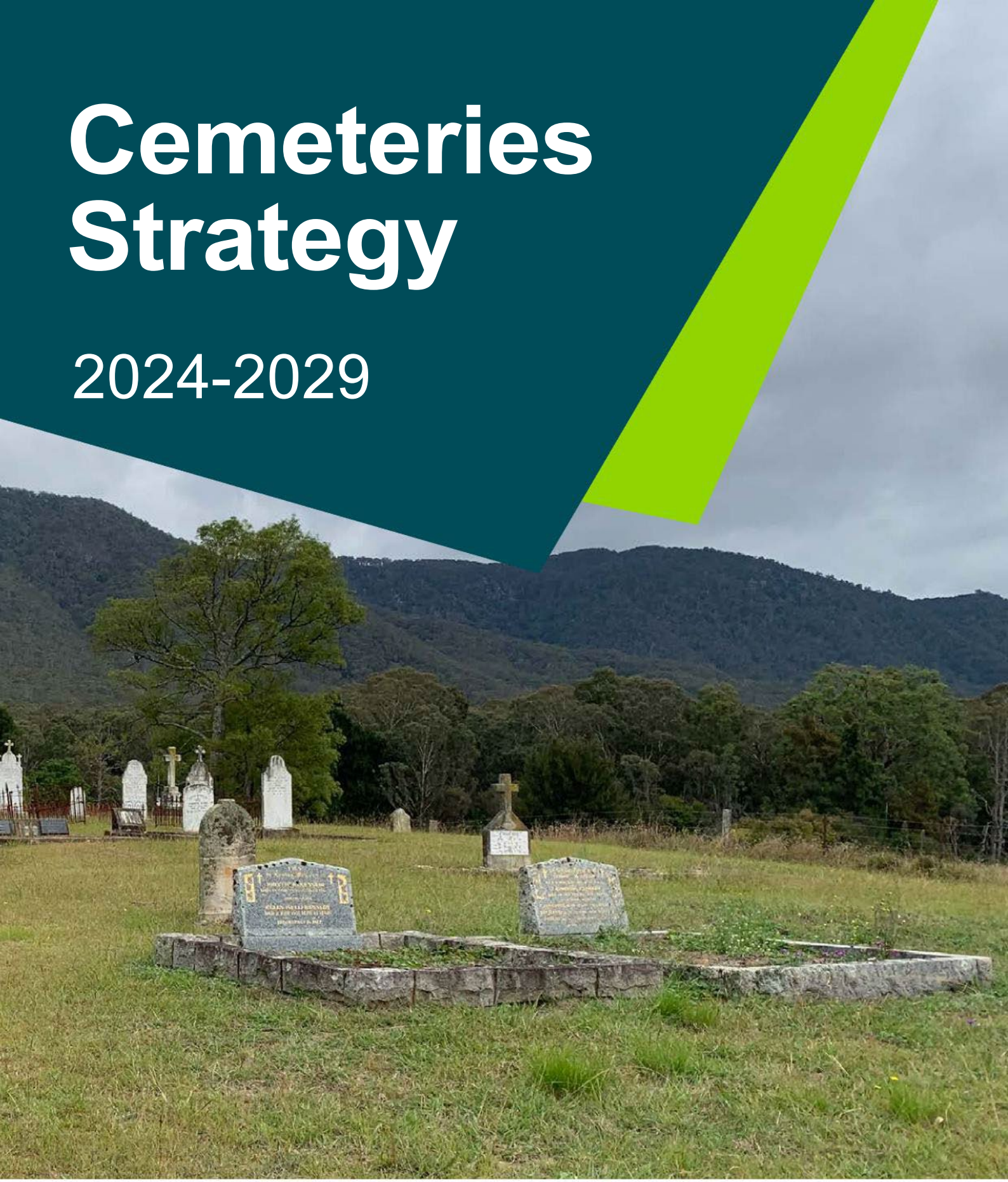
Cemeteries Strategy

2024-2029



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Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Queanbeyan-Palerang area and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of our First Nations Peoples ion this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

1 Background

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) operates 13 cemeteries across the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. We typically carry out approximately 200 new burials and inter approximately 50 cremated remains each year. Two of our cemeteries are historic and although they have limited interments, they have important cultural and historical value.

Cemeteries are an essential social and cultural service and Council's practices must respect the emotional impact that death and dying has in the community. This means accessibility, affordability and the physical management of cemeteries must reflect community need. It also means that our cemeteries must continue to change to ensure we have functional, attractive, and welcoming places for internment.

The context for cemetery operations is changing. The updated Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation was enacted on 14 October 2022. These updated regulations will impose a range of new administrative requirements that will be increasingly enforced over the next year.

The QPRC strategy is underpinned by the Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) Strategic Plan 2022-2025 that envisions:

> *'that all people in NSW have access to sustainable and affordable burial and cremation services that are respectful of culture and faith and provided in a consistent, transparent and accountable manner'.*

CCNSW regulates cemetery and crematoria operators in NSW and is concerned with public *policy issues around:*

- the emotional, personal and symbolic nature of services addressing grief, remembrance, and bodily disposal: and
- meeting expectations for perpetual maintenance

Perpetual maintenance means making sure that memorial facilities can be cared for indefinitely, operating as essential and valued assets outside normal competitive market mechanisms due to limited supply, long time frames and the importance of non-commercial factors such as location, religious observance, and family connection.

The purpose of this QPRC strategy is to provide high level direction for the service and outline proposed actions over the next five years.

2 QPRC Cemeteries

Our largest cemetery (by interments) is the Queanbeyan General Cemetery which is expected to reach capacity within the next two years. The Braidwood General Cemetery is also close to capacity.

We have begun the process of establishing a new Memorial Park to ensure that we can service the future needs of the Googong, Tralee, Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and surrounding population. The Draft Structure Plan for Braidwood will consider future cemetery needs and similar investigations will be needed to cover the potential future growth of Bungendore.

Current cemeteries are:

- Queanbeyan General Cemetery
- Queanbeyan Riverside Cemetery
- Bungendore General Cemetery
- Braidwood Historic Cemetery
- Braidwood Lawn Cemetery
- Nerriga General Cemetery
- Nerriga Catholic Cemetery
- Araluen Catholic Cemetery
- Araluen Anglican Cemetery
- Gundillion General Cemetery
- Majors Creek Cemetery
- Mongarlowe Cemetery
- Captains Flat Cemetery

Further information on each cemetery is appended.

Map of Queanbeyan Palerang Cemeteries – Map Key

No.	Cemetery	Location
1	Queanbeyan Riverside Cemetery	Erin Street
2	Queanbeyan General Cemetery	Lanyon Drive
3	Proposed Memorial Park	Old Cooma Road
4	Bungendore General Cemetery	Osborne Street
5	Captains Flat Cemetery	Captains Flat Road
6	Braidwood Lawn Cemetery	Cowper Street
6	Braidwood Historic Cemetery	Cowper Street
7	Nerriga Cemetery	Willow Forest Road
7	Nerriga Catholic Cemetery	Nerriga Road
8	Mongarlowe Cemetery	Budawang Road
9	Majors Creek Cemetery	Berlang Forest Road
10	Araluen Catholic Cemetery	Catholic Cemetery Road
11	Araluen Historic Church of England Cemetery	Church of England Cemetery Road
12	Gundillion General Cemetery	Cooma Road

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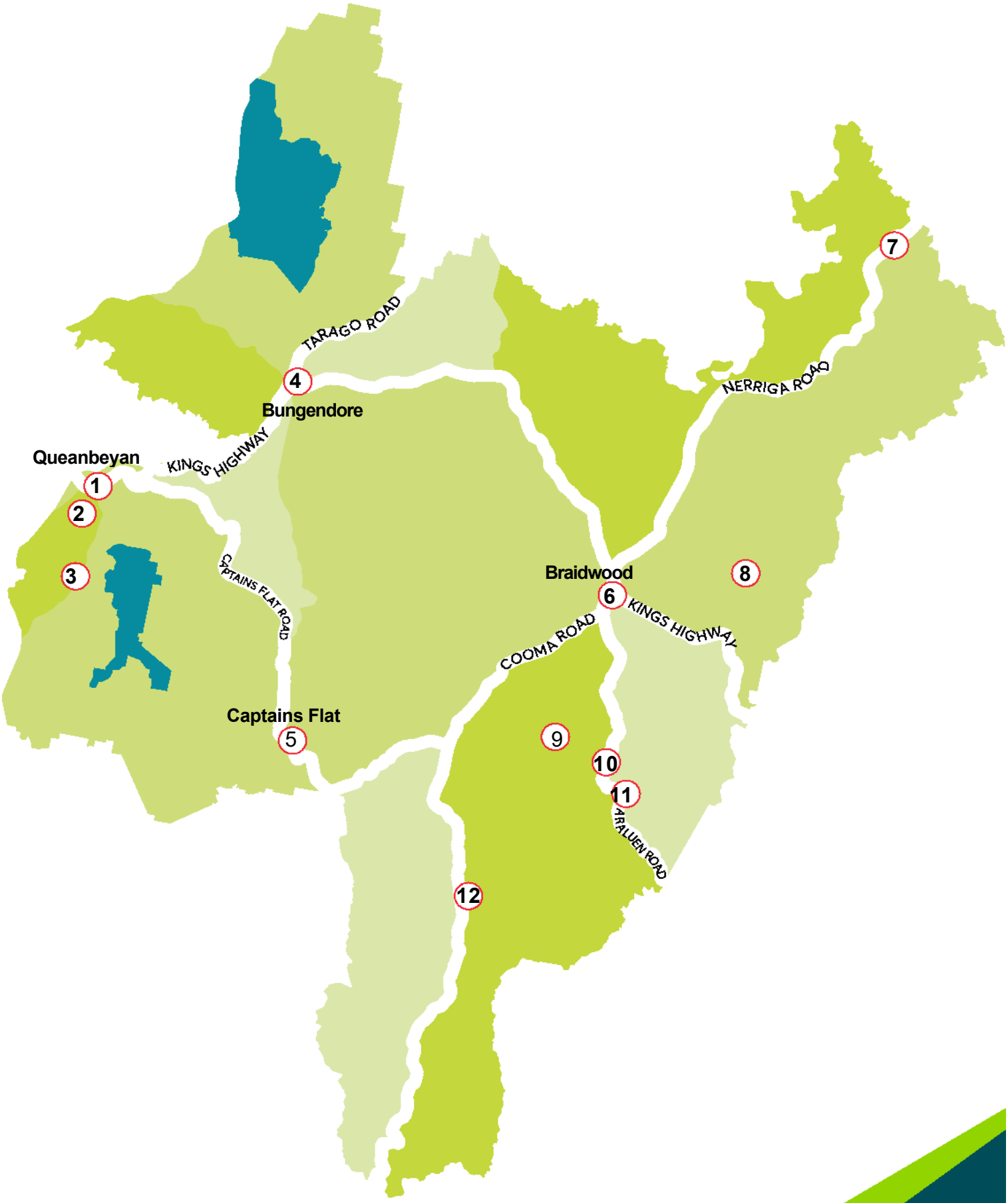


3 Future Planning

3.1 Projected community need

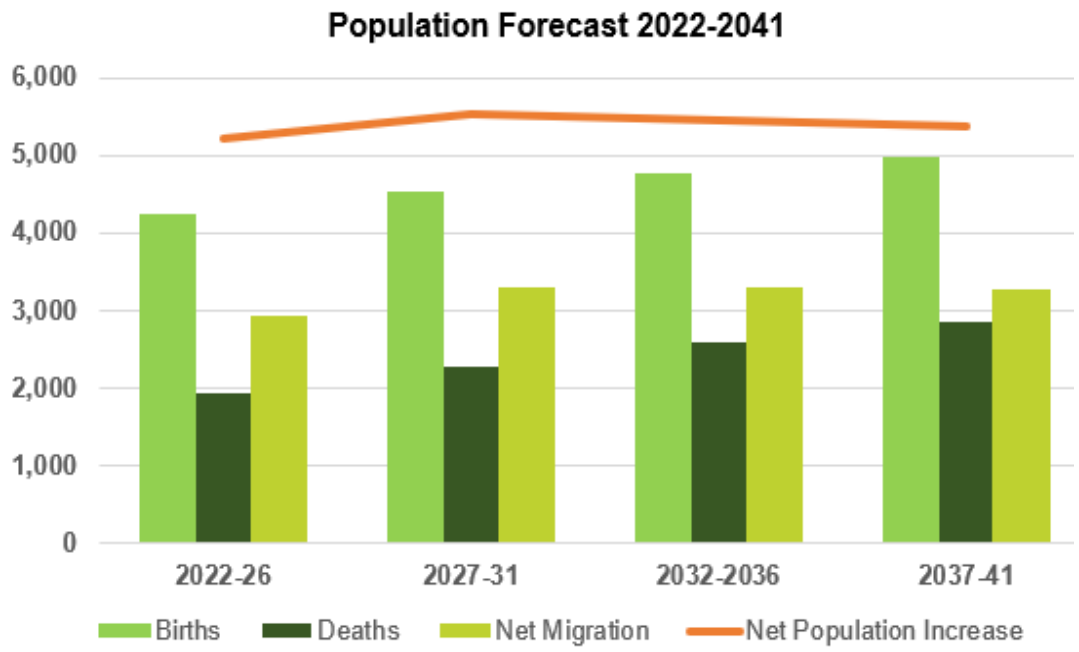
Current projections of population and burial trends suggest a small increase in burials (relative to population) and a notable increase in ashes – as cremation becomes more popular. There is a nation-wide trend away from burials and increases in cremation, however these projections are affected by the cultural and religious make-up of our region, as burials are the only option for some groups.

Council must continue to cater to our diverse community and work with religious and cultural groups, as well as the funeral industry to provide appropriate services.

As part of this process detailed community consultation will be required to assess current and future community demand for specific services.

3.2 Demographics

Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA has an estimated resident population of 64,189 (ABS Estimated Resident Population 2022) and is predicted to increase to over 85,084 by 2041 (shown in table 1 below). This is an estimated total population growth of 21,675 or 34.18%. The graph below shows numbers of births, migrations and deaths and the net population increase per annum to 2041.



Growth is forecast for all age groups over the next 20 years. Of note is a forecast of a 36.9% increase in population of retirement age between 2021 and 2031.

The locations predicted to increase in population the most include Googong, Tralee, Queanbeyan, Bungendore, with Googong and Tralee accounting for most new residences.

Table 1 – Age structure in QPRC 2016 and 2041

FORECAST AGE STRUCTURE - 5 year age groups							
QPRC - Total persons	2021		2031		2041		Change 2021-2041
Age (years)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
0 to 4	4,361	6.9	4,959	6.7	5,574	6.6	1,212
5 to 9	4,156	6.6	4,893	6.6	5,661	6.7	1,505
10 to 14	4,078	6.4	4,649	6.3	5,366	6.3	1,288
15 to 19	3,459	5.5	3,981	5.4	4,569	5.4	1,110
20 to 24	3,446	5.4	3,872	5.2	4,245	5.0	799
25 to 29	4,393	6.9	4,992	6.7	5,503	6.5	1,110
30 to 34	5,157	8.1	5,845	7.9	6,560	7.7	1,403
35 to 39	4,799	7.6	5,858	7.9	6,714	7.9	1,915
40 to 44	4,167	6.6	5,455	7.4	6,287	7.4	2,120
45 to 49	4,471	7.1	5,100	6.9	6,034	7.1	1,563
50 to 54	4,703	7.4	4,630	6.2	5,610	6.6	907
55 to 59	4,317	6.8	4,468	6.0	5,067	6.0	750
60 to 64	3,628	5.7	4,182	5.6	4,347	5.1	719
65 to 69	2,820	4.4	3,553	4.8	3,808	4.5	988
70 to 74	2,311	3.6	2,873	3.9	3,368	4.0	1,057
75 to 79	1,465	2.3	2,124	2.9	2,707	3.2	1,242
80 to 84	938	1.5	1,586	2.1	2,028	2.4	1,090
85 and over	741	1.2	1,191	1.6	1,637	1.9	896
Total persons	63,409	100	74,209	100	85,084	100	21,675

4 Interment options

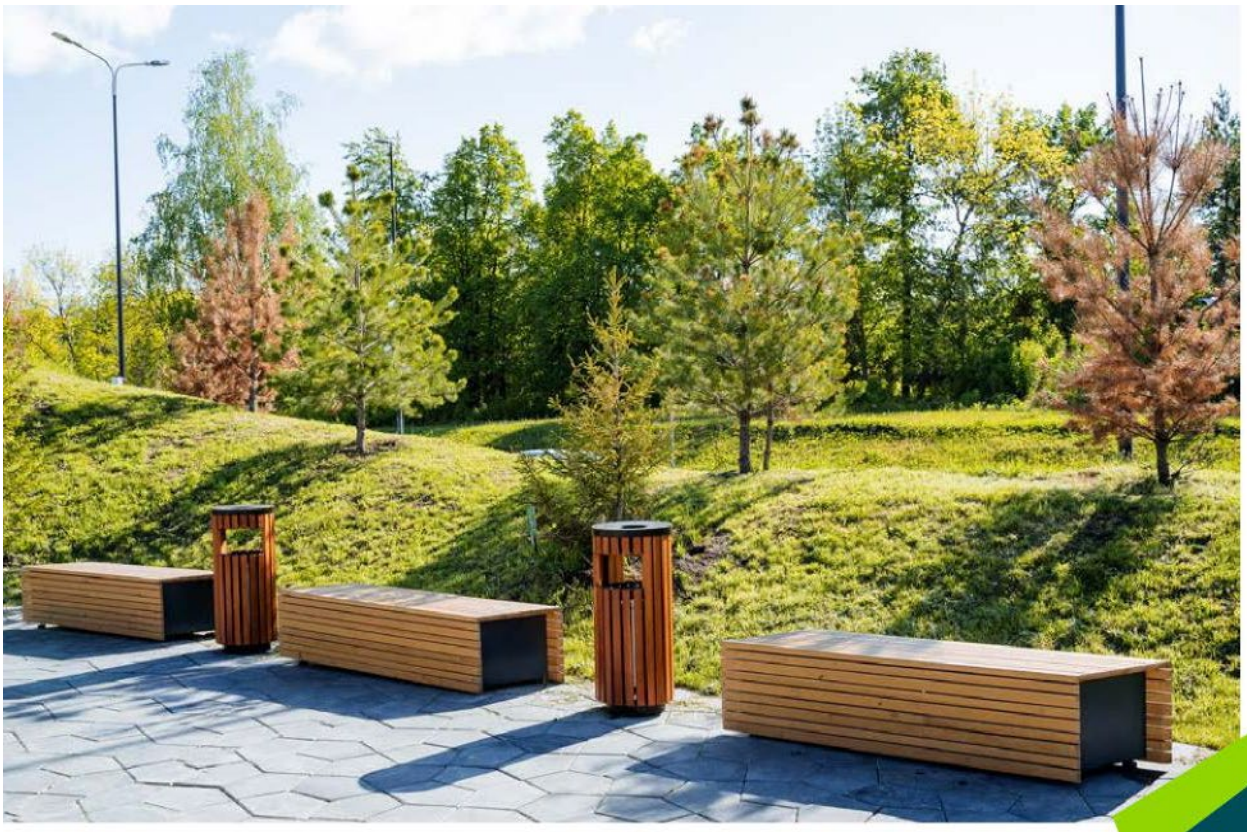
Cemeteries are both places of remembrance for loved ones who have died and significant cultural, historical, and economic institutions. The cemetery industry is complex and dynamic, shaped by demographic trends, technological advances, changing consumer preferences, and regulatory policies.

The Australian funeral industry revenue is around $1.6 billion. The cost of funeral services can vary significantly depending on the ‘products’ included, the location of the cemetery, and whether the service is marketed as ‘premium’ or budget.

Cremation has been steadily growing in popularity throughout Australia, partly due to changing religious practices, but also because it is significantly cheaper than burial. Cremation is reported to be the preferred option for two-thirds of funeral services in Australia. However, the cultural diversity in the Queanbeyan-Palerang area means that burial is still an important offering for many people.

The increasing importance of land for residential use along with the need to continually address interment needs, has prompted some research into sustainable practice, especially internationally. However legislative restrictions and inertia amongst industry stakeholders means innovation in this industry is slow.

Sensitivity about social, cultural, religious, and economic factors presents a significant barrier in terms of acceptance and promotion of alternatives.



4.1 Burial

Burial in the ground is the traditional method of interment and is the only option in some religions or cultures. In general terms, burial requires the remains to be placed at a depth of 900mm below ground level, however deeper depths can allow second and third interments in the same grave. Burials in NSW are strictly governed by legislation and regulations. Burials are offered at all of Council's operational cemeteries, including closed cemeteries where an existing right of burial is still in place, such as second interments in existing grave sites. Burial and cremation practices are highly regulated in NSW. There are several types of burial offered:

- Lawn - open lawn areas, with either head stones or beams and plaques
- Monumental Earth – monumental masonry finish to the entire plot often with large and elaborate headstones. Governed by strict guidelines, including that only authorised stone masons can carry out this work in QPRC cemeteries.
- Monumental Vaults - a precast concrete burial chamber suitable for two interments. Council acquires new precast vaults with blocks of 12 at a time. Once occupied, the vault is covered in monumental masonry.
- Mausoleum Crypts - Council currently only owns one Mausoleum, at Queanbeyan Lawn Cemetery. Although originally designed with four walls around a courtyard garden, each wall containing 48 crypts, only one wall was ever built. Most crypts are occupied or reserved. The additional walls could be built.
- Bushland Cemetery - grave sites are in natural bushland, with plaques or sometimes located only by GPS. New plots must be identified with care to avoid damaging the surrounding natural bushland.

4.2 Cremation

Although cremation is increasingly popular and the only option for some cultures and religions, there is currently no cremator/crematorium in Queanbeyan-Palerang. Cremations are carried out in Canberra or Goulburn. The ACT will soon have three cremation facilities at Hume, Gungahlin and the current facility at Norwood Park.

Council accommodates ashes at all its operational cemeteries. Unlike bodily remains, ashes are not restricted by health legislation. They can be scattered, interred inground, or placed in a columbarium. Options at QPRC cemeteries:

Columbarium and Niche Walls - vary in size and structure depending on the location and demand. Some are simple stone walls with pre-cut niches, sealed with plaques. Some lockable columbaria can have clear glass doors, allowing personalised displays. At Queanbeyan Lawn Cemetery, the Camelia Grove is an example of a stone columbarium where niches are sealed once occupied.

Rose Gardens - ashes can be placed in a calico bag under or near a rose bush. A small plaque marks the location.

4.3 Future trends

The Covid19 pandemic and climate change are influencing both how we live and how we manage death. While not all of these trends are available or legal in Australia and are likely to take a considerable time to gain significant traction here, it is important to understand the changes that may impact the future.

- Eco-Friendly funerals - including human composting and biodegradable burial pods.
- New Age cremation - where ashes are used to create jewellery or keepsakes.
- Increasing options for memorialisation.
- Cryonics – low temperature freezing and storage of bodies.
- GPS enabled headstones – to ensure location data survives for generations.
- Operating cemeteries as multi-functional spaces potentially including, for example, recreational space for walking and cycling, a sculpture garden, spaces for reflection, meeting places and a café etc.

4.4 Perpetual burial rights

The sensitive nature of cemeteries makes existing burial grounds essentially permanent, although this is now not necessarily the case throughout the world and in some parts of Australia. Both South Australia and Western Australia have had renewable tenure for some time.

In 2018 renewable interment rights were permissible for all cemeteries in New South Wales. A renewable interment right in NSW allows for remains to be left in place for a limited period with a minimum tenure of 25 years for non-cremated remains and a maximum tenure of 99 years for both cremated and non-cremated remains (*Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013*, updated January 2023. NSW Legislation). It should be noted that if perpetual burial rights have been given, renewable rights are not retrospective or compulsory.

To date, take up of renewable tenure has been low. This is generally due to the emotional and practical issues with exhumation (training and appropriate equipment

5 | Financials

The tables and graphs following show expenditure and income for QPRC cemeteries.

Table 2 – QPRC cemeteries expenditure and income

EXISTING CEMETERIES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 budget
INCOME ($)	1,101,573	1,169,556	1,092,561	1,272,906	1,092,562	1,102,023
EXPENSES						
Staff	323,946	352,795	342,614	332,755	345,906	390,916
Materials	113,766	18,005	15,762	27,764	15,772	46,766
Contracts security, software	81,205	211,749	298,424	284,435	298,678	315,048
Other	11,709	12,031	19,813	13,261	12,379	23,113
Charges (water rates, plant)	332,018	217,898	131,550	128,678	131,549	196,396
TOTAL EXPENSES ($)	**862,644**	**812,478**	**800,351**	**793,445**	**804,284**	**972,239**
NET PROFIT/LOSS ($)	238,929	357,078	292,210	479,461	288,278	129,784

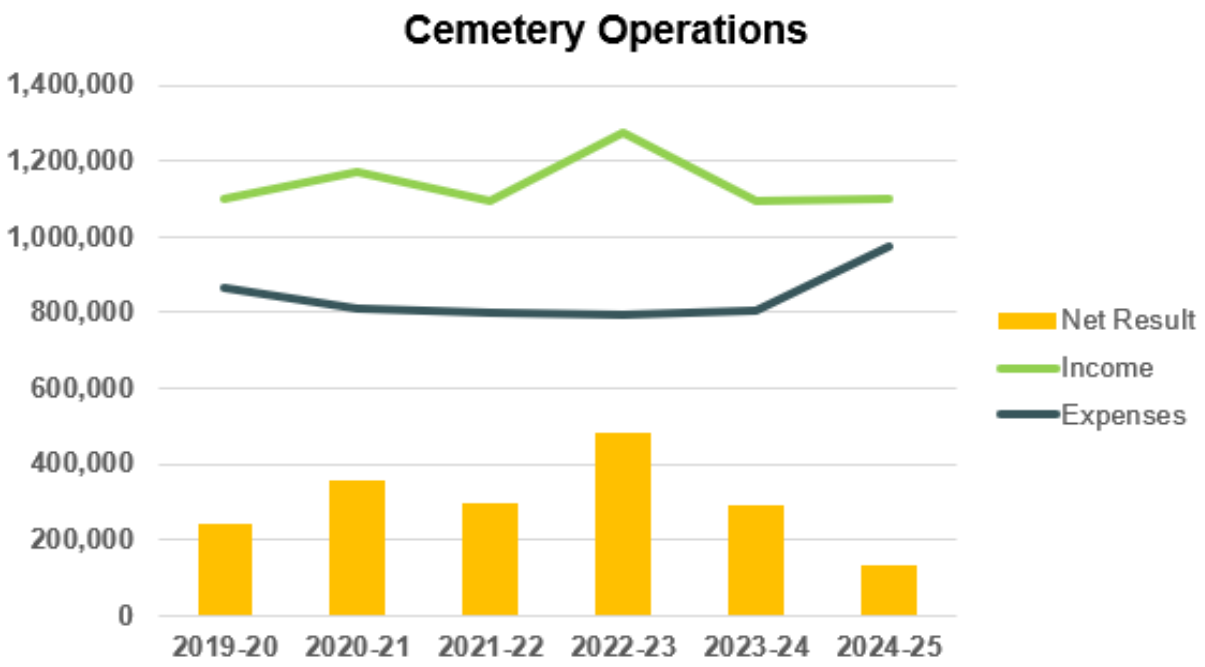


Table 3 – Memorial Park expenditure and income

MEMORIAL PARK	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 budget
INCOME ($)				1,000,000	3,000,000
EXPENSES ($)					3,000,000
Loan interest	114,261	89,952	88,436	112,303	
Studies and reports				332,500	

6 Key Strategies

The need for state and local government to focus on practices surrounding death has become increasingly apparent, especially in highly urbanized areas. There is an increasing understanding globally that practices need to be transformed to reduce both environmental impact and land-use pressure overall.

In the light of this pressure, key areas of focus over the next five years for QPRC cemeteries will be:

- Sustainability and viability
- Management and operational systems
- Master planning for current and future capacity
- Stakeholder engagement and historical value

6.1 Sustainability and viability

Sustainability often refers to environmental impact, however in this context, it also includes intersecting elements such as social and cultural norms and values, affordability and the feasibility of a range of practices. This is further defined in Pathways towards sustainable burial and cremation options for NSW[1] It is a complex industry that crosses:

- cultural and religious values
- social traditions
- socio-economic disparities
- public health
- land-use planning
- environmental concern
- commercial interests.

Actions

6.1.1 Monitor developing environmentally sensitive burials as these options become legal and available.

6.1.2 Consider renewable tenure for new interments as an option.

6.1.3 Given the increasing preference for cremation, Council consider private enterprise proposals for crematoria subject to permissability of land use and DA consent.

6.1.4 Prepare long range financial modelling including 0-10, 10-25, 25-50 years.

6.1.5 Determine the ongoing real costs of perpetual maintenance and consider ways to offset this.

6.1.6 Review fees annually against operating costs, affordability, and the competitive environment, especially operations in the ACT.

[1] https://www.cemeteries.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-01/Pathways-towards-sustainable-burial-and-cremation-options-for-NSW.pdf

6.2 Management and operational systems

Cemeteries are managed under the NSW Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013[2] and the NSW Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation 2022[3]. IPART also conducted two reviews on costs, pricing and competition in the funeral industry (published in June 2021)[4].

Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW developed the Interment Industry Scheme to address the recommendations in the reviews. The scheme phases in from July 2023 to October 2024, when all operators must be licensed and compliant.

Licensing will determine conditions relating to:

- consumer contracts in plain English with standard terms and conditions to enable customers to better understand them.
- clear minimum standards for cemetery maintenance.
- pricing transparency with clear and comparable prices.
- customer service
- religious, cultural and spiritual principles including respect for religious and cultural requirements and understanding of the Sorry Business to Aboriginal people.

Actions:

6.2.1 Address the greater reporting and regulatory requirements proscribed in the updated Act to understand how they impact QPRC.

6.2.2 Review operating systems and processes and align them with reporting responsibilities.

6.2.3 Review contracts and conditions of burial to ensure that documents are easy to read and understand.

6.2.3 Train staff in new reporting requirements.

[2] https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2013-105
[3] https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/sl-2022-0463
[4] https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/cm9_documents/Final-Report-Review-of-interment-costs-and-prices-November-2020.PDF
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6.3 Master planning for current and future capacity

In NSW generally, cemeteries have not been treated as priority land uses in planning processes. This has led to a shortage of burial space and a looming crisis.

Cremation is generally the preferred method of interment across Australia and accounts for 70% of interments in NSW[5]. However, the multi-cultural nature of our region suggests that Queanbeyan-Palerang is unlikely to experience a decline in the demand for burials. This means that cemeteries must feature in our long-term land use planning and decisions about Council's current and future cemetery options must be properly addressed.

Demand on QPRC rural cemeteries is small (around 3-7 burials per year). Braidwood and Bungendore cemeteries are likely to require additional space in the next five years and ten years respectively. However, cemetery options for Queanbeyan and surrounds must be addressed urgently.

Actions

6.3.1 In the short-term provide for additional space at Queanbeyan General Cemetery by reclaiming available land.

6.3.2 In line with the Braidwood Structure plan, review and develop options for the future growth of Braidwood cemetery including extension of the current cemetery and the investigation of other locations.

6.3.3 Due to the forecast for high residential growth in Bungendore, use the Bungendore Structure plan to develop options for the Bungendore cemetery.

6.3.4 Maintain rural cemeteries and periodically review for changes or developments required.

6.3.5 Progress the Masterplan for the proposed new Memorial Park including:

- Professional design processes for a new QPRC Cemetery Plan with long term vision (2025-2075) anticipating population growth.
- An area which is fully accessible by road with entry and exit gates.
- Establishment of special and compassionate spaces for burial of infants and children.
- A park-like setting with attractive facilities which can accommodate families and visitors in various weather conditions.
- The ability to explore community demand and accommodate a range of burial options such as bushland and natural burial areas and different options for interment as social and environmental needs change.
- Consideration of the special needs of First Nations Peoples and the faith backgrounds of diverse community groups.

[5] https://www.cemeteries.nsw.gov.au/about-us/data-and-research

6.4 Stakeholder engagement and historical value

Council's Cemeteries staff are well trained and compassionate representatives of QPRC. Our ongoing objective is to align service provisions with the needs of the community.

Actions

6.4.1 Redevelop the website to provide greater access to online services and information.

6.4.2 Provide greater public awareness and marketing of all QPRC cemetery options including for those living outside the region.

6.4.3 Consult with First Nations, Islamic and other cultural groups to include specific cultural considerations.

6.4.4 Complete the Cemetery Mapping Project for all cemeteries and match this data with existing records. Establish a comprehensive database with digital mapping and searchability.

6.4.5 Develop a conservation program for headstones and repair of damaged headstones.

6.4.6 Protect native and endangered flora through Vegetation Plans of Management in rural cemeteries.

6.4.7 Promote the heritage significance of specific sites through interpretive signage, maps, brochures and online information.

6.4.8 Respond to the increasing cremation rate by improving memorialisation options.

7 Appendices

7.1 Queanbeyan General Cemetery – Queanbeyan

Location: 250 Lanyon Dr Queanbeyan
Size and Status: 27 Ha | ***Closed for reservations***

Queanbeyan General Cemetery is a well-established facility providing a broad range of services to the community. Queanbeyan Cemetery provides specialised areas including crypts, vaults, RSL Veterans, Islamic burials, babies lawn and youth lawn as well as a bushland cemetery for natural burials and ashes. There are several special gardens, including the Rose Garden and Camelia Court, providing for placement of ashes while the Magnolia Garden is for stillborn babies. The Cemetery also has office facilities for the Cemeteries staff to meet clients and a depot for the maintenance team.

The General Cemetery is nearing capacity and Council started its search for a new location in 2009. While this cemetery will still service the community for many years for second interments and existing reservations, it is anticipated it will run out of new available monumental earth plots in 2023 and lawn plots by 2024.

Staff are exploring every possibility to extent these timelines by infilling spaces and extending existing rows, but most of these options have been exhausted. An area north of the RSL Plots has limited potential to deliver a further six months service in Lawn plots, however, requires major engineering works to drain the area and removal of substandard soil profile due to a filled former farm dam. There is an area to allow installation of some additional vaults, however monumental earth plots have no further room for expansion beyond those currently available.

Council placed a moratorium on the sale of pre-purchase right of interments in March 2023 so that local residents who need burial options are prioritised.

The critical figures in table 4.1, below are those for Lawn Plots, Monumental Earth Plots and Vaults, as these are the most sought after and take up space.

Table 4 – Queanbeyan General Cemetery Capacity

QUEANBEYAN GENERAL CEMETERY	
Site Type	**Available sites January 2024**
Lawn Plots	140*
Monumental Earth Plots	37
Vaults	14
Bushland Plots	16
Children's Plots	9
Youth Plots	10
RSL Plots	26
Islamic Plots	27
Less, reserved (no plot	-43
Total available sites	**236**

* Of the 140 lawn plots, 134 are double plots. This brings available capacity to 460, if all double plots are used.

7.2 Riverside Cemetery – Queanbeyan

Location: 40 Erin St, Queanbeyan
Size and Status: 2.5 Ha | ***Only accepting Right of Burial interments***

Riverside Cemetery is located on the banks of the Queanbeyan River, off Erin Street. It is the first European burial ground in the Queanbeyan area and dates to the early 1840s.

As the original cemetery servicing the early township of Queanbeyan, it contains several family plots and early 'pioneer' graves 43 of which pre-date 1843. This cemetery is listed as a locally significant site in the Queanbeyan Local Environment Plan 1998 and has been listed as an ACT Pioneer Cemetery by the ACT Government.

The site suffered severe damage during a significant rain event and flooding in August 1974. Estimates of up to 100 grave sites were affected when the riverbank slumped after the flood and waters receded. The remains that were retrieved were reinterred and a memorial erected in honour of those graves identified.

Riverside is a closed cemetery to new plots, only occasionally providing for second interments for existing Right of Burial (RoB) owners.

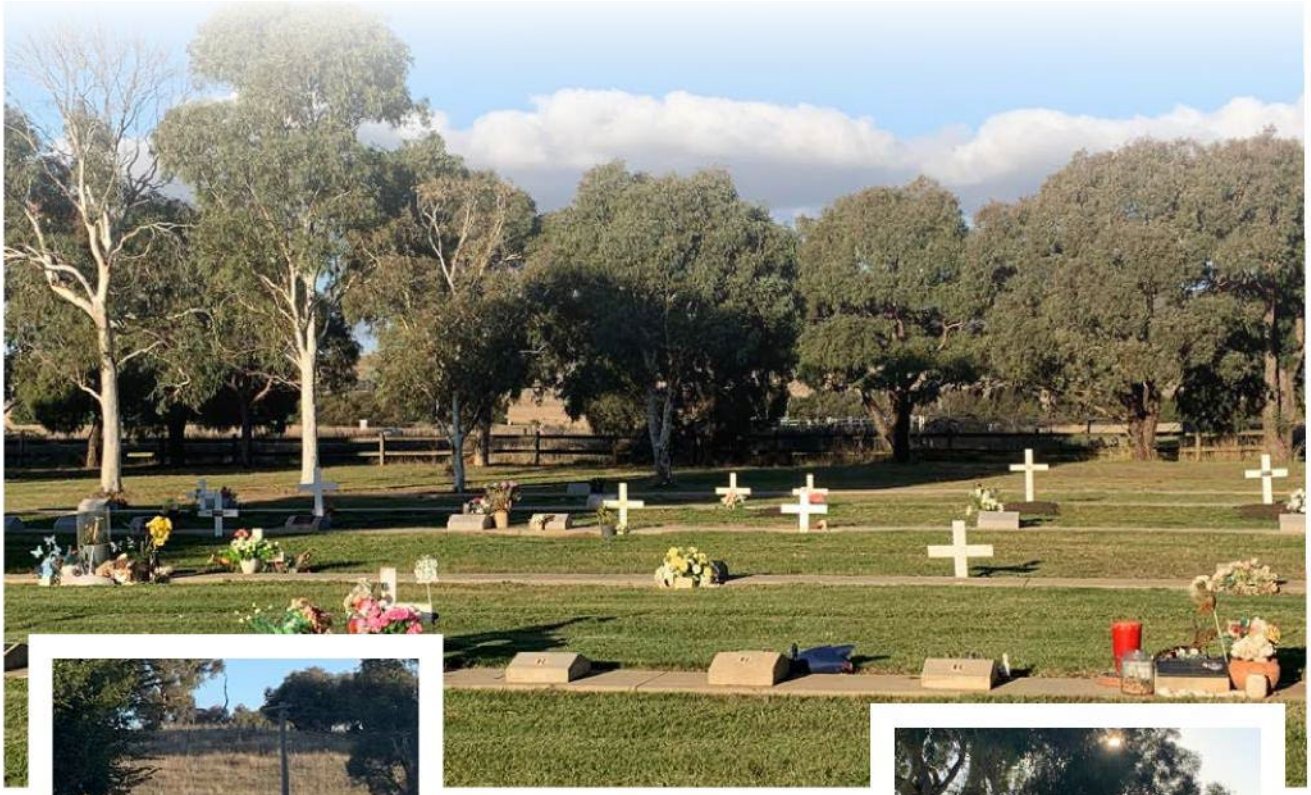
In 2007 Council considered an option to extend this cemetery, but this was abandoned due to the number of unmarked graves outside the cemetery fence.

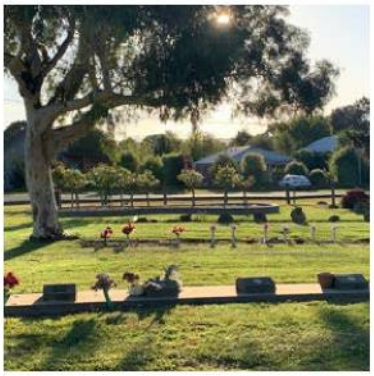
7.3 Bungendore General Cemetery – Bungendore

Location: Osborne St, Bungendore
Size and Status: 2.2 Ha | ***Open for reservations***

Bungendore General Cemetery consists of the early heritage cemetery and an area of new Lawn/Beam cemetery. The site is easily accessed from Osborne St and is currently capable of servicing Bungendore for perhaps 10-15 years, subject to population growth.

If Bungendore is to increase to the “High Population” model of 12,000 or beyond, Council will need to consider securing an adjoining paddock to future-proof Bungendore’s long-term needs.





7.4 Braidwood Historic Cemetery – Braidwood

Location: Cowper St, Braidwood
Size and Status: 1.8 Ha | ***Only accepting Right of Burial interments***

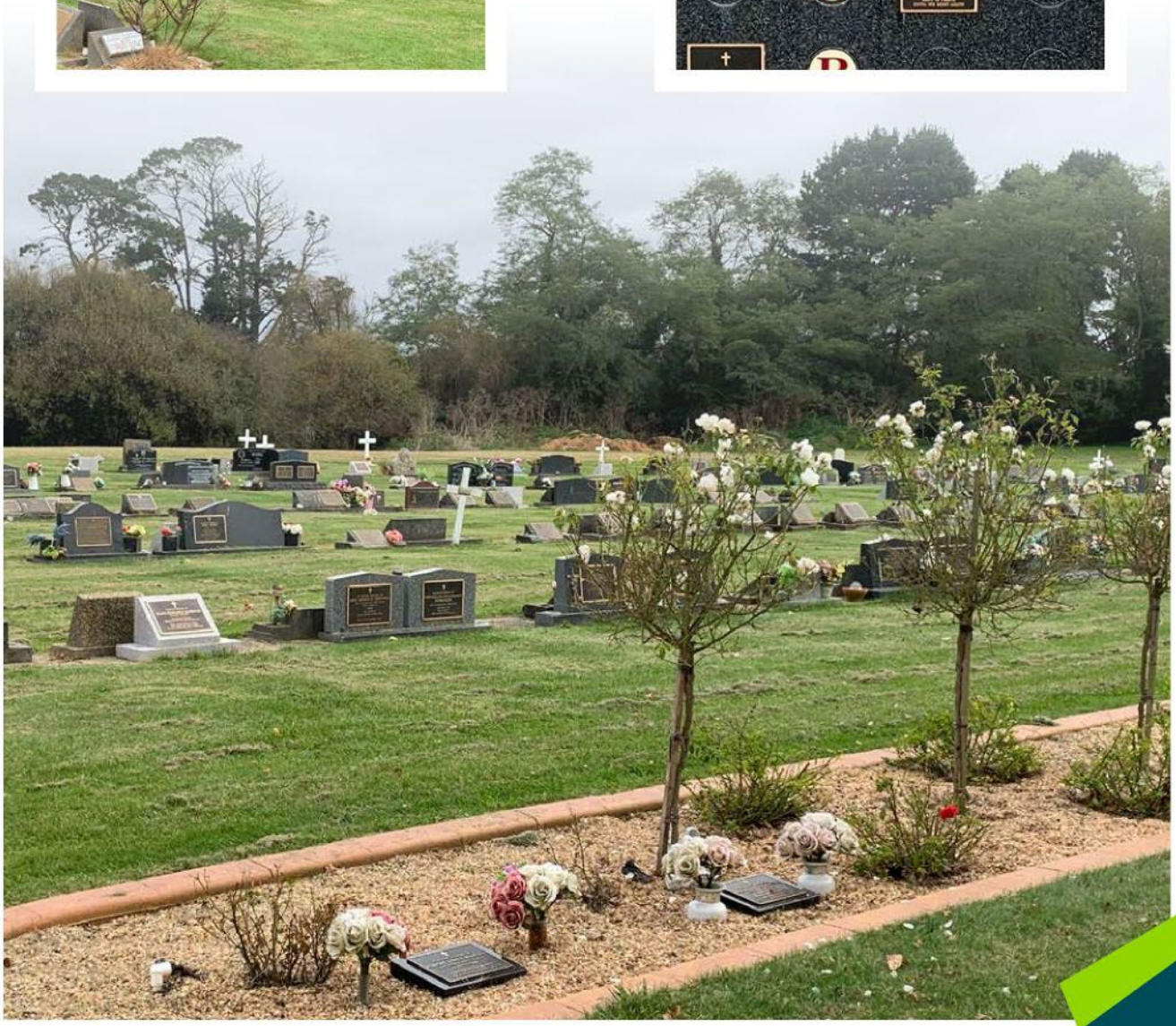
Braidwood Historic Cemetery is a significant heritage site and contains the last resting place for many Braidwood and district pioneers. The cemetery still services some members of the community with long standing RoBs or with family plots.

This cemetery requires special attention when excavating for a new interment, due to potential of encroachment of unmarked graves. A community led volunteer group/former s.355 committee, predominantly driven by the dedication of Margaret Royds, have undertaken extensive research, mapping and restoration within the historic cemetery. Further work is required to protect the pioneer graves, due to tree roots, poor drainage and wombat activity.

7.5 Braidwood General Cemetery – Braidwood

Location: 36 Cowper St, Braidwood
Size and Status: 1.4 Ha | Open for reservations

Braidwood General Cemetery is expected to reach capacity in the next 5-7 years. The Cemetery site has a sandy granite fill, which restricts the double depth graves and reduces capacity at the site. The cemetery has a rose garden and niche wall for ashes interments and there is also an RSL Memorial and section.



7.6 Nerriga General Cemetery – Nerriga

Location: Willow Forrest Rd, Nerriga
Size and Status: 0.4 Ha | ***Open for reservations***

While only small, Nerriga Cemetery contains several graves from the early families in Nerriga. There is room for continued use and no immediately foreseeable need for additional land. Like many rural cemeteries, it does contain quality native vegetation and potential threatened species. The Cemetery is currently maintained by both Council staff and volunteers.

7.7 Nerriga Catholic Cemetery – Nerriga

Location: Nerriga Rd, Nerriga
Size and Status: 0.7 | ***Open for reservations***

Nerriga Catholic Cemetery is approximately 1.5km south-west of the village. The cemetery is active and managed by the Catholic Cemetery Trust, not Council. While it has adequate provision to cater for the current population of Nerriga, any expansion will require some land clearing. The site is on an increasingly busy road and has very limited parking. Residents have raised concerns about traffic management during funerals.

7.8 Araluen Catholic Cemetery – Araluen

Location: Catholic Cemetery Rd, Araluen
Size and Status: 0.5 Ha | ***Only accepting Right of Burial interments***

Araluen Catholic Cemetery is currently maintained by volunteers, this is a closed cemetery only occasionally providing interments for existing Right of Burial (RoB) owners.

7.9 Araluen Anglican Cemetery – Araluen

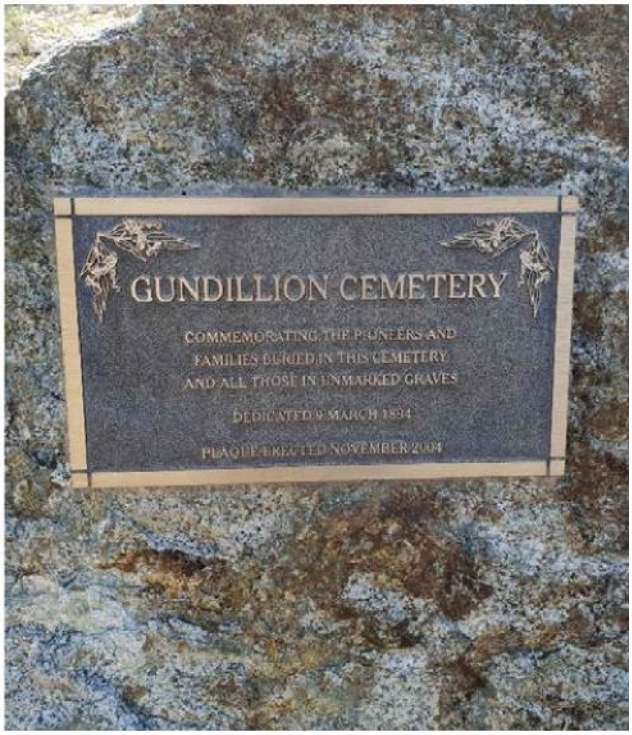
Location: Church of England Cemetery Rd, Araluen
Size and Status: 1.18 Ha | ***Open for reservations***

Araluen Anglican Cemetery has a new fence to protect the site from cattle. There are wombats living within and around the Cemetery which has led to some minor damage of monuments. This Cemetery is maintained by Council.

7.10 Gundillion Cemetery – Araluen

Location: Cooma Rd, Krawarree
Size and Status: 4.25 Ha | ***Open for reservations***

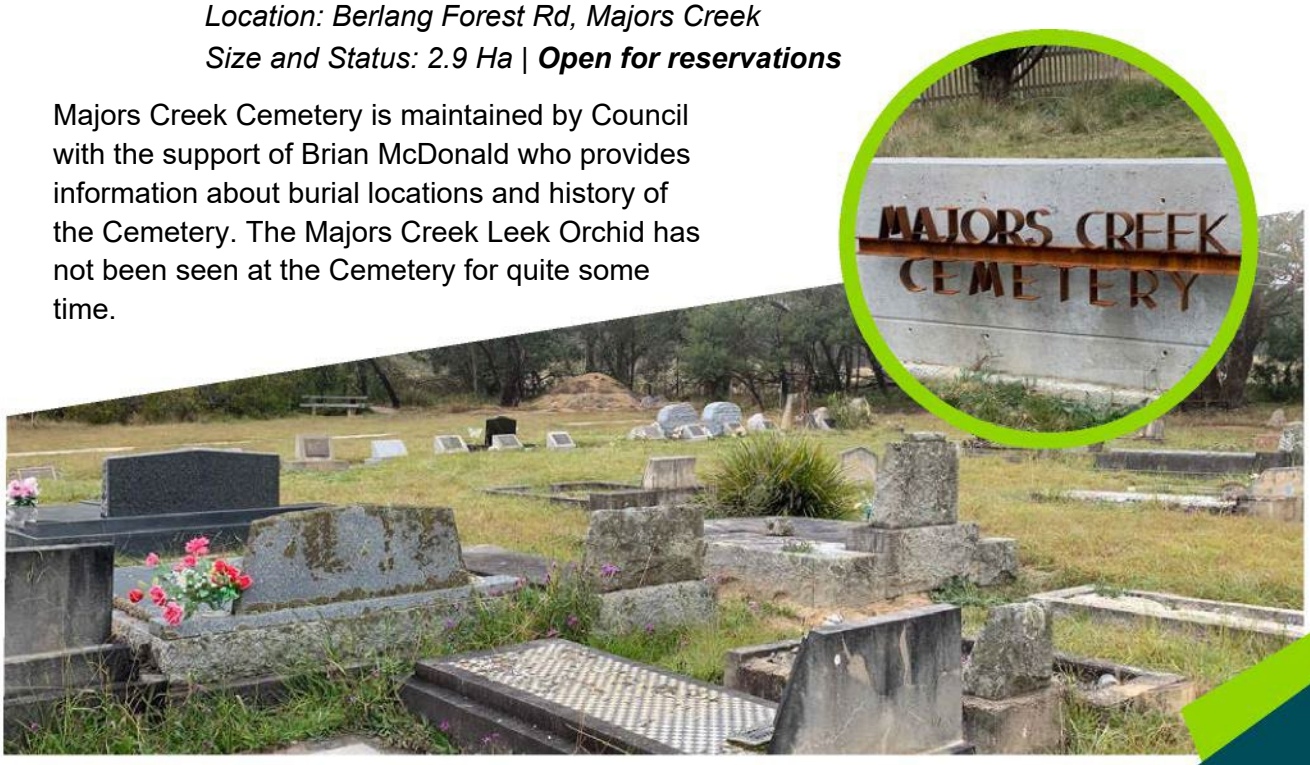
Gundillion General Cemetery, also known as Emu Flat Cemetery, is maintained by volunteers. Council staff mow the Cemetery once a year.



7.11 Majors Creek Cemetery – Majors Creek

Location: Berlang Forest Rd, Majors Creek
Size and Status: 2.9 Ha | ***Open for reservations***

Majors Creek Cemetery is maintained by Council with the support of Brian McDonald who provides information about burial locations and history of the Cemetery. The Majors Creek Leek Orchid has not been seen at the Cemetery for quite some time.



7.12 Mongarlowe Cemetery – Braidwood

Location: Budawang Rd, Mongarlowe
*Size and Status: 0.4 Ha | **Open for reservations***

Mongarlowe Cemetery has a healthy mixture of native grasses and forbs including orchids. A mowing regime is in place to ensure areas are not mown when the orchid is in flower.

7.13 Captains Flat Cemetery – Captains Flat

Location: Captains Flat Rd, Captains Flat
Size and Status: 3.5 Ha | Closed

The Captains Flat Cemetery has been closed for many years with most of the Cemetery being retaken by vegetation.