

Geelong & District cemeteries: more information

N.B. If you have checked the Cemetery Records and can't find what you're looking for - it's always worth asking the [Geelong and District Mailing List](#) as some of the members on that list were responsible for creating some of the lists of records - they may have more local knowledge to help you.

IMPORTANT NOTES for GEELONG and DISTRICT CEMETERIES - PLEASE READ!

- **LOCATION MAPS** : The links are to Municipal Planning Scheme Maps.
 - Take note of the Map Code shown below (i.e. Map 52, Map 77HO etc.)
 - Click on the Location Map link - or right click and "Open in new window"
 - On the Municipal Map click on the relevant Map code to view the Acrobat (.pdf) file
 - Cemeteries are identified in YELLOW with the code PUZ5, or an HO number for those with a Map Code of nnHO.
- **GEELONG & DISTRICT** : The area covered by the Geelong & District has fuzzy boundaries however it generally covers the area in an arc from Cape Otway to south of Ballarat to Werribee. For areas further west, use [Ian Marr's Cemeteries of SW Victoria](#).
- **SITE PLANS** : These plans will help you with the general layout but you cannot rely on them to find burials with no headstone. Also many cemeteries do not have row or plot numbers on display. Plans are in Acrobat (.pdf) format.
- **ON-LINE INDEXES** : Some of these have been created from monumental inscriptions and therefore will not include people buried in the cemetery and not identified on headstones. All cemeteries that are On-Line are included in the searchable Consolidated Burials / Headstones Index. NOTE : some of the Burials files are being updated from time to time - date of creation appears at the bottom of Burials reports.
- **DATA** : Every effort has been made to ensure correctness of data however please consult original records before taking any action on results. Many cemeteries have incomplete or missing registers and burial lists have been recreated from multiple sources - if you have more complete information please [let me know](#) so the files and registers can be updated.
- **WARNING** : Some of the On-Line files of burials and Site Plans are LARGE Acrobat (.pdf) files - please be patient!
- **MISSING ENTRIES** : There are burials in the various cemeteries that may not be on this database. There are multiple reasons but generally it is because the available records and research have not found these burials. If you are able to provide information about missing burials please [let me know](#) and I will pass it on to the relevant organisation / trustees etc.
- **THANK YOU** : A special thank you to : Dianne Hughes for supplying multiple Headstone Transcription and Burial files; Ian Marr for allowing us to include his entries in the Consolidated database for searching; Pam Jennings for photos, plans and data; members of the Geelong Family History Group and numerous others who have contributed to this project.
- **YEAR RANGE** : Codes refer to the On-Line Indexes / Files - (B = Burials, HT = Headstone Transcriptions, S = Search database, Marr = Ian Marr's Indexes).
- **XXXXX in the On-Line Indexes column** : This cemetery is included in the Burials / Headstones Consolidated Index database which can be searched on-line.

ON-LINE INFORMATION

- [Records / Cemetery Contact](#) : Check the details in this column as well as external links under **On-Line Indexes**
- [Geelong & District Consolidated Book Index](#) : for references to People, Places or subjects in the region.
- [Bellarine Peninsula Consolidated Names Index](#) : for references to People on the Bellarine Peninsula.
- [Geelong & District Research Centres](#) : for contact details of local Family History Societies, Historical Societies and other relevant organisations. Please remember that although many of these groups have web sites and/or email addresses, it is unfair to email them asking for information - if details for procedures and cost of Research Requests are not on their web site, then you should always ask them what the cost is and how you submit your Research Request. And don't be surprised at the wealth of information that some of these groups may be able to provide.
- [Geelong & District Surnames of Interest](#) : check to see if someone else is researching your Surname of Interest.

OFF-LINE INFORMATION

- **Geelong Advertiser** : index and newspaper available at the [Geelong Heritage Centre](#). If you are unable to do this yourself it is recommended that you make use of the Research Service available from the [Geelong Family History Group](#).
- **Microfiche (Geelong Cemeteries Trust Cemeteries)** : These cover the period up to July 1996 and are available at many Genealogy libraries around Victoria and larger centres interstate. Columns of information that might be available include:
 - Register Number - computer reference number, not Burial Register number
 - Deceased Name - Surname, First Name
 - Age
 - Service Date - usually refers to the date of BURIAL but with older burials it can be the date of death taken from headstone transcriptions. Service date 1/1/1800 means date and year of death / burial not known. Service date of 1/1/1853 (example) and remarks "Died 1853" means date of death / burial unknown but year is known.
 - Location - Section / Plot No. (includes religious section)
 - Depth Remarks - depth or R/O indicating that the plot was re-opened and this was not the first burial in this location.
 - Name of originator (person who paid for the plot, sometimes includes address)
 - Comments - could include spouse, parents, family history info - or nothing!
- [Geelong & District Research Centres](#) : for contact details of local Family History Societies, Historical Societies and other relevant organisations that don't have a web site or email address.
- [Records / Cemetery Contact](#) : Check the details in this column on the Cemeteries page.
- **Geelong Cemeteries Trust** : Write to them at : Geelong Cemeteries Trust, Administration Office, 141 Ormond Road, Geelong East, Vic 3219. Enclose \$5.50 and business sized SSAE - they will provide a printout and highlighted plan of location for the cemeteries they administer. If it is a surname that has a large number of entries, you need to narrow down the research request criteria or negotiate a special price.