elements.

For graves with masonry — such as lawn, monumental, and vault — your Client Services consultant will provide you with a list of masons who can perform the work. The price of the grave does not include the masonry. As with any significant purchase, it is important to obtain several quotes and be satisfied that the price you are paying for your stonework is fair.

### LAWN GRAVE WITH PLAQUE

This is a more modern offering for lawn burial. The two main options are with or without a concrete beam on which the plaque can be mounted. Plaques may be attached to a concrete or granite rest and come in small, medium, or large sizes. Options vary according to the cemetery and the lawn area, so please contact a Client Services consultant for more information.

### MAUSOLEUM CRYPT

This is a prestigious above-ground interment option. There are many advantages to choosing a crypt in a mausoleum. Many families appreciate the respect for culture and tradition a mausoleum provides. Interment in a crypt that is part of an imposing building gives dignity for loved ones with an added sense of security.

Mausolea are located at Burwood, Fawkner, Keilor, Lilydale, Preston, Werribee and Williamstown. The Client Services team can provide you with a brochure on GMCT's mausolea if you would like more information, or give them a call to arrange a visit.

### MONUMENTAL GRAVE

This is a solid and impressive stone monument that covers the grave, usually made from granite or marble. The monuments can be created in conjunction with your choice of stonemason.

### VAULT GRAVE

These graves have concrete walls. A fully-lined vault allows for the construction of a monument on top of the grave. A semi-lined vault is a premium product with concrete walls and a natural lawn lid on which a headstone can be placed.

## WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY

Your funeral director will lodge the necessary paperwork with us and a GMCT staff member will be on hand to check everything is in order. The grave will have been prepared, although in bad weather the grave needs to be prepared closer to the time of the burial to prevent water damage.

The coffin or casket will be lowered with a lowering device unless the device cannot be used (for example on or between monumental graves), in which case hand-lowering will be used.

## AFTER THE BURIAL

The grave will be topped up as soil settles. Depending on the soil type and the weather this may take months. If you have chosen a lawn position, it will be re-seeded or turfed. This will be done when the seasonal conditions are best for the grass to thrive and the soil has settled. If you need to speak to Client Services about the maintenance of the grave, please call us on the relevant number overleaf.

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Our Client Services team is ready to answer all your questions so that you can make an informed choice matching your requirements.

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## NORTHERN REGION OFFICE

 **1187 Sydney Road  
Fawkner VIC 3060**

Fawkner Memorial Park (regional office)

- Coburg Cemetery
- Keilor Cemetery
- Northcote Cemetery
- Northern Memorial Park
- Preston Cemetery

## WESTERN REGION OFFICE

 **2-14 Doherty's Road  
Altona North VIC 3025**

Altona Memorial Park (regional office)

- Truganina Cemetery
- Werribee Cemetery
- Williamstown Cemetery

## EASTERN REGION OFFICE

 **126-128 Victoria Road  
Lilydale VIC 3140**

Lilydale Memorial Park (regional office)

- Anderson's Creek Cemetery
- Burwood Cemetery
- Emerald Cemetery
- Healesville Cemetery
- Lilydale Lawn Cemetery
- Templestowe Cemetery
- Yarra Glen Cemetery



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