

# All About Burials



Ballarat Cemeteries



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

## About Ballarat Cemeteries



### Honouring the life of a family member and establishing a lasting legacy is a significant decision.

We provide professional and sensitive guidance to you when choosing the appropriate setting for your loved one. Available are a variety of beautiful peaceful settings where their memory will be sustained for generations to come. All burials are in perpetuity.

Ballarat Cemetery is a not-for-profit Memorial Park with a long and proud history of meeting the diverse and growing needs of the community.

If you are considering your own wishes, choosing your resting place ahead of time provides comfort in knowing the location will uniquely reflect your life, and provide a focal point for family and friends to gather and share precious memories in the future.

#### CHOICE

Ballarat Cemetery provides a variety of areas designed to meet individual wishes and specific cultural beliefs. Among them are peaceful gardens, spacious lawns, soothing water features, in ground vaults and native Australian settings. Our staff are available to help you select the perfect location for your needs.

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.

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

#### WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY

Your Funeral Director will lodge the necessary paperwork with us and a Ballarat Cemeteries staff member will be on hand to check everything is in order. 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. 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 our team about the maintenance of the grave please contact us or visit the administration office.

*Cover image: Fountain Gardens*



*Image: Highview Gardens*

#### PRE PAYMENT

Selecting and organising your 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.

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## Lawn and Garden Areas

At Ballarat Cemeteries lawn areas are carefully tended to provide dignified resting places. A perfect balance between simplicity and peaceful ambiance. The grave may accommodate up to three (3) interments and cemetery staff are available to guide you in your choice of location. Lawn areas are non-denominational and are maintained in perpetuity by Ballarat Cemeteries.



### GARDEN LAWNS

#### Highview Gardens

This area offers an alternative of Australian native plantings that border a natural bush area and features the larger bronze plaque.



Map D8-9

#### Sunset Gardens

Featuring carefully maintained lawns and gardens which have a colourful blending of decorative shrubs and trees including crepe myrtle and roses. As with all lawn areas, bronze plaques memorialise each grave. Bronze plaques are attached to a concrete beam and come in multiple designs.



Map E1

### BEAM LAWNS

#### Tanika Lawn

Beam lawns are set in a spacious undulating area of lush lawns, with personalised bronze plaques commemorating your loved one.



Map E10

## Headstone Garden Areas

These picturesque surroundings feature graves set amongst a serene blending of beautiful trees, shrubs and carefully maintained lawns. Birdsong Gardens, The Terraces and Conifer Gardens provide families with a variety of choices to best reflect the life being remembered. Natural stone memorials enhance the beauty of this area, and the landscaping has been designed with thoughtfulness and care. A feeling of undisturbed peace for all those interred there flows soothingly throughout these special areas.



### HEADSTONE GARDEN LAWN

#### Birdsong Gardens

A large headstone area of lush green lawns with spacious garden beds of exotic trees and shrubs. Locations have provision for memorials of natural stone and are positioned on a hillside overlooking the lake with vistas of Mt. Warrenheip.



Map M11

#### The Terraces

A small headstone lawn area set on one of the highest points of the cemetery overlooking Ballarat with commanding views to the west. Terraces are laid out in three levels complimented by border plantings.



Map K11

#### Conifer Gardens

A tranquil small headstone lawn area with a single row and backdrop of a range of conifer plantings.



Map D6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14



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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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## Monumental Area

Monumental grave sections in Ballarat Cemetery are divided into various religious and non-denominational areas and provide for an individually crafted monument to be erected. Monumental masons are able to work with families to fulfil their wishes whilst being well versed in the requirements and standards of the Cemetery.



### HILL BLOCK VAULTS

Vaults are concrete lined graves for up to two positions. Each location has provision for a full monument of natural stone.



Map Q7

## Babies and Children's Area

Children touch our hearts, and their imprint remains forever. At Ballarat Cemeteries we are dedicated to helping find the right place to remember and memorialise young lives lost too soon. Within the Cemetery we have set aside precious gardens for children, amid lovingly tendered gardens. We welcome the tiniest, most fleeting lives into our embrace and give those who mourn, beautiful enriching surroundings in which to express their loss.



### BABIES LAWN

Graves for babies up to 12 months of age are set in a tranquil lawn area which incorporates circular garden beds and paved pathways leading to a central fountain. The garden beds consist of a small hedge where a special bronze memorial plaque is placed.



### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's Corner provides a tranquil, private area of native flora for children 12 months to 12 years. Bronze plaques on natural rocks or polished granite headstones are placed within the garden beds overlooking the lawn. Garden seats allow for peaceful and calming contemplation.



Map Q1

### THE 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 another option for families to commemorate any baby up to the age of 12 months including those lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.



Map U5

## Natural Burials



### NATURAL BURIALS

A natural burial has minimum impact on the environment, and where the body is placed in the earth in a manner that does not inhibit the decomposition and allows the body to naturally recycle. The deceased are buried in a simple burial shroud or biodegradable casket. This can include cremation as well with no chemical preservatives used in the preparation of the deceased. Natural burial or shallow grave is available in all sections of our cemetery.



## Plaques and Headstones

From traditional lawn graves with plaques or headstones, to more elaborate structures such as vaults, a burial provides a lasting commemoration of a loved life. At Ballarat Cemetery we offer a range of burial choices from the modern to the more traditional providing many options for memorialisation.



### PLAQUES

Memorial plaques are offered by Ballarat Cemeteries to compliment 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. Additional options of photographs and/or emblems of significance can be included.



### LAWN GRAVES - HEADSTONES

A perfect balance between the simplicity of a lawn grave and the substance of a traditional grave. Usually accommodates up to three (3) interments. Headstones are created in conjunction with your choice of stonemason.



### MONUMENTAL GRAVES

A monumental grave is a solid and lasting commemoration. Can usually accommodate up to three (3) interments. Monuments for these graves are created from granite or marble and cover the entire grave. Monuments are created in conjunction with your choice of stonemason.





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