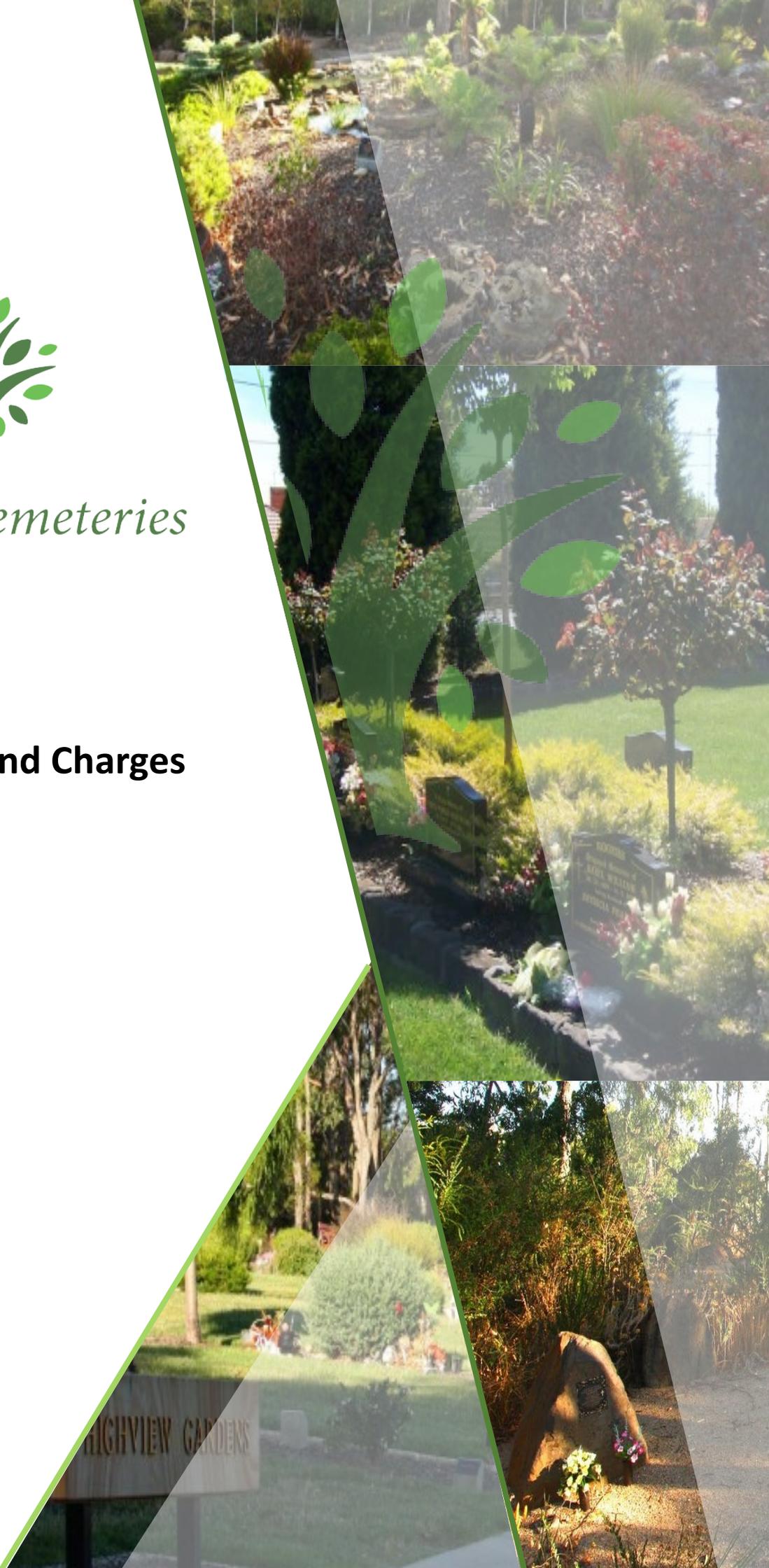




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### **These are challenging times for us all!**

Rich in history, Ballarat General Cemeteries is intimately linked with pivotal moments in Australia's past. Comprising the Old Ballarat Cemetery, New Ballarat Cemetery and Crematorium, we reflect not only life's progress but also that of the community and society around us.

Opened in June 1867 the New Ballarat Cemetery is one of only 2 Botanical Cemeteries in Victoria, covering 55ha that includes 63,000sqm of lawns, over 6500 trees and roses and peaceful open parkland. It is a memorial landscape esteemed for its tranquillity with more than 78,000 burials recorded in the grounds, serving the needs of Ballarat and the surrounding region.

Cemeteries are not-for-profit entities and not funded by the Victorian Government. The Ballarat Cemeteries provide the government with 3% of their revenue to support the Victorian State Government and cemetery industry.

It is the role of Ballarat General Cemeteries to ensure the future of this community's beautiful and unique asset, keeping it perpetually maintained for the generations ahead. We employ 21 staff and support/partner with businesses within our community.

Following an in-depth review and consultation with the Department of Health and primary stakeholders, Ballarat General Cemeteries is revising its Right of Interment (ROI) fees to reflect the rising costs of maintaining the more desirable garden areas. These adjustments to ROI fees reinforce the user pays service delivery model including allocation for service delivery, cost recovery, perpetual maintenance, and future development allocation.

The recent review has carefully considered the communities' economic situation, and the amended fee structure aims to distribute costs fairly based on service, location, preparation, and the required perpetual ongoing maintenance. We continue to have low-priced options for base grave sites. There have been minimal changes to the pricing of cremation memorials.

There is a two-step process, with initial price rises for the remainder of the financial year, followed up with increased pricing for the 2024/25 financial year as per the tables below.

Ballarat General Cemeteries welcomes community feedback on these changes. All comments and submissions are to be received by 5 pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 via [enquiries@ballaratcemeteries.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ballaratcemeteries.com.au)

Our cemetery is a place where history is remembered, where stories can be shared and lives never forgotten. We are responsible for caring for assets in the present and sustaining them for the future.

Choosing a final resting place for a loved one in a time of grief is very challenging. We encourage our community to have a conversation with loved ones about their future wishes when they die. The cemetery provides options for people to think about the future and reduce the financial burden on their families.

Please refer to our website [www.ballaratcemeteries.com.au](http://www.ballaratcemeteries.com.au) or contact the office at 03 5332 1469 [enquiries@ballaratcemeteries.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ballaratcemeteries.com.au) for further information.

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R.O.I. = Right of Interment, this is the purchase of the right to use a piece of land(location).  
Right of Interment includes the maintenance of the cemetery in perpetuity.

Location	R.O.I	
	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
Vault - Concrete Line	\$10,900	\$11,500
Fountain Gardens Premium	\$9,390	\$10,200
Birdsong Gardens (Large Headstones – provided by a monumental mason)	\$8,140	\$8,700
Doveton Gardens Premium (Small Headstone – provided by a monumental mason)	\$6,590	\$7,100
The Terraces (Small Headstone – provided by a monumental mason)	\$6,080	\$6,500
Conifer Gardens Premium (Small Headstone – provided by a monumental mason)	\$5,630	\$6,200
High View Gardens	\$3,910	\$4,200
Sunset Gardens	\$3,055	\$3,300
Lawn F Premium	\$3,015	\$3,300
Monumental Area (Denominational and non-denominational options) (full monument provided by a monumental mason – not maintained as a garden setting)	\$2,010	\$2,500
Dreamtime	\$2,010	\$2,200
Tanika Lawn	\$2,010	\$2,200

ROI does not attract a GST charge.

The Trust may designate a preferred location at any time which would attract a 30% charge.  
The charge would be published when applied

The Trust may designate a premium location at any time which would attract a 50% charge  
The charge would be published when applied

**Cremated Remains Memorials – Permanent Placement**

Location	R.O.I	
	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
Birdsong Walk (4 positions)	\$4,810	\$5,200
Birch Forest (4 positions)	\$4,180	\$4,500
Garden Family Tree (16 positions)	\$7,900	\$8,400