

About our Cemeteries

Opening on 3 October 1864, the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery was the first general cemetery established in Melbourne's bayside and coincided with the demise of the Beaumaris Methodist Churchyard Cemetery (1855-1865). The first interment occurred on 27 March 1865 with the burial of John Fullerton Hunter. Originally named the Mordialloc and South Moorabbin General Cemetery, eight acres of land fronting Charman Road was reserved. Initially just half of the area was used. A portion of the Cemetery was later excised in the 1880s for the railway line to Mordialloc.



On 14 February 1933, the Cheltenham Memorial Park opened in Holloway (Wangara) Road with 21.9 acres, later extended to 40 acres over a number of stages between the 1940s and 1980s. Land was set aside for a crematorium which was never built. The first interment occurred on 27 March with the burial of Mary Ellen Payne. Since then, there have been over 55,000 interments at Cheltenham Memorial Park.



Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery and Cheltenham Memorial Park are the final resting places for many famous and infamous people. Some of the most notable interments are ...

William Calder

Chairman of the Country Roads Board

Ron Casey

Television and sporting personality

Bill Williamson

Champion jockey

Sir George Jones

Chief of Air Staff and WW1 fighter ace

Mary Hardy

Stage, television and radio entertainer

Frank Benvenuto

Victim of the gangland wars

Sir William Fry

Local identity, soldier and politician

Clarice Marjoribanks Beckett

Artist

James Legge

Commander of the AIF during WW1

Trevor Barker

Champion Australian Rules footballer

Sir Matthew Davies

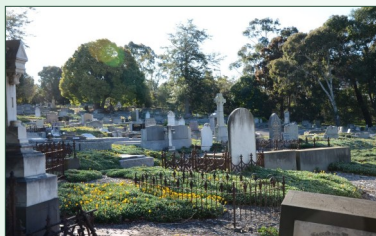
Notorious land boomer

Vera Scantlebury Brown

Pioneer of infant welfare

Leo 'Lucky' Grills

Actor and comedian



“Research, Restore, Remember”

Formed in May 2007, the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. is a not-for-profit community group which aims to raise the profile of the Cheltenham cemeteries. Our motto is “research, restore, remember” and we do this by

- *Researching* the lives of those interred and sharing this information for the benefit of future generations.
- *Restoring* gravesites by raising funds through close links with interested parties and other stakeholders.
- *Remembering* the contribution of those from our past by conducting regular walking tours.



Need help searching for a gravesite? Then why not submit your research request on our website? The service is designed to assist members who may be seeking an extract from the register, or maybe a map showing the location and photo of a gravesite.

Requests can be submitted via our website at <http://focrc.org/locategrave>.

We believe that every life is unique and worth remembering. By taking the time to share with us any information you may have, you will make a lasting contribution for future generations.