

# SOUTHERN MEMORIAL PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN

## Development Staging

The Southern Memorial Park staging diagrams provide an indicative timeframe for future works. This is based on the understanding that development will occur incrementally and is subject to future funding for detailed design and construction. Development is also subject to approvals processes, for example Development Approval for Stage 1 works and environment approvals for further stages. Four stages are proposed over the estimated 100+ years of the facility's life of active interment.



## Types of Burial

Southern Memorial Park is essentially an non-denominational cemetery set within an Australian bushland aesthetic. The site has been dedicated to be predominantly Multi Faith in accordance with Canberra Cemeteries' policy and the overall demand.

Canberra Cemeteries offers various types of interment options to meet the differing religious, ethnic and cultural needs of the ACT population. The burial types include the following:

### Lawn

Areas have mown grass or gravel with a precast or in-situ concrete 'beam' which delineates the plots and to which standard-size memorial plaques are fixed.

### Memorial Lawn

These areas have a similar although larger beam, on which are constructed vertical headstones with a maximum height of about 1m. These could either be A standardised design or individually selected.

### Monument

Dedicated plots are purchased and memorial masonry constructed on the plot, to a maximum plan dimension and vertical height.

### Denominational Areas

In the future, dependent on demand, there is a possibility for designated Muslim and Jewish burials areas. Dedicated areas will be allocated to those faiths which strongly adhere to separate zones for their burials, such as Muslim, Jewish and potentially others as required and agreed.

### Mausoleum Burial

Another form of burial, traditional in certain European communities, is the Mausoleum, where the embalmed remains are sealed in a coffin which is ceremonially placed in a niche within an above-ground building, which can be of significant monumental character.

### Natural Burial

Canberra Cemeteries also provide natural burial, a form of interment that seeks to make as little impact upon the environment as possible.

Final allocation of the types of burial will be subject to a business case.

## Plots by Stage

Stage	Traditional Burial Yield	Natural Burial Yield	Approx. Time Period
Stage 1	2,500 plots	nil	10-15 years
Stage 2	6,900 plots	2,000 plots	25-30 years
Stage 3	7,450 plots	4,000 plots	30-35 years
Stage 4	4,950 plots	2,000 plots	20-15 years
TOTAL	21,800 plots 43,600 burials	8,000 plots	
	82%	18%	
	51,600 burials		

The Master Plan provides a long term capacity of approximately 30,000 plots comprising of 22,000 traditional burial plots and 8,000 natural burial plots.

Current policy allows 2 burials per plot by a single plot 'owner' and single burial per plot for natural burial plots. This equates to a total burial capacity of approximately 43,600 burials over 100 years.

The rates of burial for SMP are:

200 burials per annum for first 10 yrs: 2,000 burials  
400 burials per annum for next 20 yrs: 8,000 burials  
600 burials per annum for next 70+ yrs: 42,000+ burials

(The calculations do not include ashes memorialisations.)

This gives Southern Memorial Park 103 years memorial park life.