

EASTERN SUBURBS MEMORIAL PARK

cemetery and crematorium

PARK NEWS



George Passas, Chief Executive Officer

The changing of the season is always a good time to reflect on completed projects and forthcoming plans. In one of my frequent inspections of our facilities I reflected on how much has changed since this time last year. The upgrade of Military Road has facilitated better traffic flow as well as provided an aesthetic entrance to the Park.

The recent rains in Sydney have enhanced all our garden areas which are looking particularly beautiful. The rose gardens, a popular place for families and reflection, are still full of colour and the rains have resulted in an increased flow of water in the new memorial footbridge area in the recently refurbished upper pond area in Centenary Park.

My reflection also included the fact that it has now been 70 years since the Crematorium was officially opened on May 8, 1938 by the Hon RJ Heffron, Esq, MLA. It is with great pride that we have been supporting the community for so

long with cremation and memorials needs and helping families to ensure the memory of loved ones is preserved.

Looking forward to new plans, I highlight a few of the exciting things on our agenda for delivery over the year:

- Completion of the café/flower shop/condolence complex, a new facility to meet contemporary funeral needs;
- Introduction of Stage 1 of the Asian-style memorial area that will offer new and culturally appropriate memorial options for the many Asian communities;

- Commencement of Stage 1 of the expansion of the Memorial Grove Crypt and Vault area which will provide further options for those communities who prefer the above-ground style of burial options. In the coming months expressions of interest for off-the-plan selling of the initial 408 crypt positions will commence.

I look forward to giving you further updates in subsequent newsletters and also invite you to keep abreast of what's happening at the Park by visiting www.esmp.net.au or emailing enquiries@esmp.net.au to provide feedback.

New Memorial Options for Centenary Park

A tranquil bushland setting, Centenary Park also features a unique pond area that winds through its centre that has offered families some very special garden, rock and tree memorials. To keep pace with the demand in this area, a programme has been commenced to provide families with additional and new memorial options.

As part of this programme the old timber bridge, near Frost Avenue, that previously spanned the top of the

catchment area and where a natural water fall feeds the pond, has recently been replaced with an attractive sandstone bridge. The sandstone bridge provides families and friends with another option for memorialisation.

As the works progress families will have additional memorial options to choose from that are in keeping with a loved one who wants to rest amongst a backdrop of Australian bush and cascading ponds.



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New digital pianos in Chapels

Organist Rosalie Forsyth-Grant playing at May's quarterly Memorial Mass says, "the new pianos are user friendly and provide superior sound quality".



- **Crypt off-the-plan sales details**

Contact the office 9661 5655

- **Replaced Chapel organs to be donated**

St Agnes Catholic Church, Matraville now enjoys one of the two organs replaced by the pianos.

- **Memorial Programs**

South Chapel, September 6th at 11am, and November 26th at 6pm

- **Memorial Masses**

South Chapel at 11am, September 13th and November 8th

The Condolence Room for after funeral catering

Managed and catered by Grinners Catering, menu details and bookings can be arranged by phoning 9310 4735.



Assistance to arrangers

- If you required assistance regarding how the [audio/visual equipment](#) can enhance and personalise a loved one's funeral service phone 9661 5655 and ask for the Crematorium office. We recommend use of a USB memory stick for PowerPoint presentations.
- [Clergy and celebrants](#) are welcome to call 9694 9440 to make appointments to familiarise themselves with chapel facilities.
- [Appointments](#) for families wanting to choose the grave site of their loved one can be made by calling the Cemetery Office on 9661 5655.

Reminders

- Please let families know a [DVD keepsake](#) of their service is available if booked prior to the service.
- [Viewings and witnessing](#) must be booked prior to the service.
- [The 45 minute chapel time](#) includes change over, if additional time is required, please make a double booking.
- It is imperative to fax the [Application for Permission to Cremate](#) ("A" Form) the day prior to the funeral service.

Burial and cremation information at a touch

While on the grounds of ESMP, families can access the same important burial or cremation details regarding loved ones buried or cremated at ESMP

available through the website, by entering name details onto the touch screens, located in the office at 12 Military Road and in the kiosk at the entrance to the "old" cemetery.



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