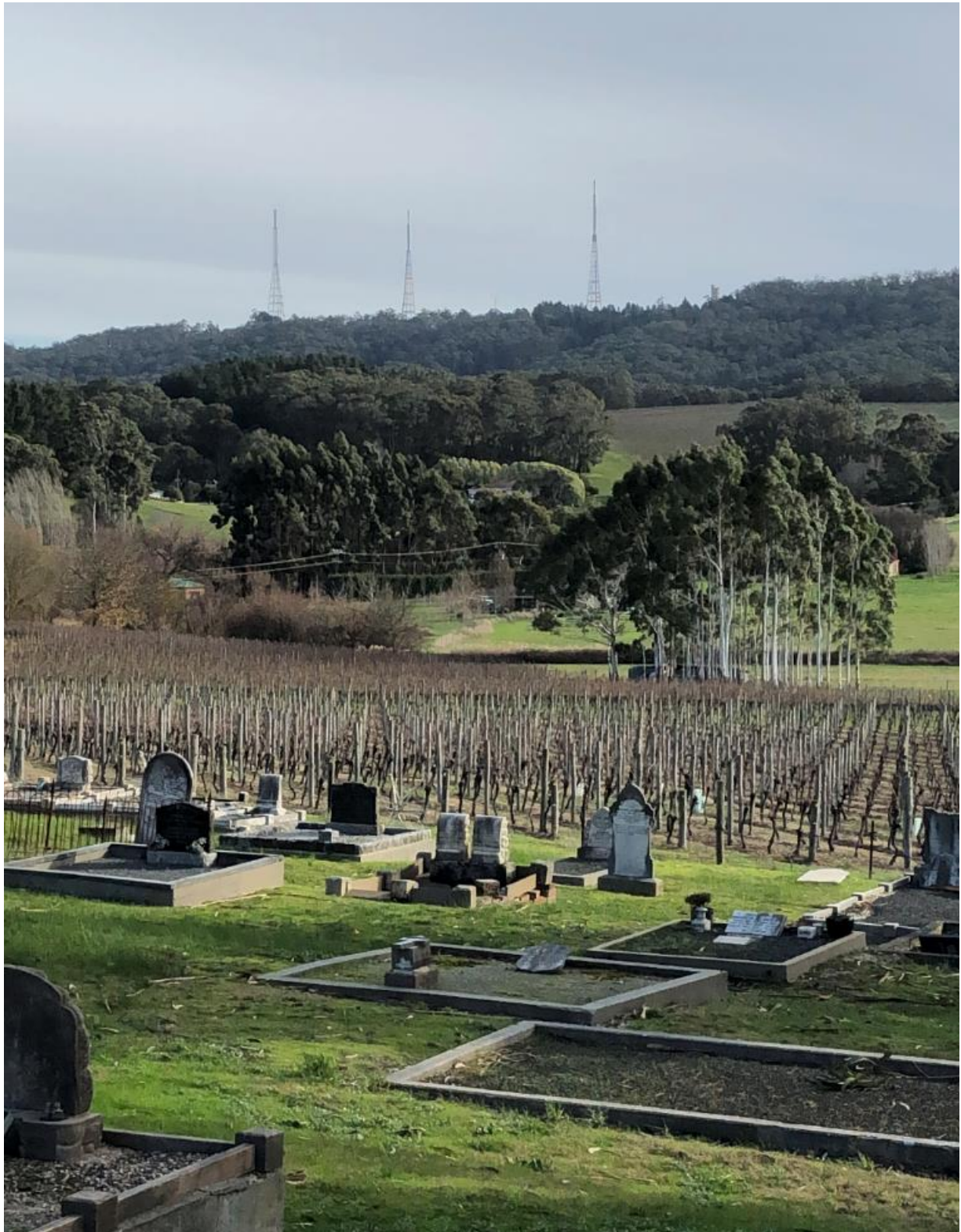


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Plan 7 – Community Land Management Plan for Cemeteries



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This Management Plan should be read in conjunction to the Introductory Information in Plan 1, which includes general information that relates to each individual plan.

As each community developed within what is now the Adelaide Hills Council in the early decades of European settlement, cemeteries were established for the benefit of those communities. Consequently, Council is now responsible for 23 cemeteries spread across its area.

The ownership of these cemeteries is diverse and includes land in Council's freehold ownership, dedicated Crown land under Council's care, control and management and land held under Crown condition agreements. Additionally, Council has informally assumed the care, control and management of three cemeteries held in trust by other entities but not managed by the trustees. Three of the cemeteries in this category are now closed cemeteries, but are still most appropriately placed in this category for management purposes.

Other than interment rights, a lease of cemetery land is not consistent with the purpose of the land. Where a cemetery has a significant area of undeveloped land, a licence for grazing purposes to an adjoining landowner may be issued to facilitate weed control and reduce fire risk, provided the licensee maintains fencing sufficient to prevent stock from entering the developed portion of the land.

There are a number of other cemeteries within the area of Adelaide Hills Council that are attached to churches or owned or managed by other entities. These do not form part of Council's community land and as such are not subject to this community land management plan.

Improvements on land in the Cemeteries category

Improvements on land in the Cemetery category are limited to the following:

- Perimeter fencing and gates
- Driveways and footpaths
- Rubbish bins
- Seating
- The installation of headstones, concrete plinths for lawn cemetery areas, memorial walls and other memorial works
- Amenity planting

Objectives

- To maintain access to cemeteries for communities across the area of Adelaide Hills Council.
- To manage the operation of cemeteries in accordance with the Burial and Cremation Act 2013.
- To provide for interment rights for burial and cremated remains, except within closed cemeteries.
- To maintain records as a resource for interested parties.
- For a cemetery that is a heritage place pursuant to the Heritage Places Act 1993, to maintain those values that justify it being a heritage place.
- Where a cemetery is held in trust by Adelaide Hills Council, to manage the cemetery in a manner that is consistent with the trust.

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Performance Targets

- Cemeteries are readily accessible to the public
- The requirements of the Burial and Cremation Act 2013 and the Burial and Cremation Regulations 2014 are complied with in the management and operation of cemeteries.
- Interment right documentation is produced for each interment.
- Interment records are available from Council.
- Council is not exposed to liability through cemetery operations.
- To formalise the administration of cemeteries pursuant to sections 48 or 49 of the Burial and Cremation Act 2013 as may be appropriate, where Council has informally assumed care, control and management.

Performance Measures

- Cemeteries are open to the public during daylight hours and are maintained in a condition such that they can be safely visited.
- All documentation is properly authorised.
- There are no contemporary interments that do not have interment rights linked to them.
- Council responds to all requests for interment information if an enquirer is unable to locate the information they seek on line.
- Funeral directors and gravediggers provide evidence of public liability insurance on request, and gravediggers provide evidence of having licences for equipment on request.