

# DRAFT MASTER PLAN 2025

## FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY

### DESIGN SUMMARY

The Ferntree Gully Cemetery Master Plan has been developed following community and stakeholder engagement and feedback. It is evident that the local community value the Cemetery as a resting place for loved ones, and as a beautiful space in the centre of the Ferntree Gully village. The Master Plan sets the strategic direction for the site and will provide a framework for planning and delivery of future ashes interment and other memorialisation opportunities.

The vision is to:

- Protect and strengthen the Cemetery as a valuable public asset into perpetuity.
- Create opportunities for enhancement of the rich history of the site, such as incorporating wayfinding signage and identification of unmarked graves.
- Enhance the natural character of the Cemetery within the Foothills of the Dandenong Ranges.
- Activate the site to attract more visitors.
- Identify memorial options at various price points to provide equitable access for the whole community.
- Generate a financial return to enable the trust to operate and maintain the site in perpetuity.

The Master Plan considers short, medium and long term opportunities for development. There is opportunity for a variety of memorial types to be developed over time, including walls, garden beds, path edges, trees, seats, rocks, sculpture and water features.



### OPPORTUNITIES

- 1 Entrance reconfigured to activate the Cemetery.
- 2 Redesign as a Children's Area.
- 3 Hedge could be replaced with a niche wall.
- 4 Redesign the fountain and surrounds for memorialisation opportunities including new seating. Brick paving is uneven and should be replaced.
- 5 Additional niche walls.
- 6 Consider replacement species for memorial trees.
- 7 Area redesigned for garden bed memorials.
- 8 Wayfinding signage location. Replace existing rotten 'Foothills' sign.
- 9 Identified location for memorial for unmarked graves.
- 10 Existing depot building and toilet retained.
- 11 Opportunity for new pathway memorialisation in this gap between graves.
- 12 Garden bed memorials.
- 13 Vacant space with existing seat for memorial opportunity.
- 14 Cemetery could relocate fence to the title boundary and reclaim land for memorials.
- 15 Path edge developed with memorials.
- 16 Existing Rose Garden extended with pathway to allow for double row.
- 17 Opportunity for new Cemetery entrance to increase visitation and access.
- 18 Possible location for memorial artwork sculpture.
- 19 Opportunity for existing path width to be reduced to 2.4m, allowing garden bed to be extended for memorialisation.
- 20 New avenue trees along entry pathway.

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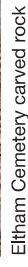
## SIGNAGE



## Humevale memorial walls



## Kew Cemetery



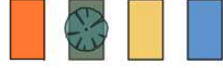
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|  | <b>GARDEN BEDS</b><br>Opportunity for new interments within garden beds.     |
|  | <b>ROCKS</b><br>Opportunity for memorial plaques on feature rocks.           |
|  | <b>SCULPTURE</b><br>Possible location for memorial sculpture.                |
|  | <b>SEAT</b><br>Opportunity for interment and memorials around existing seat. |

**Proposed location for wayfinding signage.**

**TREES**  
Opportunity for new memorial trees.

**WALLS**  
Opportunity for new memorial wall for cremated remains.

**WATER FEATURE**  
Memorialisation opportunity around existing fountain, path and seals.



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### KEY - MEMORIAL TYPES



#### GARDEN BEDS

Opportunity for new interments within garden beds.

#### PATH EDGES

Opportunity for memorial plaques along entry path / road edges.

#### SEAT

Opportunity for interment and memorials around existing seat.

### PATH EDGES



Lilydale Cemetery

### GARDEN BEDS



Kew Cemetery



Kew Cemetery



Bunurong Memorial Park

### PRECEDENT IMAGES

#### SEATS



Bunurong Memorial Park



Springvale Botanical Cemetery



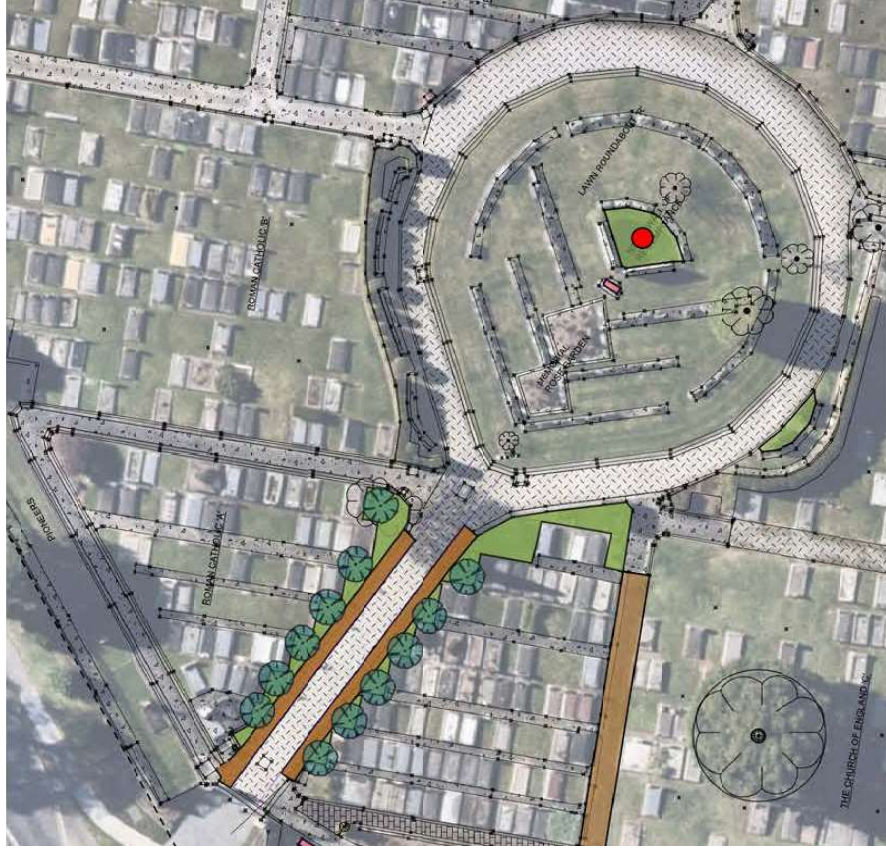
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- GARDEN BEDS**  
Opportunity for new interments within garden beds.
- PATH EDGES**  
Opportunity for memorial plaques along entry path / road edges.
- SCULPTURE**  
Possible location for memorial sculpture.
- SEAT**  
Opportunity for interment and memorials around existing seat.
- TREES**  
Opportunity for new memorial trees.

## PRECEDENT IMAGES

### ROCKS



Gumnut Memorial, Bunurong Memorial Park



Eltham Cemetery



Berwick Cemetery

### SCULPTURE



The Blacksmith Tree - metal sculpture  
Strathewen bushfire memorial



The Blacksmith Tree - leaf detail



Strathewen bushfire memorial

### TREES



Bunurong Memorial Park



Lilydale Cemetery



Kew Cemetery