

# CEMETERIES WORKS GUIDE



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The management actions outlined within this guide have been developed by Mr Parker and take into account his deep understanding of each site, how these sites fit into the surrounding landscape, and the value of the flora and fauna that these remnants protect.

## General Principles

- All future management actions across the village cemeteries must consider the native floristic values of the site.
- All village cemeteries are to retain and enhance the native grasses and forbs at the site - exotic grass species are to be actively excluded.
- The Weed Hygiene Protocol (included at the rear of this booklet) must be followed prior to conducting works at any rural cemetery.

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# Blayney Cemetery



1 Memorial Drive, Blayney

Dedicated: 6 December 1867

## **General Description**

Blayney Cemetery is only managed for active graves and there are no conservation zones present. Blayney Cemetery has a fringe of native and exotic trees, although none of the eucalypts are of local provenance.

Blayney Cemetery is actively managed via mowing, edging and general maintenance of fences and other infrastructure.

## **Ecosystem Type**

Modified and planted with native and exotic species. The cemetery is managed only for cultural values.





# Blayne Cemetery



## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Monthly or as required\*

Edging

Twice per year (Spring & Summer)

Empty bins

Monthly or as required

Rabbit control

Annually

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring & Summer)

Fence and infrastructure inspections and maintenance

Annually



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.

No Conservation Zone identified at Blayne Cemetery.

# Blayney Cemetery



# Blayney Cemetery



Active Area



Conservation Area



# Carcoar Cemetery



1722 Carcoar Road, Carcoar

Gazetted: 31 May 1852

## **General Description**

Overall the condition of the Carcoar Cemetery is good, with old headstones, mausoleums and decorative fences beginning to deteriorate.

Issues that present management challenges include: litter from blown plastic flowers and vases; active surface erosion; deterioration of headstones, mausoleums and decorative fences; garden weeds such as Robinia and Laburnum; and environmental weeds including freesias and periwinkle.

## **Ecosystem Type**

Derived native grassland in the cleared portion of the cemetery and Box-Gum Grassy Woodland in the uncleared portions, boundary areas and road reserves.





# Carcoar Cemetery



# Carcoar Cemetery

## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Every 6 weeks or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Quarterly or as required

Cut down roses

Annually (Autumn)

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring & Summer)



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.



# Carcoar Cemetery



## CONSERVATION ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Weed spraying

Annually

Fence inspections and  
maintenance

Annually (Winter)

Mow grasslands

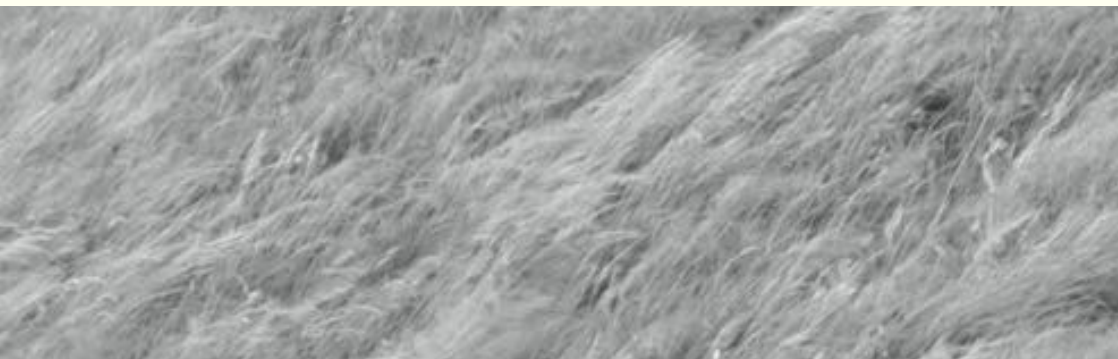
Annually (after seed set)

Cool burns

Once every 5 years

Fence - replacement

Every 10 years or as required

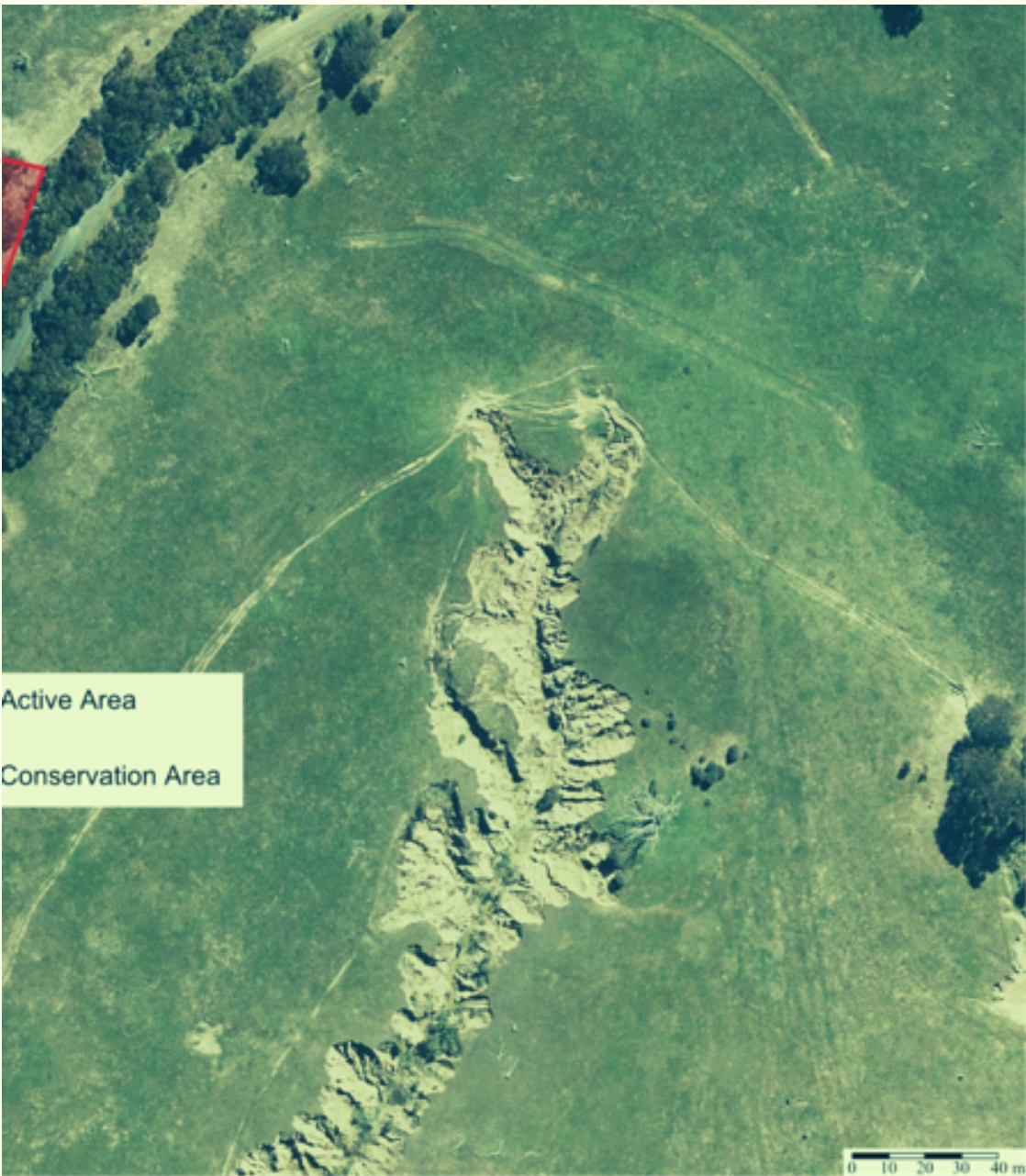


# Carcoar Cemetery





# Carcoar Cemetery



Active Area  
Conservation Area



# Hobbys Yards Cemetery



Old Hobbys Yards Cemetery: 9 Church Lane,  
Hobbys Yards

Current Hobbys Yards Cemetery: 30 Hobbys Yards  
Cemetery Road, Hobbys Yards

Dedicated: 21 August 1897

## **General Description**

Hobbys Yards Cemetery is only managed for active graves and there are no conservation zones present. It is located on the top of a hill with sweeping views over the valley. Hobbys Yard Cemetery is actively managed via mowing, edging and general maintenance of fences and other infrastructure. and periwinkle.

## **Ecosystem Type**

Modified with pasture grasses dominant.



# Hobbys Yards Cemetery

## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

6 monthly or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Quarterly

Rabbit control

Every 5 years or as required

Weeding and/or spraying

Annually

Fence and infrastructure  
inspections and maintenance

Annually



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.

No Conservation Zone identified at Hobbys Yards Cemetery.

# Hobbys Yards Cemetery





# Hobbys Yards Cemetery



# Lyndhurst Cemetery



Newry Downs Road, Lyndhurst

Established: 1887

## **General Description**

The Lyndhurst Cemetery is largely cleared but has significant native grasslands featuring forbs, orchids and small shrubs.

Issues that present management challenges include: litter from blown plastic flowers; deterioration of headstones and fences; grazing pressure from large population of kangaroos; and increasing numbers of rabbits.

## **Ecosystem Type**

The conservation areas of this cemetery are largely White Box Woodland derived native grassland, and some areas of White Box Woodland regrowth.



# Lyndhurst Cemetery



# Lyndhurst Cemetery

## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Every 6 weeks or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Quarterly or as required

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring and Summer)

Rabbit Control

Every 5 years or as required



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.





# Lyndhurst Cemetery



## CONSERVATION ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Weed spraying

Annually

Fence inspections

Annually (Winter)

Mow or cool burn grasslands

Every 5 years (Autumn or  
Winter)

Tree review for thinning in  
woodland area

Every 10 years

Maintenance and  
replacement of fences

Every 10 years or as required  
- fencing has been installed  
to minimise overgrazing of  
native pastures by kangaroos



# Lyndhurst Cemetery



# Lyndhurst Cemetery



	Active Area
	Conservation Area

# Millthorpe Cemetery



56 Park Street, Millthorpe

Dedicated: 9 June 1874

## **General Description**

Millthorpe Cemetery is in relatively poor environmental condition due to community use of the site for dog walking and cross country racing.

Issues that will present management challenges include: presence of rabbits and active burrows; blown litter from plastic flowers and other tributes; erosion of tracks as well as compaction of soils due to lack of a formal parking area; over-frequent mowing of conservation area by community stakeholders; weed incursion in conservation area; and removal of fallen timber from conservation area.

## **Ecosystem Type**

Remnant Box-Gum Woodland in conservation zone, and some derived native grasslands in active cemetery.





# Millthorpe Cemetery



# Millthorpe Cemetery

## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Every 6 weeks or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Monthly

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring and Summer)

Rabbit Control

Every 5 years or as required



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.



# Millthorpe Cemetery

## CONSERVATION ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Weed spraying

Annually

Fence inspections

Annually (Winter)

Mow grasslands and EEC for  
exotic grass control

Annually (Autumn or  
Winter)

Fence maintenance

Every 10 years or as required

Replace fences

Every 20 years or as required

Maintain/reinstate illegal  
dumping signage

Every 10 years or as required



# Millthorpe Cemetery





# Millthorpe Cemetery



Active Area



Conservation Area



# Neville Cemetery



Kentucky Road, Neville

Dedicated: 29 October 1880

## **General Description**

Neville Cemetery is the largest of the village cemeteries, yet only a small proportion of the land is actively managed leaving most of the reserve relatively undisturbed.

Significant work has occurred to protect the biodiversity at Neville including the installation of chainsaw hollows, fencing, and cool burns to encourage forb and grass diversity. The community use the cemetery as part of a local walking circuit and everything is generally tidy and well-kept, while the woodland area is maintained in a more wild condition to respect its habitat values.

## **Ecosystem Type**

Box-Gum Grassy Woodland and derived native grasslands.



# Neville Cemetery



# Neville Cemetery

## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Every 6 weeks or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Quarterly or as required

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring and  
Summer)

Rabbit Control

Every 5 years or as required



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.



# Neville Cemetery



## CONSERVATION ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Weed spraying

Annually

Fence inspections

Annually (Winter)

Mow grasslands

Annually (Autumn or  
Winter)

Burn grasslands

Every 5 years

Fence maintenance

Every 10 years or as required

Replace fences

Every 20 years or as required





# Neville Cemetery



# Neville Cemetery



Area

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# Newbridge Cemetery



Wimbledon Road, Newbridge

Dedicated: 11 June 1886

## **General Description**

Newbridge Cemetery contains a small section of the total cemetery site that is actively used for graves and burials with the remaining land retaining good quality native vegetation that is of high biodiversity value.

The active area is well managed with no erosion, few weeds, no rabbits and very little litter. The conservation management area is also in good condition and is fenced, appearing to the public as a separate reserve. The site has been cleared historically, but there are some more mature trees present.

## **Ecosystem Type**

The area is an ecotone that includes a variety of woodland communities and species.





# Newbridge Cemetery



# Newbridge Cemetery



## ACTIVE ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Mowing

Every 8-10 weeks or as required\*

Edging

Annually (Summer)

Empty bins

Quarterly or as required

Pine wilding management

Annually (in conjunction with weed management)

Weeding and/or spraying

Twice per year (Spring and Summer)

Rabbit Control

Every 5 years or as required



Note: \* families may request maintenance of the cemetery prior to a burial.

# Newbridge Cemetery

## CONSERVATION ZONE

### ACTIVITY

### FREQUENCY

Weed spraying

Annually

Fence inspections

Every 4 months (January,  
May, September)

Fence maintenance

Every 10 years or as required

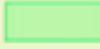
Replace fences

Every 20 years or as required



# Newbridge Cemetery



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# Newbridge Cemetery



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# Weed Hygiene Protocol



The key to managing the quality of the native vegetation within the Blayney Shire Council rural cemeteries is to follow strict quarantine practices before entering the sites to conduct maintenance.

## REQUIREMENTS

- All plant and equipment including mowers, vehicles and small plant (such as whipper snippers) will be blown down or washed at the Council Depot prior to departure to the respective cemetery that requires work.
- No chemicals other than glyphosate bi-active will be used in the cemeteries without prior consent of the Parks Supervisor or Parks Ganger.
- Any chemicals other than the above mentioned must have a specific target and be used in accordance with the label to prevent, or at least where practical minimise, collateral damage to off-target species.



# Weed Hygiene Protocol



## REQUIREMENTS

- No exotic, aggressive or invasive turf species will be introduced as part of any rehabilitation of disturbed soil in any part of the cemeteries - especially species such as Kikuyu and Couch.
- All staff and contractors must hold relevant qualifications for tasks being undertaken, and be well supervised, with the confidence to ask questions and seek clarity, prior to conducting any allocated works within the rural cemeteries.



Working in accordance with this Weed Hygiene Protocol over many years has ensured the minimisation of weed intrusion to the rural cemeteries.



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