



CEMETERY STRATEGY 2010



Scenic Rim Regional Council Cemetery Strategy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Strategy advocates that cemeteries should be places of peace and tranquility for the public to visit, to pay respect to their interred relatives or friends.
- 1.2. It advocates that cemeteries are places for contemplation, to be treated with respect and be seen as key parts of the Region's open spaces.
- 1.3. This document includes the significant aspects of sound management and operation of the Council's cemeteries. These aspects range from maintenance and workplace health and safety to reserved graves, promoting respect, and meeting future land demands for interments.
- 1.4. This Strategy is a long term, dynamic document and will be updated periodically as societal, legislative or environmental changes present themselves to the Council.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. This strategic document will guide the development, management and continuous improvement of cemetery services within Council-owned cemeteries for the next ten years and beyond.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. The Council will strive to maintain all cemeteries so as to create a pleasant, safe, peaceful and sustainable environment.
- 3.2. All burials shall be managed with compassion, competency and efficiency, to ensure the entire bereavement experience occurs without error or insensitivity to the religious, secular, ethnic and cultural needs of the bereaved.

4. Scope

- 4.1. This strategy applies to all Scenic Rim Council controlled cemeteries. It does not apply to cemeteries on private property.
- 4.2. The Strategy is presented in general terms to ensure its longevity.

5. Assumptions and Constraints

- 5.1. The compilation of this Strategy was subject to the following constraints:-
 - 5.1.1. Continuous historic data for the Scenic Rim Regional Council entity is not available.
 - 5.1.2. There is no accurate survey data or aerial photography for the following cemeteries: Boonah, Kalbar, Coulson, Milbong and Maroon.
 - 5.1.3. Milbong and Coulson Cemeteries have been closed to further burials. This decision is based on the unknown location of burials at these cemeteries. As technologies develop and are more affordable, there may be opportunities to investigate further burials at these cemeteries, should the need arise.

- 5.1.4. Any assumptions about data are noted in the relevant sections.
- 5.1.5. The Council's current financial systems are new and therefore accurate long term budget figures are not available.
- 5.1.6. The current and likely demand for service exceeds the current level of resourcing in the cemeteries administration area.
- 5.1.7. Until accurate plans are produced for undeveloped areas of the cemeteries, it is not possible to accurately determine how many plots will actually be available.
- 5.1.8. Without the provision of funds to do extensive underground probing for rock at Mt Tamborine Cemetery, it is impossible to determine the full extent of useable plots in the area.

6. Policy and Local Laws

- 6.1. The Cemetery Policy and Local Laws are an integral part of this Strategy and the basis for the management of the cemeteries.

They enable the public, funeral directors and monumental masons to understand the rules that the Council requires to be applied within the cemeteries. In addition, officers of the Council apply the policy and local laws to ensure the cemeteries are managed and operated in a common sense, practical and sympathetic manner. They also enable consistency to be achieved across the Region.

- 6.2. The particular areas covered within the Policy and Local Laws include:
 - 6.2.1. Policy objectives: ... to ensure Council controlled cemeteries are provided and maintained for the use of residents of the Scenic Rim Region. Council is committed to providing effective and efficient services at Council controlled Cemeteries.
 - 6.2.2. general details;
 - 6.2.3. interment;
 - 6.2.4. requirements of funeral directors;
 - 6.2.5. monuments and memorials;
 - 6.2.6. conduct in cemeteries;
 - 6.2.7. definitions.
- 6.3. The current approved Cemetery Policy and Local Laws are as follows:
 - 6.3.1. Scenic Rim Regional Council Controlled Cemeteries Policy WI01.01CP
 - 6.3.2. Ipswich City Council Local Law 13 - Cemeteries;
 - 6.3.3. Boonah Shire Council Local Law 33 - Cemeteries;

6.3.4. Beaudesert Shire Council Local Law 4 - Cemeteries;

6.3.5. Beaudesert Shire Council Subordinate Local Law 4.1 - Cemeteries.

NB Local Laws are currently being reviewed.

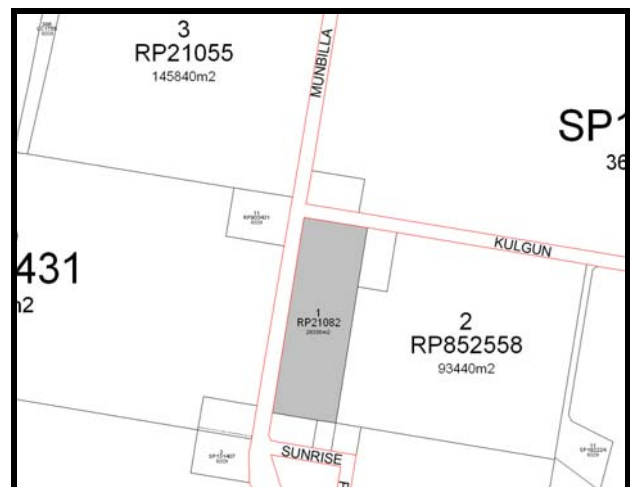
7. Current Provisions

7.1. There are nine Council cemeteries in the Scenic Rim Region as follows:



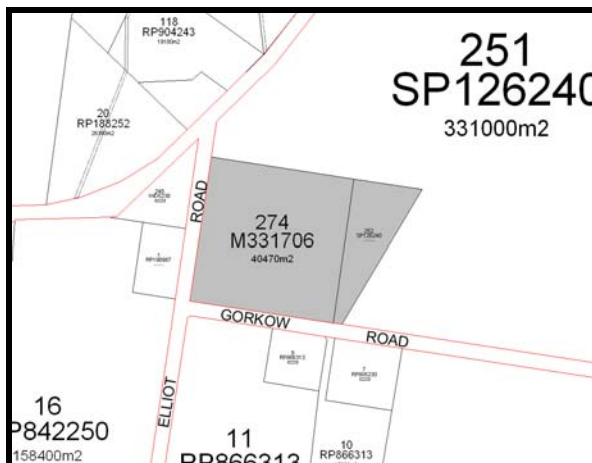
A Kalbar Cemetery - 2.83 hectares

Kalbar Cemetery was established in 1921 and is divided into denominational burial areas as well as a Lawn section. One of the Region’s more picturesque cemeteries, Kalbar Cemetery has plenty of room for expansion with approximately 2/5 of the land area currently fenced and agisted for cattle grazing. New specimens of the old cypress pines at the front of the Cemetery are being propagated in Council’s nursery for preservation purposes.



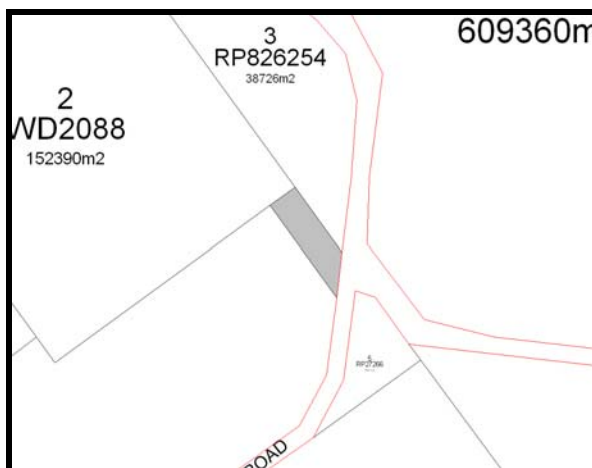
B Boonah Cemetery - 4.05 hectares

The second largest of Council's Cemeteries, the first burial was conducted in 1912. The presence of denominational areas poses some restrictions as one or two denominations have a higher rate of burials than others. The Semi-Lawn section, however, is extremely popular and there is an abundance of room for expansion of this section. Use of columbariums could be increased if the columbariums were more attractive.



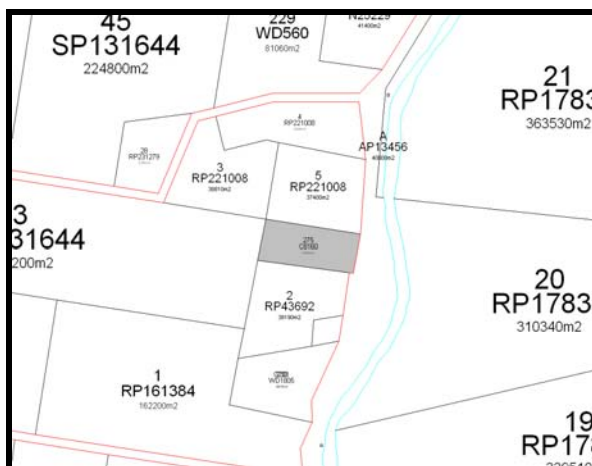
C Maroon Cemetery - 0.4 hectares (not managed by Council)

Situated on Boonah-Rathdowney Road on the hill overlooking Maroon State School, the cemetery looks across the school to Mt Maroon. The earliest burial recorded in Maroon Cemetery occurred in 1895. Maroon Cemetery is currently managed by a sexton. Council does not hold a copy of the current cemetery map and register.



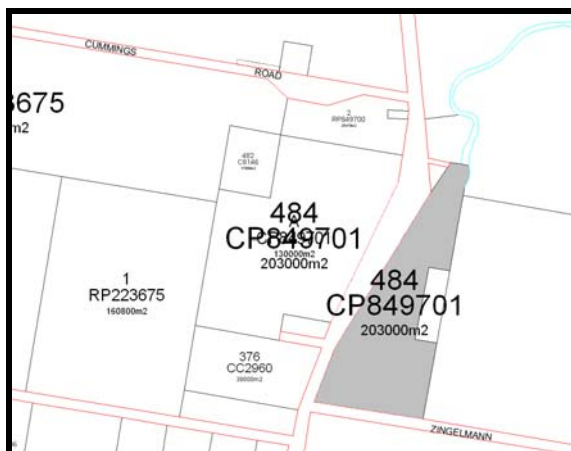
D Coulson Cemetery - 2.02 hectares (inactive)

Established circa 1886 with approximately 195 graves, Coulson Cemetery (formerly Teviotville Cemetery) is located on Ipswich Boonah Road and was transferred to Boonah Shire Council under the *Lands Act 1961* on 11 January, 1962 upon the resignation of its former trustees. The cemetery contains monumental graves only.



E Milbong Cemetery - 0.4 hectares (inactive)

Located on Ipswich-Boonah Road and established circa 1888, Milbong Cemetery was transferred to Boonah Shire Council under the *Lands Act 1961* on 26 October, 1961 upon the resignation of its former trustees. There are 106 known graves (monumental section only) in the Milbong Cemetery which is situated within grazing land



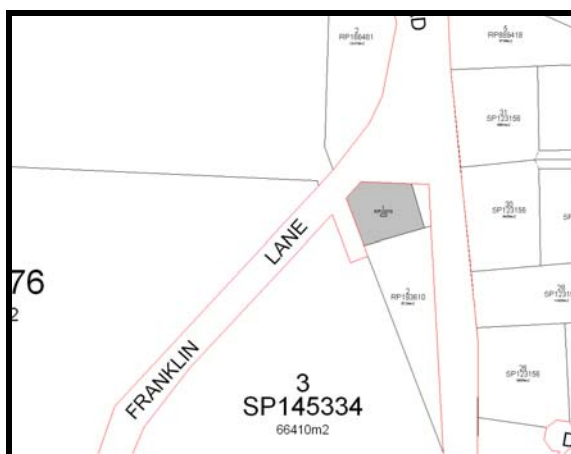
F Beaudesert Cemetery - 4.53 hectares

Established circa 1850, this cemetery is well established with recent refurbishments to shade structures and roadways. The cemetery consists of one monumental section, five lawn sections (including the new lawn beam area), one nursery section, two columbariums and ash gardens. The cemetery contains an unmarked Aboriginal section which is not open to further interments. Although the ash gardens which are situated at both entrances are not well used, the columbariums are reasonably popular and, as cremation becomes more popular, additional columbariums warrant investigation.



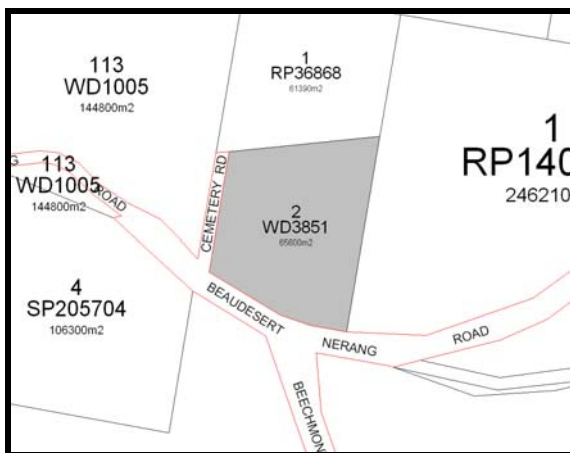
G Wonglepong Cemetery - 0.67 hectares

Wonglepong Cemetery is located off Beaudesert-Nerang Road and was established circa 1895. The cemetery has a natural aspect with a rustic sandstone ashes area and monumental section only. There is a large amount of undeveloped area at this Cemetery, however, usage is low and development is not warranted at this time.



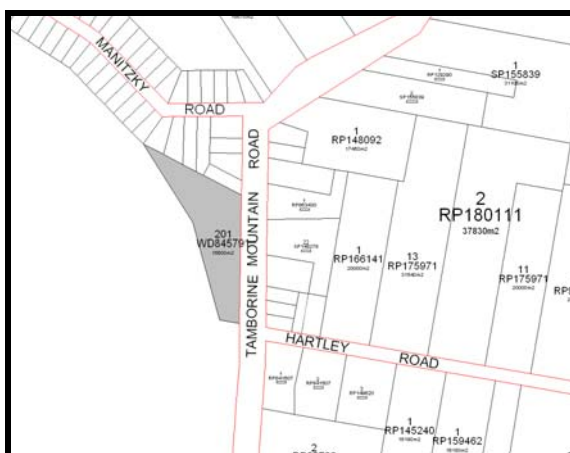
H Canungra Cemetery - 0.82 hectares

Canungra Cemetery was established in 1918 on Beaudesert-Nerang Road and includes one monumental and three lawn sections together with a columbarium wall. Adjacent to the Canungra Waste Transfer Station, the Canungra Cemetery has plenty of scope for expansion. Issues for this Cemetery are the lack of adequate, safe parking and loose, sandy soil to the rear of the cemetery making gravedigging difficult in wet weather.



I Mt Tamborine - 1.56 hectares

Mt Tamborine Cemetery, established circa 1900, contains four lawn sections and two monumental sections together with two columbarium walls and ash gardens. Previously thought to have major burial constraints due to subsurface rock, projections now indicate that this is not the case. This Cemetery is, however, very popular and, on average, the majority of ash interments are performed here.



8. Capacity & Consumption

- 8.1. Diagrams depicting the current availability of burial sites within each of the active cemeteries (as at 17/11/09) are attached (Appendix 1). Estimated calculations of available, unsurveyed plots available in each of Mt Tamborine, Beaudesert and Canungra cemeteries have been made.
- 8.2. A summary of the available capacity (full burial) of each active cemetery is as follows:-

Cemetery	Available Capacity
Beaudesert Cemetery	2,460
Boonah Cemetery	3,200
Canungra Cemetery	628
Kalbar Cemetery	2,300
Mt Tamborine Cemetery	707
Wonglepong Cemetery	212

8.3. An illustration of the current rate of use (both reservations and burials) within each of the Council’s active cemeteries (based on 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 actual figures) is set out in Figure 1 below.

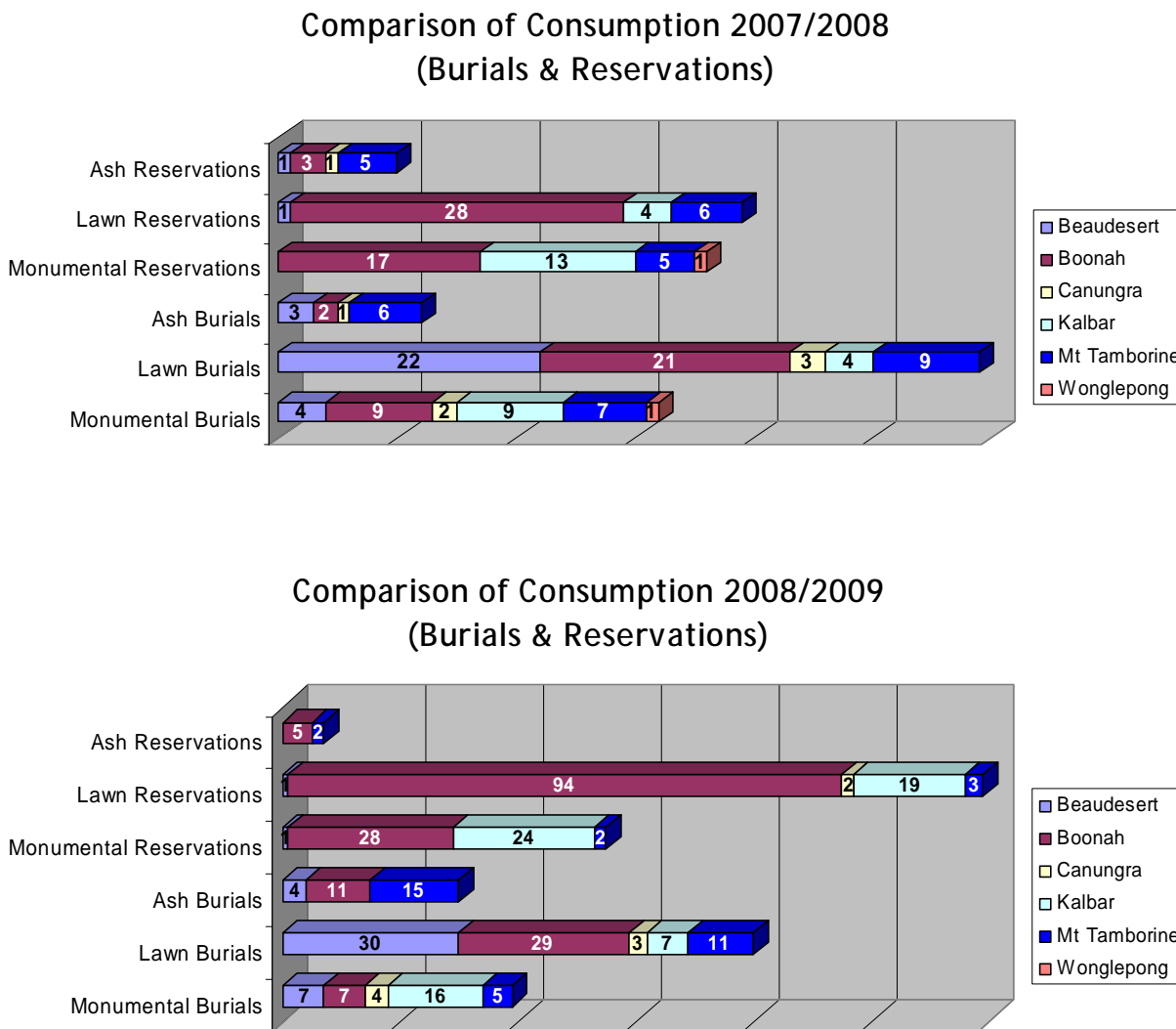
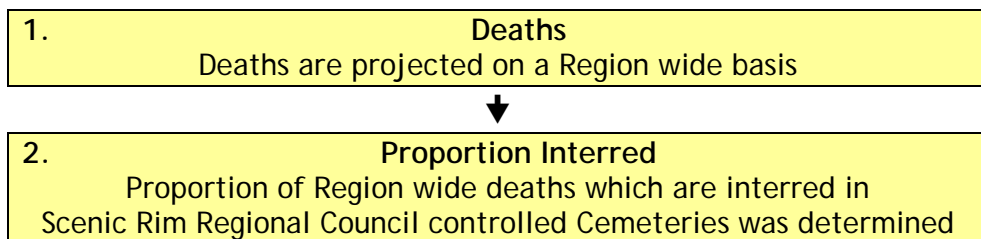
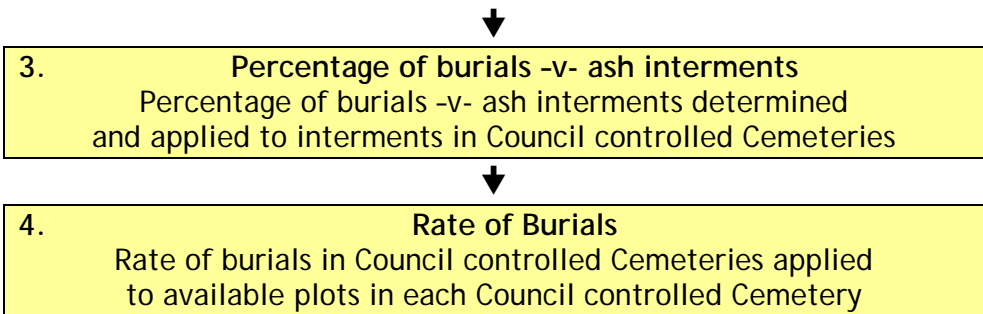


Figure 1

9. Demand Prediction & Life Expectancy of Cemeteries

To ascertain the life expectancy of each cemetery, the number of burial interments per year per Council controlled cemetery was determined using the following methodology:-





9.1. Deaths

Using figures drawn from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (see Figure 2), it has been determined the average indirect standardised rate of death (the number of deaths per 1000 people of a specified population during 1 year) is 5.87. This rate would appear reasonable given the average death rate has actually fallen in the 2005, 2006 and 2007 years.

Figures drawn from Australian Bureau of Statistics - 33020DO006_2007 Deaths Australia 2007

	2003			2004		
	Estimated resident population	Deaths	Indirect standardised death rate **	Estimated resident population	Deaths	Indirect standardised death rate **
	persons	no.	rate	persons	no.	rate
Beaudesert (S)	58,735	214	5.7	61,234	249	5.6
Boonah (S)	8,710	79	6.7	8,829	60	6.0

	2005			2006		
	Estimated resident population	Deaths	Indirect standardised death rate **	Estimated resident population	Deaths	Indirect standardised death rate **
	persons	no.	rate	persons	no.	rate
Beaudesert (S)	63,318	233	5.5	64,753	260	5.6
Boonah (S)	8,981	58	5.7	9,119	73	5.4

	2007		
	Estimated resident population	Deaths	Indirect standardised death rate **
	persons	no.	rate
Beaudesert (S)	66,456	242	5.3
Boonah (S)	9,278	71	5.5

** Deaths per 1,000 standard population. Average indirect standardised death rate calculated using data for the three years ending in the reference year.

Figure 2 - Summary of Deaths from Former Local Government Areas 2003-2007

The Average Death Rate of 5.87 is applied to the projected Scenic Rim Regional Council Resident population to determine the estimated number of deaths in the region (see Figure 3).

Year	Estimated SRR Resident Population	multiplied by	Average Death Rate	equals	Number of SRR deaths
2011	38306		5.87/1000		224
2012					233
2013					242
2014					251
2015					260
2016	46303		5.87/1000		271
2017					284
2018					297
2019					309
2020					322
2021	57130		5.87/1000		335
2022					349
2023					363
2024					377

Estimated Resident Population figures provided by Strategy and Development Department, SRRC.

Figure 3 - Estimated number of deaths in Scenic Rim Region

9.2. Proportion Interred

Numbers of deaths in the former Beaudesert Shire Council area (assuming this is indicative of the former Boonah Shire Council area) obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the period 2003-2007 were used to determine what percentage of deaths in the region were actually buried in Council controlled Cemeteries and also the trend in the rate of burials within Council controlled Cemeteries (see Figure 4). This information indicates the trend is for an average increase in the rate of interments in the region of approximately 2.5% per annum.

Year	No. of Deaths *	No. of Burials	No. of Ash Interments	Total Interments	%'ge of total deaths	%'ge change in rate of interments
2003	214	46	7	53	24%	
2004	249	59	7	66	26.50%	+2.5%
2005	233	43	11	54	23%	-3.5%
2006	260	50	17	67	25.50%	+2.5%
2007	242	56	12	68	28%	+2.5%

Interment figures are from the former Beaudesert Shire Council data only.

* Death figures drawn from Australian Bureau of Statistics - 33020DO006_2007 Deaths Australia 2007

Figure 4 - Percentage of deaths in the Scenic Rim Region which are buried in Council controlled Cemeteries; and trend in the rate of burials within Council controlled Cemeteries

Using the projected number of deaths in the Region (Figure 3) and applying the rate we would expect these deaths to be buried within Council controlled cemeteries as a whole (Figure 4), we are able to project the approximate number of interments within Council

controlled cemeteries. Details in Figure 5 indicate the approximate number of interments in Council controlled Cemeteries, assuming this trend continues.

Year	Total Deaths	%'ge of total deaths interred in SRRC Cemeteries	Interments in SRRC Cemeteries
2011	224	38.00%	85
2012	233	40.50%	94
2013	242	43.00%	104
2014	251	45.50%	114
2015	260	48.00%	124
2016	271	50.50%	136
2017	284	53.00%	150
2018	297	55.50%	164
2019	309	58.00%	179
2020	322	60.50%	194
2021	335	63.00%	211
2022	349	65.50%	228
2023	363	68.00%	246
2024	377	70.50%	265

(Total deaths determined in Figure 3.)

Figure 5 - Projected number of interments within Council controlled cemeteries

9.3. Percentage of burials -v- ash interments

The percentage of interments which are burials rather than ashes is decreasing, that is, cremation and ash interments are becoming more popular. Data from 2003-2007 would indicate the percentage of burial interments has decreased by an average of 6.3% per annum (Figure 6.) Obviously, this rate cannot be sustained. For the sake of this projection, the current rate of burial interment of 71% of all interments has been applied to future years. This will result in figures which err on the side of caution (Figure 7).

Year	Total Interments	Burial interments	%'ge of total interments which are burial interments
2003	53	46	86.00%
2004	66	59	89.00%
2005	54	43	79.00%
2006	67	50	74.00%
2007	68	56	71.00%

Figure 6 - Percentage of total interments in Council controlled cemeteries which were burial interments

Year	Total Interments in SRRC Cemeteries	No. of interments which are burials	No. of interments which are ash interments
2011	85	60	25
2012	94	67	27
2013	104	74	30
2014	114	81	33
2015	124	88	36
2016	136	97	39
2017	150	107	43
2018	164	116	48
2019	179	127	52
2020	194	138	56
2021	211	150	61
2022	228	162	66
2023	246	175	71
2024	265	188	77

Assuming 71% of all interments are burial interments (see Figure 6.)

Figure 7 - Projected number of interments in Scenic Rim Regional Council controlled cemeteries which are burial interments (as opposed to ash interments)

9.4. Rate of Burials

Of these interments, it must then be determined how many take place in each active Council controlled Cemetery. Figure 8 uses the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 Comparison of Consumption data from Figure 1 to determine the percentage of total burials which take place at each Cemetery and the resultant percentage of burials is applied to the projected interments for the Scenic Rim Region to determine the expected plot requirements at each cemetery (Figure 9).

Cemetery	Average no. of burials per year	%'ge of total burials per year	Average no. of reserv'ns per year	%'ge of total reserv'ns per year
Beaudesert	32	30.50%	2	2.00%
Boonah	32	30.50%	83	66.00% *
Canungra	6	6.00%	1	1.00%
Kalbar	18	17.00%	30	24.00%
Mt Tamborine	16	15.00%	8	6.00%
Wonglepong	1	1.00%	1	1.00%
	105	100.00%	125	100.00%

* Reservations made prior to grave site price adjustment

Figure 8 - Percentage of total SRRC burials and reservations which take place at each Council controlled Cemetery

Cemetery	Projected number of burial interments per year													
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Beaudesert	18	20	23	25	27	30	33	35	39	42	46	49	53	57
Boonah	18	20	23	25	27	30	33	35	39	42	46	49	53	57
Canungra	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	11
Kalbar	10	11	13	14	15	16	18	20	22	23	26	28	30	32
Mt Tamborine	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	19	21	23	24	26	28
Wonglepong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2

Figure 9 - Projected Number of burials at each Council controlled Cemetery

9.5. Life Expectancy

After investigating all of the above information, the following deductions are drawn in respect to the life expectancy of each Council controlled cemetery:-

Beaudesert Cemetery: Projections estimate the number of burial interments in the next 15 years will amount to approximately 560. There are currently over 2,460 available plots (both prepared and unprepared). Beaudesert Cemetery would not be expected to reach capacity for at least 50 years.

Boonah Cemetery: The number of burial interments in the next 15 years is also expected to be 560. There are currently over 3,200 available plots. Boonah Cemetery would not be expected to reach capacity for at least 80 years. The large volume of reservations made in recent years would extend this life expectancy even further.

Canungra Cemetery: Canungra Cemetery contains approximately 628 available plots with only 98 expected to be used in the next 15 years. This would result in a life expectancy for the Canungra Cemetery of almost 100 years.

Kalbar Cemetery: Estimated burial interments in Kalbar Cemetery will amount to 278 over the next 15 years. There are still approximately 2300 plots available and yet to be prepared which would mean a life expectancy for this cemetery of over 120 years.

Mt Tamborine Cemetery: Survey information indicates a life expectancy of approximately 40 years for Mt Tamborine Cemetery. Investigations were carried out given the proportionately higher percentage of people over the age of 65 years residing on Tamborine Mountain. Anecdotally, many people leave the Mountain in their senior years to seek proximity to medical facilities and it is unknown what percentage may wish to be interred on Tamborine Mountain. The Mountain also experiences a far lower rate of population growth so, on balance, the life expectancy of this Cemetery has been treated similarly to other cemeteries. It would be prudent to undertake a geotechnical investigation of the vacant area of Mt Tamborine Cemetery to gain assurance of the number of plots available for full burial.

Wonglepong Cemetery: Largely a historical cemetery, due to the availability of accurate burial records, there is no need or intention to

consider closing this Cemetery. Projections indicate there will be 18 burials at Wonglepong Cemetery in the next 15 years with approximately 212 available plots. This indicates a life expectancy of in excess of 150 years.

- The above estimations are extrapolated from projections for 15 years only.
- The population data used assumes the Bromelton State Development Area with its associated boost to the Region in a number of areas, will go ahead.
- In relation to the rate of reservation of grave sites, historical data would indicate this is quite erratic and would be a guess at best. A large number of grave sites were reserved in the Boonah and Kalbar Cemeteries in 2008 prior to the fee being increased to be in line with cemeteries in the east of the region. As a consequence, no projections have been made in respect to reservations as these are anticipated to be minimal.
- Changes to the Council Controlled Cemeteries Policy see a relaxation of the criteria for reserving a gravesite within the Scenic Rim Region and the affect of this on reservations and, hence, demand for grave sites is as yet unknown.

10. Future Requirements

- 10.1. From the estimations made, the Region has sufficient space to cater for interments for the next 15 years and well beyond.
- 10.2. The only cemetery likely to reach capacity within the next 50 years is Mt Tamborine. Plots used in the next 15 years are projected to amount to 244 with 707 plots still available or as yet unprepared. However, with the availability of vacant land suitable for cemetery use diminishing rapidly with development of the Mountain, steps should be taken to secure land for future cemetery use. This could be existing Council-owned land or new acquisition.
- 10.3. In relation to Canungra Cemetery, there is the possibility of utilising land which is located "beyond the trees" in an area adjacent to the Waste Transfer Station. Steps should be taken to ensure this land is secured for cemeteries use.

11. Cemetery Operation

- 11.1. Workflows for all Cemetery procedures have been developed and are available in Dataworks (file no. 050-030-000012).
- 11.2. The following services are provided to patrons of Council's cemeteries:-
 - 11.2.1. In the case of burials, gravedigging and backfilling is carried out by Contractors and Council staff.
 - 11.2.2. Spent and damaged flowers are removed.
 - 11.2.3. General maintenance as detailed in Item 13 of this Strategy.
- 11.3. Additionally, the following services are provided at selected Council cemeteries, determined by historical vagaries:-

- 11.3.1. In the case of burials, shade structures and seating for mourners is set up.
- 11.3.2. Toilet facilities.
- 11.3.3. Water supply.
- 11.3.4. Carparking facilities.

12. Cemetery Maintenance

12.1. Council maintains eight of its cemeteries. These are:

- 12.1.1. Beaudesert Cemetery - 4.53 hectares
- 12.1.2. Boonah Cemetery - 4.05 hectares
- 12.1.3. Canungra Cemetery - 0.82 hectares
- 12.1.4. Coulson Cemetery - 2.02 hectares
- 12.1.5. Kalbar Cemetery - 2.83 hectares
- 12.1.6. Milbong Cemetery - 0.4 hectares
- 12.1.7. Mt Tamborine - 1.56 hectares
- 12.1.8. Wonglepong Cemetery - 0.67 hectares

This equates to 17.2847 hectares of land under maintenance.

12.2. Maroon Cemetery is maintained by a caretaker who also administers burials, monumental applications, etc.

12.3. The Council maintains all buildings, paths, roads, site boundaries, drainage, water services and grass cutting, waste disposal and ground maintenance.

12.4. Annual stock condition surveys are undertaken of all buildings which the Council control and form part of the Council's Asset Management Plan and appropriate budgets. A formal inspection program will be developed in the 2010/2011 financial year.

12.5. To maintain security, health and safety and the visual appearance of the cemeteries, defects and potential hazards for maintenance and repair are documented.

Response times are variable and are dependent upon the assessed risk. Potential defects monitored are potholes, poor road and pavement surface, damaged fences, structures, gates and monuments.

12.6. All cemeteries are maintained to a standard of grass cutting as set out in the attached Schedule (Appendix 2.)

12.7. An estimation of maintenance expenditure per activity will be developed in the Asset Management Plan.

12.8. For further details of the maintenance program, please refer to the Parks, Gardens, Cemeteries service levels for horticultural services and the Facilities maintenance budget for infrastructure asset maintenance.

13. **Financial Considerations**

13.1. INCOME: Based on YTD financial figures (approximately \$255,000.00 for nine months), the 2009/2010 cemeteries income will be approximately \$340,000.00.

13.2. EXPENDITURE: Based on YTD financial figures the 2009/2010 cemeteries expenditure will be approximately:

Cemeteries operations.....	\$220,000.00
Cemeteries administration & supervision.....	\$40,000.00
Cemeteries facilities management	\$0.00
Cemeteries capital	\$125,000.00
	<u>\$385,000.00</u>

An aim of cemeteries operation is to ensure that cemeteries operate in a cost neutral way to Council, that is, cemeteries income covers cemeteries expenditure in the long term. Further work is required to identify all cost inputs into cemeteries and ensure expenditure is captured under separate cost codes. This will be monitored over two financial years so that fees and charges can be reviewed against costs.

13.3. Income from reservations could be placed in a reserve fund to fund future development of cemeteries. This would ensure that cemeteries revenue is not used for other purposes.

14. **Workplace Health and Safety**

14.1. Workplace health and safety is a priority focus to the Council and through its procedures and risk assessments, it minimises its risk to staff and visitors as far as reasonably practicable.

14.2. Ongoing risk assessments are carried out to identify hazards and risks that may be encountered by other maintenance operations and by the visiting public.

14.3. Parks staff are trained in safety awareness, with specific staff being trained and certified in the safe use of grave shoring techniques and other mechanisms which may be used.

15. **Conclusion**

15.1. A review of all aspects of cemeteries' operations indicates that Council is well placed to meet the needs of the community well into the future.

15.2. At 40 years estimated life expectancy, Tamborine Mountain Cemetery will require planning to commence in the next few years to acquire suitable land for continued operations.





16. **Recommended Strategic Actions**

<i>Action</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>When</i>
1. Communicate this strategy by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy to MT • Insite and Website 	PA to Manager Fleet, Facilities & Projects	February, 2010
2. Monitor trends in deaths, use of monumental, lawn, columbarium and ash sections of cemeteries and critically review strategy in 3 years.	Cemeteries Administration	December, 2012
3. Capture and monitor all cemeteries' costs and income over 2 years and review fees and charges to ensure income covers expenditure	Manager Fleet, Facilities and Project	December, 2011
4. Establish a Cemeteries reserve fund to cover future upgrades, land procurement, etc.	Manager Finance Manager Fleet, Facilities and Projects	March, 2010
5. Undertake geotechnical investigation of vacant area at Mt Tamborine Cemetery.	Chief Surveyor Coordinator Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	Subject to future demand for plots - no immediate demand.
6. Secure suitable land on Tamborine Mountain to meet future cemeteries needs. Could be existing Council-owned land or new acquisition.	Manager Community Services	December, 2012
7. Ensure the land at Canungra cemetery is secured for future cemetery expansion.	Manager Fleet, Facilities and Projects	December, 2010

8. Continue surveying of western cemeteries, capturing all data and managing it within the Tech1 software system.	Chief Surveyor Coordinator Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	December, 2010
9. Ongoing review of Policy, Local Laws & procedures.	Coordinator Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	
10. Request data from sexton at Maroon Cemetery and consider future options if sexton withdraws service.	Coordinator Parks, Gardens & Cemeteries	March, 2011
11. Develop Communication Plan as a subset of Directorate Communication Plan.	Manager Fleet, Facilities and Projects	

Appendix 1 - Current Status of all Active Council Cemeteries**CURRENT STATUS OF ALL ACTIVE COUNCIL CEMETERIES**

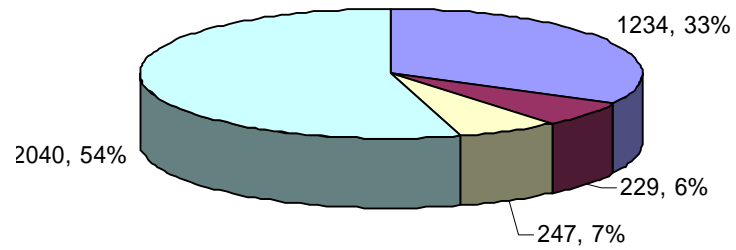
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 Occupied  Reserved  Available  Unconstructed

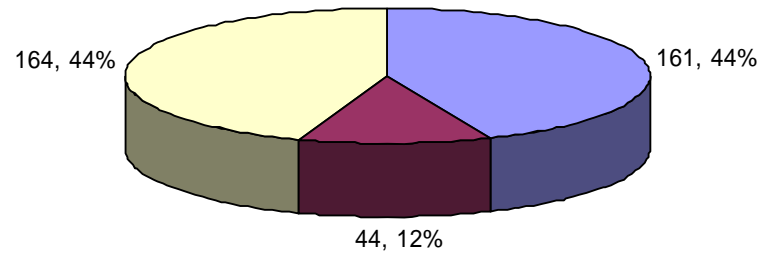


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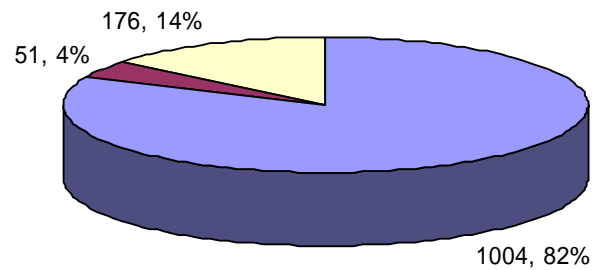
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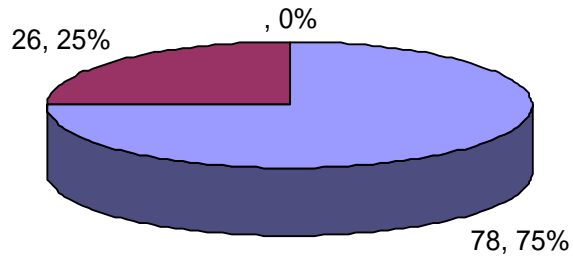
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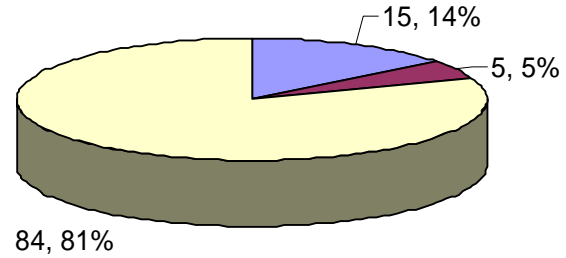


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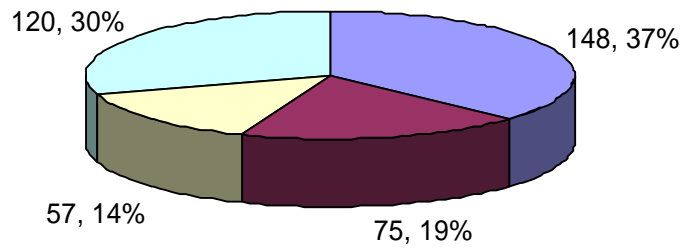
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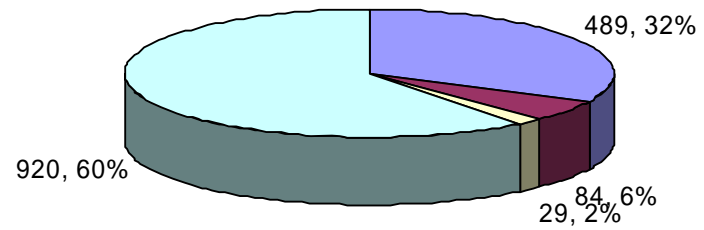
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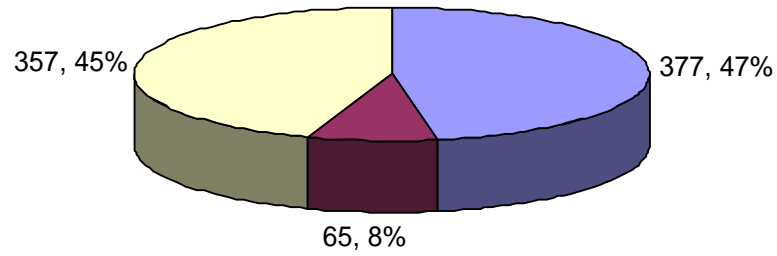


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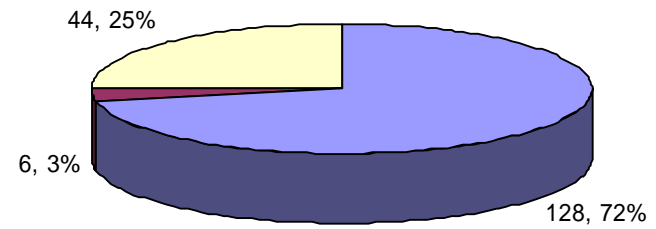




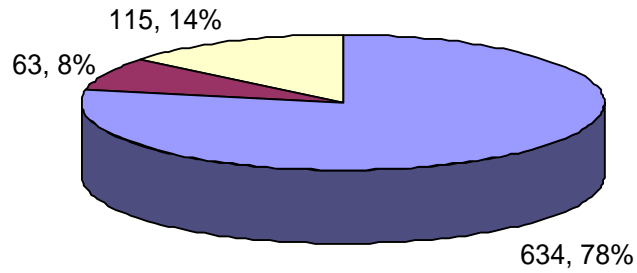
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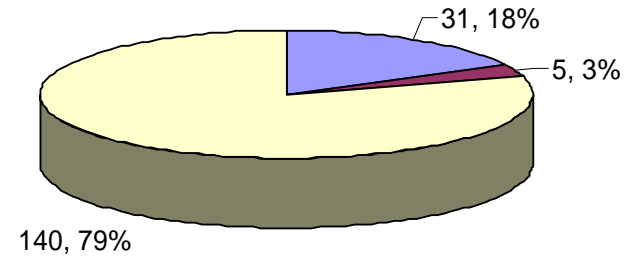
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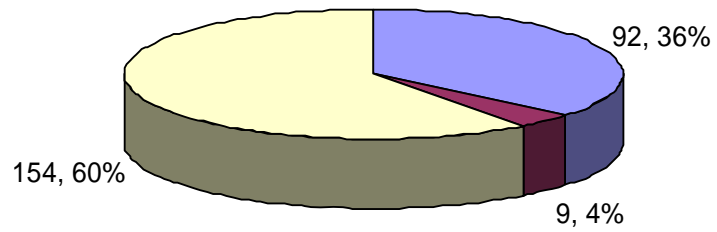


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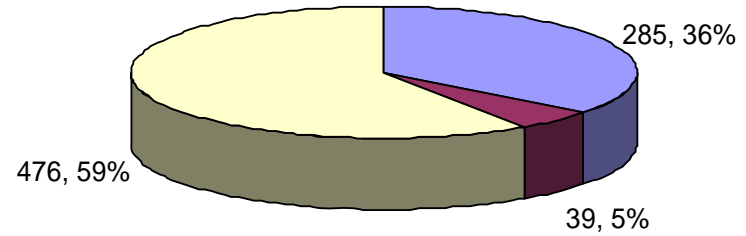




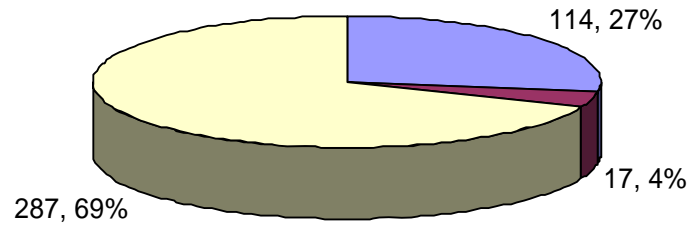
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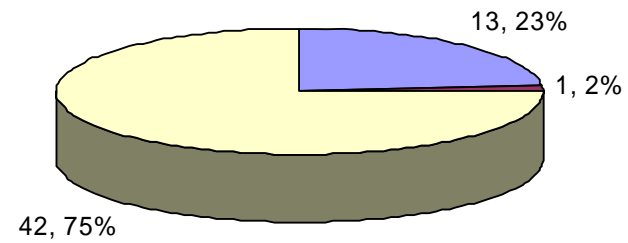
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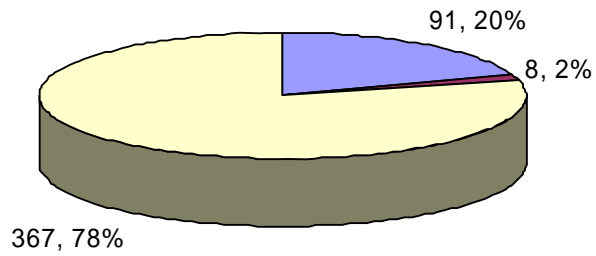


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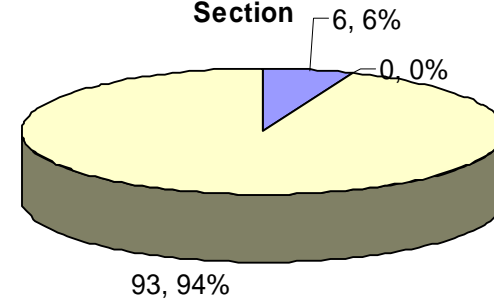




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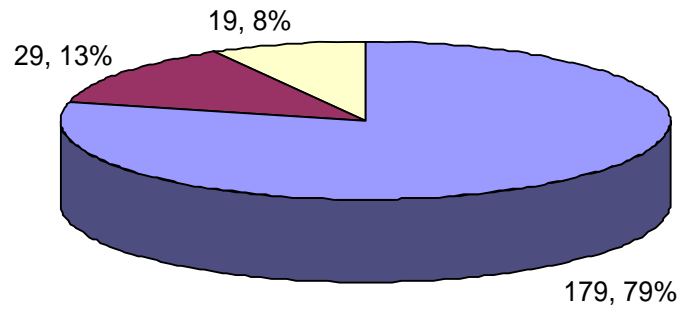
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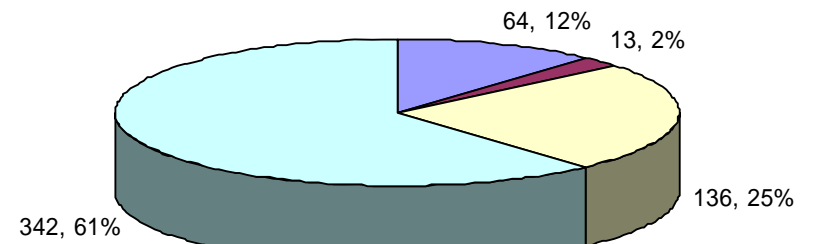


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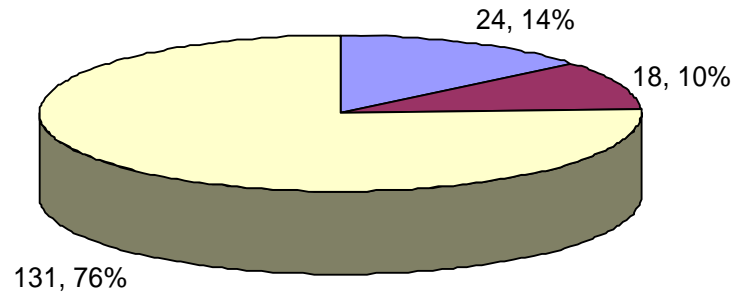
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Canungra Cemetery - Lawn Section



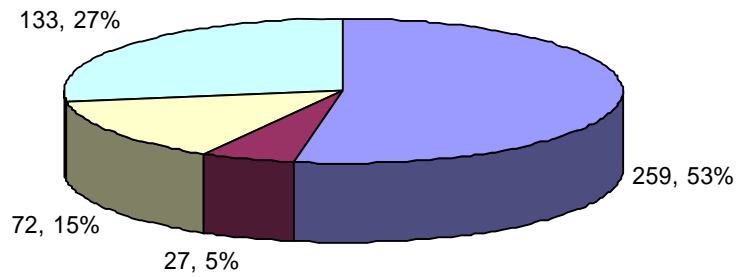
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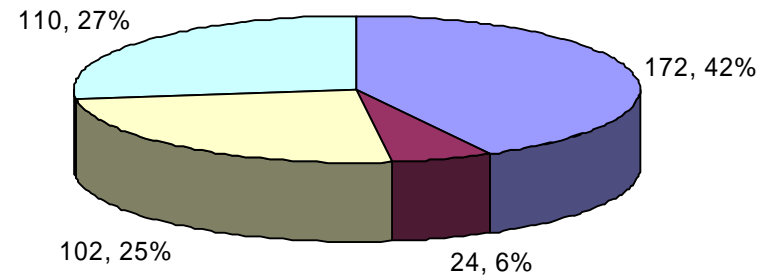


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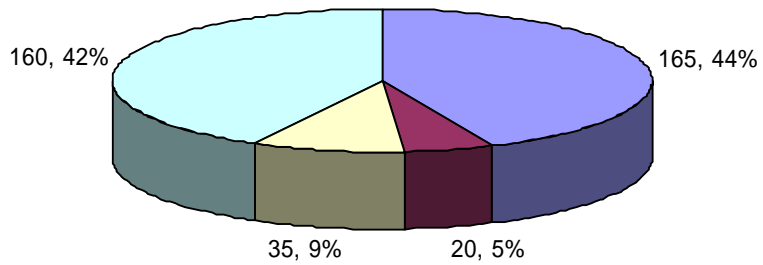
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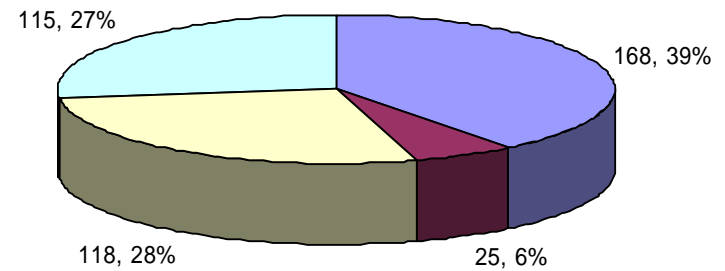
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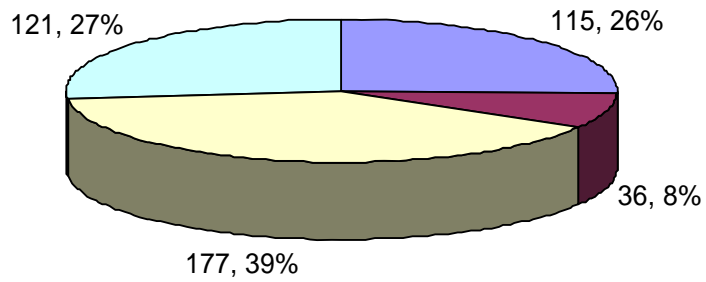


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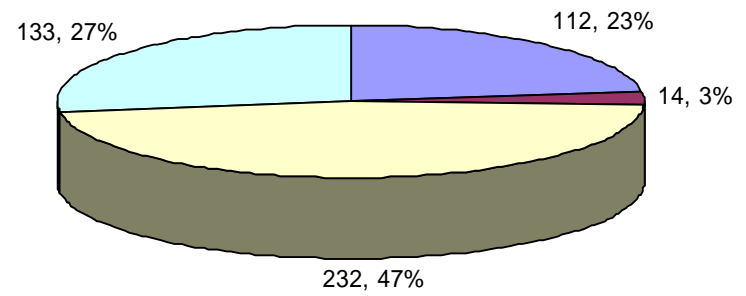




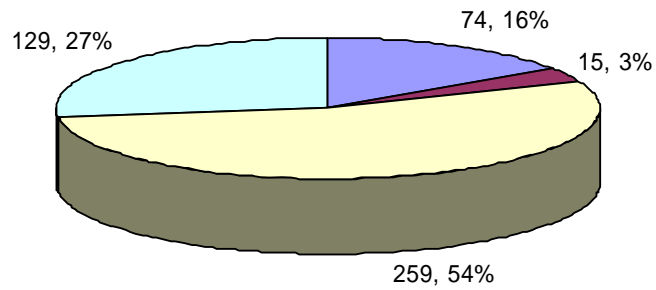
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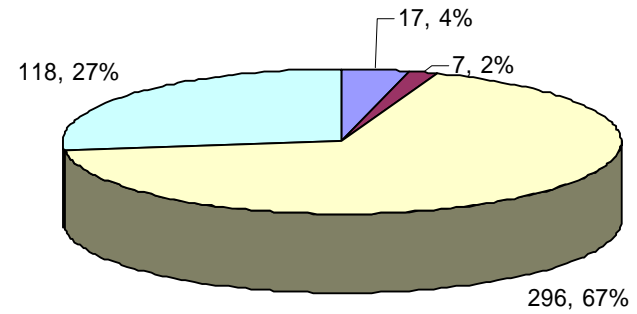
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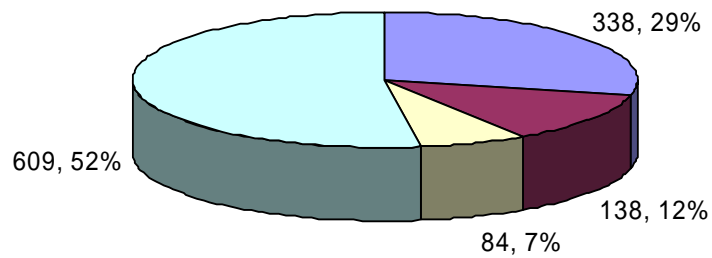
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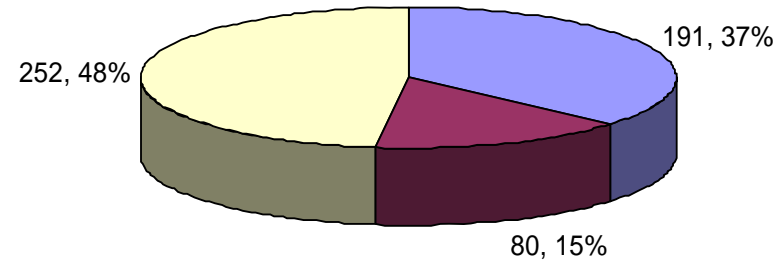


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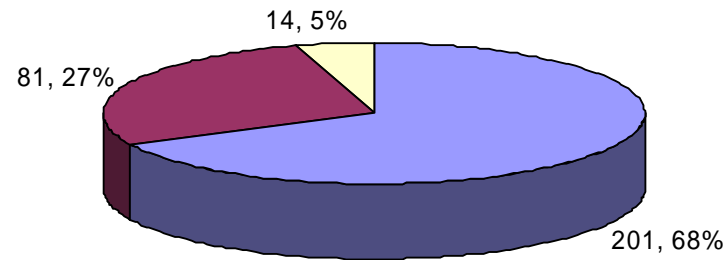
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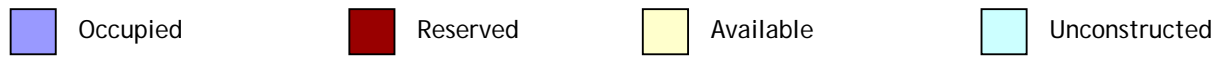


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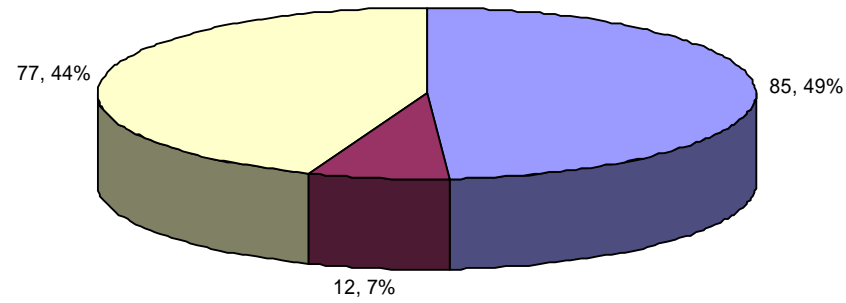
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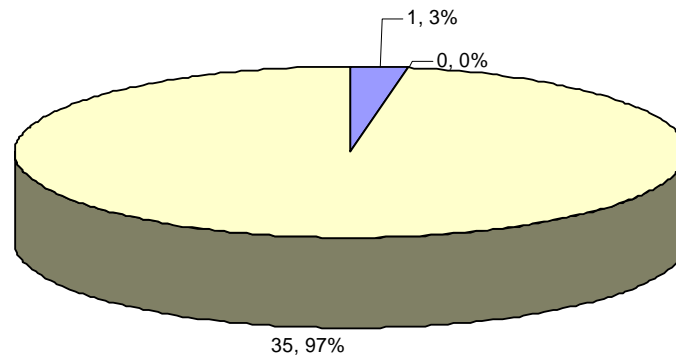


Wonglepong Cemetery

Wonglepong Cemetery - Monumental Section



Wonglepong Cemetery - Ash Garden



Appendix 2 - Standard of Grass Cutting for Council Controlled Cemeteries

**STANDARD OF GRASS CUTTING FOR
COUNCIL CONTROLLED CEMETERIES**

Appendix 2

Park/Reserve Name	Parcel Reference	Road Reference	Park Category (see Schedule below)	Area (ha)	General
Beaudesert Cemetery-General Mtnc	RP842521L8, WD2836L66	Cnr Boundary and Tubber Streets, Beaudesert	Cat 2 - 22 cuts/year - Fortnightly summer and 3 weekly winter	4.53	Circa 1850; New beam area started; Upgrade to old shelter shed; Road resurfacing off sub entry; Brick entry fence and columbarium have subsidence; Columbarium not aesthetically attractive; Contains Aboriginal section; Note lawn plaque subsidence; Note maintenance of monumental area.
Boonah Cemetery-General Mtnc	M331706L274	Cnr Elliot Road and Gorkow Road, Boonah	Cat 2 - 22 cuts/year - Fortnightly summer and 3 weekly winter	4.05	Note new beam area - popular; Installed new seats in previous financial year; Only cemetery with maintenance shed and toilet; Sealed road area has been extended; Note old glass flower domes; Denominational areas are strong component; Columbariums do not provide a very attractive option.
Canungra Cemetery-General Mtnc	WD3851L2	Cemetery Road, cnr Beaudesert-Nerang Road and Beechmont Road Intersection	Cat 2 - 22 cuts/year - Fortnightly summer and 3 weekly winter	0.82	Circa 1920; Shelter shed repainted in previous financial year; Small garden bed upgrade to base of Columbarium; Issues with erosion - reducing herbicide spraying around graves; Lack of parking has been raised as an issue.
Coulson Cemetery-General Mtnc (non operational)	C8160L275	Boonah-Ipswich Rd, Coulson	Cat 3 - 16 cuts/year - 3 weekly summer and 4 weekly winter	2.02	Closed to further internments; Contains unmarked graves and some historical graves; Grass trees are very significant specimens; Old style timber and iron shelter worthy of preservation.
Kalbar Cemetery-General Mtnc	RP21082L1	2km north of Kalbar on Munbilla Rd, on corner of Kulgun Road, Kalbar	Cat 2 - 22 cuts/year - Fortnightly summer and 3 weekly winter	2.83	Circa 1920; Preservation measures for cypress pines at front of cemetery - propagating new specimens in nursery; New seat to be installed this financial year; Room for expansion; One of the most picturesque cemeteries.
Maroon General Cemetery-General Mtnc	RP27266L6	Cnr Newman Road and Boonah-Rathdowney Road, Maroon	Mown by volunteer	0.4	Small township cemetery; Only has monumental area.
Milbong Cemetery-General Mtnc (non operational)	??CP849701484	Ipswich-Boonah Rd, Milbong opposite MRD rest stop	Cat 5 - 6 cuts/year - Spread across the year with concentration in summer	Part of Paddock	Small local cemetery; No longer open for internments; Surrounded by cattle grazing paddock.
Tamborine Mountain Cemetery-General Mtnc	WD845791L201	Main Western Rd, North Tamborine, north of intersection of Hartley Road	Cat 2 - 22 cuts/year - Fortnightly summer and 3 weekly winter	1.56	Circa 1900; Shelter shed repainted; ornamental fence fronting old monumental area and flagpole has been repainted; Old shelter shed in monumental area to be refurbished this financial year; Kerbing for plaques badly cracked and needs upgrade.
Wonglepong Cemetery-General Mtnc	RP32078L1	Beaudesert-Nerang Rd, Wonglepong	Cat 3 - 16 cuts/year - 3 weekly summer and 4 weekly winter	0.67	Circa 1895; New rustic/natural sandstone ashes area; Had large tree failure last financial year; New signage on order to better identify from the road.

Category	Title	Description
1	Very High	Very high aesthetic, usage and operational demand
2	High	High aesthetic, usage and operational demand
3	Medium	Medium aesthetic, usage and operational demand
4	Low	Low aesthetic, usage and operational demand
5	Very Low	Very low aesthetic, usage and operational demand