



Veterans ashes will be interred in a vault in perpetuity in the memorial wall at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Honouring our soldiers

PRESERVATION OF ASHES 'FITTING TRIBUTE' TO WAR HEROES

Melissa Townsend

SURROUNDED by the picturesque gardens of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, the names of 32 returned service personnel are inscribed on a memorial wall honouring their courage and sacrifice.

In a specially-constructed underground vault, their cremated remains will rest forever. Last November, the cemetery unveiled the new memorial for servicemen and women whose ashes had been interred at Springvale for a limited tenure of 25 years.



Previously, if families elected not to renew fixed term memorials, their remains would be scattered.

But a proposal by former Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust member John Saddington culminated in SMCT making provision for veterans from all wars be transferred into perpetuity.

And now, with laws recently passed in State Parliament, veterans' ashes will

be forever protected in Victorian cemeteries.

"This is a fitting tribute, in a fitting location: the world-class garden surrounds of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery," SMCT chief executive officer Jane Grover said.

"The memorial is SMCT's gift to the Victorian community, a gift that will recognise our returned servicemen and women for their courage, sacrifice and honour."

Dandenong RSL president and Vietnam veteran John Wells (pictured right) welcomed the legislative changes and thanked SMCT.



"I think it's an important mark of respect and I'm extremely pleased that it's happened," he said.

"I'd like to compliment (SMCT) and the State Government on their initiative."

Cemetery wedding brings unique twist

Cemeteries ideal venue

FORGET about getting married in a traditional chapel, on a beach or in a park.

Annelise Calderwood, 31, and her partner Josh Hoare, 35, have decided to buck the trend and tie the knot at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery on March 28.

The Frankston couple don't believe a cemetery wedding is the least bit creepy. They say they will be surrounded by loved ones, including their three children, and believe Ms Calderwood's late relatives who are buried at the cemetery will be there in spirit.

"The gardens are just gorgeous and the price was very reasonable," Ms Calderwood said.

The couple met at a party when she was 17, and over the years, Mr Hoare proposed several times, but the timing was never right.

This time, Ms Calderwood decided to pop the question herself over a romantic dinner and soon the pair was making plans for a cemetery wedding.

"We saw the new function centre being built and thought it would be a really nice place to get married," she said. "We've had great feedback and everyone's really excited and thinks it's really unique. It's nice that it's getting used, not just for funerals but for weddings too."



THE PERKS

- Landscaped gardens four times the size of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens
- Five chapels on site
- New state-of-the-art function venue, the Clarence Reardon Centre
- Ample parking
- Competitive pricing

Annelise Calderwood and Josh Hoare will get married in the cemetery.

Picture: TANYA FRY

"TILL death us do part" has taken on a whole new meaning with wedding ceremonies in cemeteries starting to catch on.

It is a revival of a practice from the Victorian era where socialising among the gravestones was a common Sunday practice.

Jane Grover, the chief executive of Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, which manages Springvale and Bunurong cemeteries, encouraged people to regard the sites as a community asset.

"We want society today to regard cemeteries and memorial parks in the same way that Melburnians did in the Victorian era when people would gather to socialise with friends and promenade along its wide pathways," Ms Grover said.

She said it was hoped both sites would soon become popular wedding venues.

"Often these couples will have a close relative buried there or perhaps a family member has a cremation memorial at the site. For such couples, there is an emotional connection to the cemetery."

Ms Grover said there had been a few weddings held already and encouraged other couples to consider the option. Details: <http://smct.org.au/>

16th MARCH 2015

Native trees find a home

VOLUNTEERS planted more than 430 native trees at Bunurong Memorial Park last weekend.

The planting took place along the Bangholme cemetery's EastLink boundary and included river red gums and allo casurinas.

Dreary weather conditions at the 6 July event didn't stop children and adults from lending a hand to beautify the site, which Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust manages.



Father and son Lachie and Simon Hirth work together.



Phil Snow plants a tree.



Eve is all rugged up for the activity.



Paxon gets his hands dirty.

Bypass video goes up online

AN ANIMATION of what the finished Dingley Bypass will look like is now online.

Roads Minister Terry Mulder released the video last week.

"The animation has been designed to give the local community a bird's eye view of what the \$156 million project will look like once completed," he said.

"Once complete, the 6.4 kilometre Dingley Bypass will link Warrigal Road at Moorabbin and Westall Road at Dingley Village.

"The Dingley Bypass completes a missing link between Moorabbin and Dandenong South, and will revolutionise how local traffic and industry go about their day-to-day business.

"Once complete, local traffic will be separated from through-traffic, reducing congestion, particularly on busy roads such as Centre Dandenong, Kingston, Heatherton and Old Dandenong roads."

Mordialloc MP Lorraine Wreford said the project was due to start later this year and was vital to remove traffic from the rapidly-growing industrial and commercial areas off local roads.

The project will take about two years to complete. Visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/dingleybypass to view the video.

14th JULY 2014

CEMETERY - BUNERONG.

BUNURONG MEMORIAL PARK TRANSFORMATION

Works transforming Dandenong South's Bunurong Memorial Park are well underway, with a range of new buildings and services taking shape.

The works include an administration and customer service centre, cafe, florist, function centre and two new chapels. There will also be a children's playground.

Bunurong Memorial Park is one of eight cemeteries under the care of the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust. Established in 1995, it covers 100 hectares.

The first burial happened on 8 February 1996, and since then more than 30,000 burials and cremations have taken place.

The park has been designed to anticipate burial and memorial needs across the range of faiths and cultures in our diverse community. There is also a multifaith area comprising beautiful gardens and the Solace Rooms for quiet prayer or reflection.

Due for completion in early 2016, the development will sit amidst stunning native parkland with more than 80,000

trees spanning land that is more than three times the size of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens.

This will be a regional multipurpose community asset providing open space for recreation for the local communities.

The new buildings will aim to be carbon neutral, while a water swale and windmill project will save at least 500,000 litres of water per year.

Visit www.bmp.smct.org.au for more information or to register your interest to receive regular updates and invitations to events.

Cemetery welcomes community

GRAVEYARD GETS BIG REVAMP

Melissa Townsend and John Masanauskas

BURYING THE PAST

CEMETERY developers are hoping a \$50 million redevelopment of Bunurong Memorial Park will turn it into a drawcard for picnicking families and sightseers.

The 101ha Dandenong South site is being transformed by southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust into a landscaped community park almost three times the size of the Royal Botanic Gardens. It will include a lakeside chapel, waterways, cafe, sculptures and a children's playground.

SMCT CEO Jonathan Tribe said Trust research found that in the 1860s, around 5,000 people would visit the Melbourne General Cemetery on a summer Sunday, picnicking in the gardens and walking through the grounds.

Mr Tribe said they hoped the redeveloped Bunurong would become just as popular as a community meeting place.

"We want to demystify cemeteries and get people to regard them as great community assets — green, relaxing places where you can socialise with family and friends," Mr Tribe said.

"That's how people in the Victorian era regarded cemeteries.

"In the twentieth century, people developed a morbid attitude towards cemeteries.

"Bunurong Memorial Park is a community space that will help change that perception."

The redevelopment sees Greater Dandenong shaping up as Victoria's cemetery capital.

The city is already home to Melbourne's largest cemetery, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, which has 20 years' of space left.

Mr Tribe said he expected Bunurong would meet Melbourne's population needs for at least 70 years.

Cemetery features:

- More than 80,000 native trees and shrubs planted
- First stage to be completed in 2016
- Landscaping and design to have Australian theme
- First stage to include multi-faith meditation rooms
- 125 construction jobs over 18-month period
- Crematorium, mausoleum and Greek Orthodox Church to be retained
- Existing interments will not be impacted
- Buildings will be carbon neutral
- Recycled water will save 500,000 litres a year
- Stage 5 to be completed in 2050

Grave prices:

- Garden edge cremation memorial \$1875
- Islamic lawn grave \$3850
- Headstone lawn grave \$4120
- Monumental grave package \$5260
- Ornamental graves from \$9380
- Feng Shui grave packages \$10,090 to \$23,683
- Pieta Mausoleum Dual Crypt Package \$25,845

"It's going to be a very innovative, state-of-the-art cemetery and it's going to be particularly geared to all of the different ethnic communities that make up the population down here, so it will have a high degree of cultural relevance," he said.

Meanwhile, the Trust has introduced Sunday afternoon jazz sessions at Springvale Botanical cemetery in a further bid to demystify the burial process.

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust cultural heritage manager Dr Celestina Sagazio said cemeteries should be about the living as much as the departed.

"There should be a reason for the public to feel comfortable about coming to a cafe at Springvale and enjoying music," Dr Sagazio said.

Café Vita et flores...what a find!



Café Vita et flores at Bunurong Memorial Park is our region's most inviting café concept offering great coffee, delicious food and beautiful flowers. Café Vita et flores is fully licensed, completely family friendly, surprisingly affordable and the parking is free – all within an inspired parkland setting. We invite you to kick back and relax with family and friends whilst the kids play within view on the futuristic

playground, and maybe choose some fresh flowers to brighten your journey home. So, go on, get away from it all at Café Vita et flores. We'd love to see you, time and time again.

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et flores



Bunurong Memorial Park



790 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Dandenong South, Victoria

DANDENONG SOUTH



Premier Daniel Andrews at the April 17 opening.

Park opened

THE largest memorial park in the southeast, and the first of its type in Australia, was officially opened in Dandenong South on April 17.

The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust says its \$50 million revamp of Bunurong Memorial Park has transformed it into a vibrant, active community space.

The 101ha site is almost three times the size of the Royal Botanic Gardens and is available for family picnics and relaxation.

It has a central plaza, children's playground, barbecues, waterways, cafes, sculptures and about 80,000 native trees and shrubs.

The trust hopes it will be used for weddings and business functions as well as fu-

nerals. Premier Daniel Andrews said Bunurong was the best of everything in every way.

"Responding to multiculturalism, responding to diversity, a modern picturesque and beautiful space," he said.

Trust chairwoman Sue Renkin said Bunurong represented a change in the way cemeteries worked.

The development includes many multipurpose community facilities and is part of a 50-year masterplan, designed to meet the needs of the growing southeast population into the future.

Solar and wind powered water pump systems have been installed and there are 824 roof top solar panels.



After World War II there were great social changes and the cemetery adapted accordingly. Springvale pioneered the concept of public lawns in Victoria from the 1950s. Expansive public lawns, with their emphasis on simpler, egalitarian and efficient maintenance practices, gave Springvale a financial advantage over other cemeteries. Notable interments include Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowen, Prime Minister Sir John McEwen, Premier Sir Albert Dunstan, Australian Rules footballers Jack Dyer and Darren Millane and Julia Rapke, one of the first female magistrates in Victoria. Springvale is now a world-class, multicultural cemetery with many outstanding botanical and landscape features and excellent services.

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Honouring and celebrating life

Fascinating tours and talks
Springvale Botanical Cemetery conducts a variety of complimentary walking and bus tours, which offer an historical and botanical experience that is second to none.

Our resident historian is also available to conduct fascinating talks on a variety of cemetery related topics, depending on your interests.

For further information on our tours and talks, please contact us on **(03) 8558 8278** or email celestina.sagazio@smct.org.au

More information

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The Who's Who
of Springvale Botanical Cemetery
Your guide to notable interments
and historic sites.



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Springvale Botanical Cemetery notable interments and historic sites

Springvale Botanical Cemetery, formerly the Necropolis, was established in 1901 and opened in 1902. It is arguably Australia's most beautiful cemetery. The total site spans 169 hectares (422 acres). The cemetery was unique in adopting a formal original plan based on the Union Jack. It was predominately a Christian burial ground in the early years. The first burial took place in the Church of England section on 20 March 1902. The deceased was Clarence Reardon, who was only 7 months old when he succumbed to whooping cough. The early trustees lobbied hard for the establishment of a railway line to their cemetery. The railway line operated from 1904 until 1950 and formally closed in 1951. This was the only branch railway line and station within a cemetery in Victoria. The cemetery struggled in its first thirty years of operation principally because of poor finances, its remote site and the inadequate and poorly patronised railway services.

Broad acres and an unusually efficient and economic internal water-supply system were vital in the development of the cemetery. The growing popularity of cremation from the 1930s and improved cremation infrastructure solved the cemetery's early financial problems. Springvale provided Victoria's first regular cremation facilities within two years of cremation being officially authorised by State legislation of 1903. The first legal cremation service, involving Edward Davies, a retired customs officer, occurred at Springvale on 13 April 1905. To meet the increase in demand, a new oil-fired crematorium with adjacent Boyd Chapel was built in 1936 and expanded in 1941. This was a turning point in the history of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery and helped put it on its way to becoming the leader in cremation facilities in Australia and significant in world terms by 1970. In 1991 the current world-class crematorium was constructed.

The memorial rose gardens, with their 29,500 roses of over 300 varieties, are the largest in Australia.

- 1 Aaron Treve 'Tommy' Woodcock (1905-1985) Phar Lap's Strapper Cassia, Wall AQ, Niche 5
- 2 William Harold Ponsford (1900-1991) Australian Cricketer Genista, Garden 3, Bed 11, Rose 13
- 3 Charles William 'Bud' Tingwell (1923-2009) Actor Fuchsia, Garden 2, Bed 26, Position 43
- 4 John William Alexander Jackson (1897-1959) Victoria Cross Recipient, Boronia, Wall K, Niche 395
- 5 Sir Albert Arthur Dunstan (1882-1950) Premier Pittosporum, Tree 14
- 6 JA Boyd Chapel Built 1936
- 7 Renowden Chapel Built 1941
- 8 James Rogers (1873-1961) Victoria Cross Recipient, Renowden, Room 3, Section E, Niche 11
- 9 Grevillea Memorial Garden (established 1937) First rose garden in the cemetery
- 10 Wilson Chapel Built 1963
- 11 Blair Chapel Built 1971
- 12 Plaque on rock – words by British Prime Minister William Gladstone cnr Main Drive and 2nd Avenue
- 13 William Dunstan (1895-1957) Victoria Cross Recipient Banksia, Wall D, Niche 507
- 14 Lawrence Dominic McCarthy (1892-1975) Victoria Cross Recipient, Banksia, Wall G, Niche 81
- 15 Arthur Edward 'Scobie' Breasley (1914-2006) Jockey Gardenia, Garden 1, Tree 146
- 16 Gary Michael Silk (1964-1998) Murdered Policeman Diosma, Garden 1, Rose 63(west) (near Rose Bed 51)
- 17 Francis (Frank) Daniel Crean (1916-2008) Deputy Prime Minister Diosma, Garden 1, Rose Bed 77
- 18 Rocco Surace Mausoleum (above-ground burials) Built 1997-1998

- 19 Luciano Rossetti Mausoleum (above-ground burials)
Built 2005
- 20 William Maldon Woodfull (1897-1965) Australian Cricket
Captain & Schoolteacher Acacia, Garden 5, Tree 102
- 21 Sir John McEwen (1900-1980) Prime Minister Brind,
Bed 17, Rose 1
- 22 Bunya-bunya pine tree (planted 1902) Causarina Lawn 1
- 23 Bunya-bunya pine tree (planted 1902) Luculia
- 24 Site of Former Railway Station (opened 1904 and closed
1951) Eucalypt
- 25 Victoria Cross Memorial Commemorates Victoria Cross
recipients cnr 6th Avenue and North Drive
- 26 Australian War Graves (first burials in 1942) and Victorian
Garden of Remembrance North Drive and 2nd Road
- 27 World-class Crematorium Opened 1991
- 28 Song He Yuan Asian section opened in 2003
- 29 Walter Reginald Hume (1873-1943) Inventor & Entrepreneur
Presbyterian, Compartment B, Section 13, Grave 11
- 30 James Arthur Boyd (1867-1941) Politician & Necropolis
Trustee Presbyterian B, Section 14, Grave 24
- 31 Thomas Simmons (1853-1924) Foundation Necropolis
Chairman of Trustees Presbyterian, Compartment B,
Section 14, Grave 40
- 32 Thomas George Allen (1861-1929) Necropolis Trustee
Presbyterian, Compartment B, Section 14, Grave 46
- 33 Robert Cuthbert Grieve (1889-1957) Victoria Cross Recipient
Presbyterian, Compartment C, Section 15, Grave 28
- 34 Sir Billy Mackie Snedden (1926-1987) Politician & Speaker
Presbyterian, Compartment C, Section 14, Grave 4
- 35 Sir Albert Victor Jennings (1896-1993) Builder Church of
England, Compartment R, Section 25, Grave 48
- 36 Kevin O'Neill (1941-1997) Society Florist Church of England,
Compartment R, Section 9, Grave 11
- 37 Ethel Tracy Attiwill (1877-1942) WWI Nursing Sister & Army
Matron-in-Chief Church of England, Compartment R,
Section 15, Grave 31
- 38 Ladislaus Sylvester Kossak (1828-1918) Mounted Policeman
at Eureka Stockade Rebellion Church of England,
Compartment R, Section 16, Grave 14
- 39 Red River Gum About 400 years old A.C. Downard Lawn
- 40 Site of base of the terminal overhead-wiring mast from the
electrified railway line (installed 1922) A.C. Downard Lawn
- 41 Douglas Joseph Ashton (1918-2011) and Phyllis Ashton
(1918-2000) Circus Proprietors Alex T. Gardner Headstone
Lawn, Row 9, Grave 35
- 42 Edward Davies (1820?-1905) Retired Public Servant.
First person to be cremated in this cemetery Church of
England, Compartment A, Section 7, Grave 10
- 43 Police Memorial Established 1999 to honour police
officers who died or were killed in the line of duty
A.T. Gardner Headstone Lawn
- 44 First Burial Site Clarence Reardon (1902) A baby who died
of whooping cough Church of England, Compartment A,
Section 21, Grave 44
- 45 William Amiss Sailor (1879-1905) Church of England,
Compartment A, Section 20, Grave 43
- 46 Charles Hansen (1863?-1905) Seaman Church of England,
Compartment A, Section 19, Grave 43
- 47 Julia Rachel Rapke (1886- 1957) One of the first Female
Magistrates in Victoria Jewish, Compartment E, Section 2,
Grave 2
- 48 Trevor George Rapke (1909-1978) County Court Judge
Jewish, Compartment E, Section 2, Grave 4
- 49 Metahar House (Built 1940-1941) Used to prepare bodies
for burial Jewish, Compartment E
- 50 Former American War Cemetery (Burials of 1942-45 have
been exhumed) Thomas Simmons Memorial Lawn
- 51 Richard Kelliher (1910-1963) Victoria Cross Recipient
Thomas Simmons Memorial Lawn, Row DC, Grave 20

- 52 Elizabeth Britomarte James (1867-1943) WW1 Nurse and Political Reformer Joshua Jordan Lawn, Row AE, Grave 28
- 53 Percival Alan Pavey (1902-1991) Champion Rifle Shooter Presbyterian, Compartment N, Section 5, Grave 26
- 54 Darren Millane (1965-1991) Collingwood Footballer Presbyterian, Compartment O, Section 18, Grave 8
- 55 Garden of No Distant Place Established 1979
- 56 Benjamin James Ranaudo (1987-2009) Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan M.A.R. Synnot Lawn, Row CG, Grave 23
- 57 Steven Tynan (1966-1988) Murdered Policeman R.T.M. Pescott Lawn, Row BB, Grave 43
- 58 John Raymond 'Jack' Dyer (1913-2003) Richmond Footballer & Media Personality A.F. Always Memorial Lawn, Row U, Grave 68
- 59 Edward John Francis Ryan (1890-1941) Victoria Cross Recipient, Roman Catholic, Compartment A, Section 19, Grave 5
- 60 First Cremation Site 13 April 1905 Henry Matthews Memorial Lawn
- 61 First Crematorium Site (1906-1933) Alfred Nicholas Memorial Gardens, Henry Matthews Memorial Lawn
- 62 Sir Zelman Cowen (1919-2011) Governor-General Jewish, Compartment A, Section 20, Grave 1
- 63 Dorothy Featherstone Porter (1954-2008) Poet Jewish Memorial Cemetery, Garden 2, Bed 55, Tree 3



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- Notable Interments and Historic Sites
- ☆ Notable Interments Board
- ⊠ Car Parking Area
- ☒ Drinking Water
- ⌚ Rotunda
- ⌚ Toilets
- ⌚ Archway
- ⌚ Chapels – Follow Blue Line
- ⌚ In Memories We Live carousel

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SPRINGVALE

Cemetery's best to rest in peace

SPRINGVALE Botanical Cemetery has become the first cemetery outside the US to win *American Cemetery* magazine's excellence award.

The 170ha Princes Highway cemetery beat dozens of other cemeteries from around the world to nab the prestigious award, which is judged on community involvement, grounds maintenance, innovation, cemetery performance and team spirit.

The cemetery's chief operating officer Jane Grover said it honoured the diverse communities it served.

"We have the largest feng shui-designed Asian cemetery, the Song He Yuan within Springvale, and a number of other very special areas dedicated to the military and police force," Ms Grover said.

"We also have a children's lawn complete with playground, so siblings visiting can be entertained while parents have time for quiet reflection."

Executive director of *American Cemetery* Kates-Boylston Publications said the Springvale cemetery stood out because it "exemplifies that cemeteries can continue to be relevant and beautiful."

Health Minister David Davis said it was easy to see why the cemetery was so highly regarded.

"This site also provides a range of interment and other services to cater to Melbourne's diverse communities," Mr Davis said.

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HYMN: "ABIDE WITH ME"

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to it's close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou, Who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the temptor's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

SECOND LESSON: 1st Corinthians 15 : 20 - 26 and 51 - 57
Lt. Col. R. Hart,
Commanding Officer, Monash University Regiment.

ADDRESS: Air Vice-Marshal A. R. Reed, A.O.

LAYING OF THE WREATHS

*During this segment a Lament will be played by
Pipe Major David Berry, Berwick Pipe Band.*

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Response: "We Will Remember Them."

LAST POST

SILENCE

LEST WE FORGET

Response: "Lest We Forget."

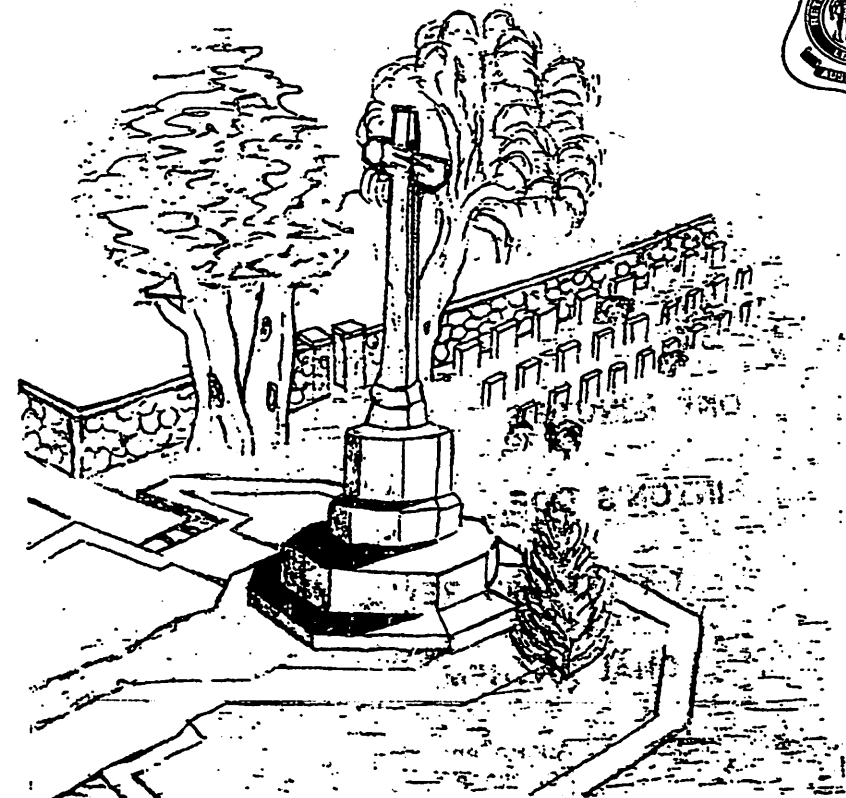
REVEILLE

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*O God, who made this ancient land,
and set it round with sea,
sustain us all who dwell herein,
one people, strong and free.
Grant we may guard its generous gifts,
its beauty rich and rare.
In your great name, may we proclaim,
"Advance Australia fair!"
With thankful hearts then let us sing.
"Advance Australia fair!"*

Words adapted by Robin Lorimer Sharwood, Melbourne.

**RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE
OF AUSTRALIA**



"Lest We Forget"

**REMEMBRANCE
COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1991,

AT 2.30 P.M.

**THE SPRINGVALE WAR CEMETERY
SPRINGVALE NECROPOLIS
PRINCES HIGHWAY, SPRINGVALE**

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Colwyn B. Williams, RSL State Executive,
Chairman of War Cemetery Remembrance Commemoration Committee.

FLAG PARTY &

CATAFALQUE PARTY: Monash University Regiment
R.S.M. F. Remin

MARCH LED BY: Victorian Light Horse Ceremonial Association Inc.
Major L. T. O'Toole.

MUSIC: Waverley Temple Salvation Army Band.
Conducted by Bandmaster, Christopher Coates.

BUGLERS: Trumpeters from 2/10th Medium Regiment.

*Singing will be led by Major Howard Davies and the band will play
the first line of each hymn and the people will rise before the singing.*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Captain A. J. Bourke.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

ENTRANCE OF FLAGS - CATAFALQUE PARTY - PIPER

HYMN: "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

HYMN: "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream,
Dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

PRAYER: Bishop David Shand,
Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Retired.

We remember before you, Heavenly Father, those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. Let not the darkness of this world diminish the light of sacrifice and unselfish service. Let not the ugliness of our deeds overwhelm the beauty of your world. Let not intolerance and prejudice cut down worthy aspirations and noble ideals.

Give us humble faith in ourselves and in one another so that our lives may reflect your goodness. On our common way may we be recalled constantly to the just cause and the care of those in need.

Lord, give us faith and hope and keep us ever aware that they will fade and die without the nourishment of your divine love.

Give us that special freedom that comes from serving you and one another.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiasticus 44 : 1 - 15
Mr. G. Mead, Media Liaison Officer,
Vietnam Veterans' Association.

PRAYER: COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

Rev. Monsignor Francis Lyons, A.M.,
Parish Priest, St Roth's, Glen Iris.

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, the Author of life, before Whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead; we seek in Thee that fellowship wherein the living and the dead are one; with humble hearts and lowly pride we bow before Thee -
in memory of all gallant soldiers, brave sailors and undaunted airmen who were faithful unto death -
in memory of those who came from shop and office and Senate Chamber and school at the urgent call of country -
in memory of those who left factory and mine and husbandry and daily craft to serve across the seas and came not back -
in memory of the seamen of the transport and merchant services who went down with their ships -
in memory of our doctors and nurses and chaplains and Red Cross workers who saved other but themselves they did not save -
in memory of those who, though they took not up arms, yet bravely toiled and served and sacrificed in their own land - fathers, mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts, friends, yielding up on the altar of their country those dearer than all else.
We thank Thee for such devotion and self-sacrifice. To us they have flung the torch, be ours to keep it high. May we not break faith with them who died, but cherish unflinchingly the ideal for which they gave their best. And we beseech Thee, for those who are yet with us, living monuments of sacrifice; for those who suffer as the result of war - the maimed, the blinded, the disabled, and the infirm. Impress upon the nation and the race a deeper consciousness of their indebtedness to our men and women who readily gave, and are still giving, their best in life and health and strength.
Lest they forget!

Draw all the peoples of the earth into a holier and saner relationship of brotherhood and goodwill wherein -

"Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free,
In every heart and brain to throb
The pulse of one fraternity" -

so that the sacrifice of those who died may not have been made in vain. Maintain peace on earth, a deeper and a more lasting peace than this world has ever known, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

By CASEY NEILL

SPRINGVALE Botanical Cemetery has been named the best in the world for 2013.

The 422-acre Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) site was the first cemetery outside the USA to win the American Cemetery Excellence Award.

Health Minister David Davis visited the 113-year-old site last Wednesday to acknowledge the achievement.

"As you look around these beautiful grounds it is easy to see why this cemetery is so highly regarded," he said.

Independent trade publication American Cemetery Magazine awarded the honour for Springvale's community engagement, innovation, performance, team spirit and ground maintenance.

Judges said the site had come a long way from a once-isolated and impoverished rural cemetery, served by a poorly-patronised mortuary train.

There have been about 139,000 burials and 390,000 cremations at the cemetery since 1901.

Today it's home to more than 80,000 established trees, sweeping lawns, landscaped gardens and cascading water features.

"We received dozens of enquiries from cemeteries throughout the world - all of them doing great things to serve their communities," Kates-Boylston Publications executive director Thomas A Parmalee said.

"But Springvale stood out in so many ways, and it truly exemplifies that cemeteries can continue to be relevant and beautiful."

Springvale Botanical Cemetery chief operating officer Jane Grover said it was home to the largest Feng Shui designed Asian cemetery, the Song He Yuan, and other special areas dedicated to the military and police force.

"We also have a children's lawn complete with playground, so things visiting can be entertained."

while parents have time for quiet reflection," she said.

Horticulture team leader John Wright has maintained the cemetery grounds for 13 years.

"The horticultural team has got quite a passion for the grounds," he said.

"It's the people you meet on a daily basis, from the public that have lost loved ones.

"You have a rapport. You might only spend five or 10 minutes with them but it makes their day.

"It makes your day as well."

Client services consultant Samantha Dickason said the cemetery was unique.

"We encourage people to not come out and not only come to remember their families but enjoy the grounds," she said.

"We have people that walk their dogs through, we have people that come to the cafe just to have a coffee.

"People even have their wedding photos taken here, because it doesn't look like a cemetery.

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"It's the most beautiful cemetery in Melbourne."

Mrs Dickason said the award recognised the cemetery's whole team.

"From horticultural to the grave diggers to the client services consultants, right through to senior management, to the cafe - it takes all of us working together to build," she said.

"The most rewarding part of my role is to be able to look after these families at possibly the worst time in their life, and guide them and give them what they need."

Roxy Flores has managed the cemetery's cafe for the past year.

"This cemetery is absolutely amazing. Whenever you go it just is delightful," she said.

"You can help people and you can give a little bit of love to the community."

Cemetery tops list

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust CEO Jonathan Tribe and Springvale Botanical Cemetery chief operating officer Jane Grover present the plaque to Health Minister David Davis. 112931 Picture: ROB CAREW





Springvale Botanical Cemetery is filling up.

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Cemetery urges forward planning

Adrian Ballantyne

SPRINGVALE Botanical Cemetery is urging people to “buy now and die later”, with grave sites expected to run out within 40 years.

Greater Dandenong Council voted last week to rezone a 4ha tract of land after the cemetery discovered the area was not zoned to allow graves.

But cemetery CEO Russ Allison said the land would only provide “five to 10 years of burials” on top of the 25 to 35 years’ worth of vacant graves in the rest of the cemetery.

While there are other cemeteries in Greater Dandenong, Springvale Botanical Cemetery is one of the largest in Australia.

Mr Allison said people should act fast if they wanted their family to be buried together.

“In reality you are probably looking at 40 years and then there’ll be no new graves,” he said.

“It makes sense to buy now and die later.” About 20 per cent of the Springvale Botan-

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ical Cemetery’s business is for prepaid plots. “The question is what you do not just with your grandparents but with yourself,” Mr Allison said.

In a report, council development services director Mal Baker said plots at the cemetery would not last forever.

“It is expected that the existing land, based on the yearly portion of burials, is only sufficient for approximately 25 years,” Mr Baker said.

“This is equivalent to 35,000 monumental or 45,000 lawn burials.”

The council will now seek authorisation from the minister for planning to amend the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

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The background to this story is that in July, 1879, the General Cemetery Commission recommended a 3000-acre site at Frankston in preference to the present site of the Springvale Necropolis and the Police Paddocks. ~~But~~ However, although Springvale was very adversely reported on, the fact remained that the Government had already purchased that land for no less than £9 an acre. That must have weighed heavily in its favor, and Springvale won the day.

Great rivalry existed between ~~Spring Vale~~ Spring Vale, Frankston -- and later Dandenong -- when a site was being considered for a new cemetery this side of Melbourne. The wonder was that SpringVale was ever chosen, because the official report on the present site was damning. But chosen it was -- and what an excellent choice it proved to be. However, back in 1896, when the battle of the rival sites was at its peak, there were hints of some "dirty work at the crossroads". The "Advertiser" in reporting a public meeting at Oakleigh said ." Cr. W. H. Thomson remarked. 'He hoped Oakleigh would show they had men of better stuff than Dandenong, who held a large public meeting and passed resolutions but did nothing. There was a man living in Spring Vale who would be prepared to give sworn evidence before any competent tribunal that, during the midnight hour, he saw a well-known resident come to the trial holes with a barrel of water on a dray and pour water into the holes, which, on inspection after, caused the condemnation of the site. Colonel Hutton whose property was opposite had sunk 50 feet and could not get water."