

# Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Master Plan

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# Foreword

In compiling this Cemeteries Master Plan, Bylaw and Handbook, the Councillors and staff of the Christchurch City Council have been very conscious that we are dealing with a deeply important and sensitive part of our community's life. How we care for our deceased loved ones is one of the most intimate and personal experiences for each of us. As a whole community our cemeteries are an expression of the respect we show to those who have gone before. They are to be places of contemplation, of serenity and prayer, of respect for our history and the stories of our people. They are places to come to grieve, to remember and to give thanks.

Christchurch city is made up of diverse communities of different cultures, faiths, ethnicities and values. The Cemeteries Master Plan, Bylaw and Handbook are designed to enable us all to be as sensitive as we can be to our differences while acknowledging that we are, at the end of the day, one people.

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# Plan status

*This Cemeteries Master Plan 2013 (the Plan) has been prepared by the Christchurch City Council (the Council) with input on the Māori content from Ngāi Tahu, through Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki Rūnanga), Ōnuku Rūnanga and Wairewa Rūnanga<sup>1</sup>.*

The Plan is not a statutory plan (as required by or prepared under legislation, such as the Reserves Act 1977) or a legal document committing the Council or any other organisation to any proposed action.

The Council's approval of the Plan will acknowledge the opportunities and consideration given to the proposed actions for implementation.

This Plan does not include a complete or scientific account of the values or issues associated with the cemeteries, but provides a summation and assessment of concerns raised and proposes solutions or investigations into the issues raised.

The Plan is only applicable to cemeteries across the Christchurch City and the former Banks Peninsula District (the Christchurch District) that the Council owns, manages or administers on behalf of another organisation. The Plan does not apply to any other cemetery, crematorium, burial ground or urupā that is under the control of another person or organisation.

There are two documents proposed alongside the Plan. The Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Bylaw 2013 (the Bylaw) is proposed to replace earlier cemetery bylaws for Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. The Bylaw will allow the Council to set rules for the operation and management of cemeteries it owns or administers. The Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Handbook 2013 (the Handbook) provides the detail of those rules including the conditions to implement and manage the day-to-day functions and activities relating to burials, individual graves and cemeteries generally.

The Plan is one of a number of overlapping plans, strategies, policies, regulations, bylaws and other planning and regulatory documents that cover the cemeteries. Refer to Appendix 4.

The Plan supports other operative planning, regulatory and legislative documents such as the Burial and Cremation Act 1964<sup>2</sup> and any amendments. The Plan also addresses Māori values, while highlighting key issues concerning public, natural and recreational open space values.

The Plan does include some principles for the management of cemeteries however the primary purpose of the Plan is to provide a strategic vision for the development and management of the Council owned or administered cemeteries across the Christchurch District. The Plan and the Handbook should be read together in order to obtain a full understanding of the proposed management and operation of these cemeteries.



Sydenham Cemetery

<sup>1</sup> Consultation was undertaken in 2007 and advice received from Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd (MKT) from 2010 - 2012

<sup>2</sup> The Burial and Cremation Act 1964 is under review by the Law Commission

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# 1.0 Summary of actions and policies

The following list is a summary of the planning and / or management proposals in this Plan. The planning and management proposals do not constitute a commitment on the Council to implement. Approval of this Plan only indicates the Council's willingness to progress further investigation into the planning and management proposals.

Any costs stated are indicative of the costs for development and are additional to any funds already budgeted for in an existing works programme. The costs are a rough order of capital (CAPEX) and annual operational costs that can be considered for inclusion in a future Long Term Plan.

There is no certainty that the funding for the projects will be approved in the Long Term Plan.

## 1.1 Summary of actions and policies that apply to all cemeteries

Index	Action / Policy	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
1	After 60 years <sup>3</sup> an unused plot can be taken over by the Council for resale if no longer required by the family	In some cemeteries there are unused plots that have been held by the Council for more than 60 years. Under the Burial and Cremations Act 1964 the Council can claim these plots for resale or use	All Cemeteries	Operational	P
2	To include in management and operation of cemeteries, the relationship of Māori, and their culture and traditions and their connection with ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, fauna and flora, and other taonga	Engagement with the appropriate rūnanga to determine significance of existing cemeteries prior to significant decisions  Engagement with the appropriate rūnanga in the planning and scoping for new sites for cemeteries, and extension of existing cemeteries  The recognition of Māori cultural values within the operations of cemeteries	All Cemeteries	Operational	P
3	Acquire land for future cemetery use	Additional land will be required in the Christchurch District <sup>4</sup> in the next 10 years for cemetery use for the next 100 years, and to allow for a pandemic. Investigate the option of acquiring land for future cemetery use in the outer Christchurch District or Selwyn Districts after consultation with appropriate rūnanga  Investigate opportunities for expansion of existing popular cemeteries in the west of the city  Investigate the potential use of Quaifes Road Springlands Park near Halswell for use as a memorial garden for ash interments only	Future Cemetery	\$1–\$1,500,000	H
4	Addington Cemetery, Akaroa French Cemetery, Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters and Rutherford Cemetery are to be gazetted as closed	Addington Cemetery, Akaroa French Cemetery, Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters and Rutherford Cemetery are heritage cemeteries and have been closed to interments however they need to be formally gazetted under the Burial and Cremations Act 1964. Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters will need to be shown in the District Plan as a Conservation 2 zone in order to be subject to heritage regulations	Addington Cemetery, Akaroa French Cemetery, Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters and Rutherford Cemetery	Operational	M
5	All cemeteries should have clear and visible block and plot markers	To assist with the identification and location of plots and graves there should be clear, visible and readable block and plot markers in all cemeteries	All Cemeteries	Operational	M
6	Investigate an Eco-burial cemetery site after consultation with Ngāi Tahu	Investigate options for an Eco-burial site within the Christchurch District		Future development costs and possible purchase	H

<sup>3</sup> The 60 year period is currently under review by the Law Commission.

<sup>4</sup> Christchurch District refers to the Christchurch City and the former Banks Peninsula District.

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7	Planting on graves is to be progressively removed	Planting, including trees, on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	All Cemeteries	Operational – part of maintenance contract	P
8	Develop a signage plan	A signage plan for cemeteries is to be developed in alignment with the Christchurch City Council Sign Guidelines June 2011. Each cemetery has its own unique style and character and the signage for each cemetery should reflect this where possible. The plan should also consider appropriate interpretation for each cemetery	All Cemeteries	Operational	H
9	Cemetery furniture to be consistent with the style and character of the cemetery	New or replacement furniture within cemeteries such as seats, watertaps, rubbish bins and gates should be consistent with the style and character of the cemetery	All Cemeteries	(ongoing capex renewals)	P
10	Install water taps at strategic locations	Where possible at least one water tap is to be placed near the entrance to each cemetery with any others located at strategic locations throughout the cemetery	All Cemeteries	Operational	M
11	A publicity programme is to be undertaken to promote cemeteries within the Christchurch District	Initiate a publicity programme to clearly inform the public as to what options for burial each cemetery offers	All Cemeteries	Operational	M
12	Rezone Banks Peninsula cemeteries	Cemeteries on Banks Peninsula, previously under the former Banks Peninsula District are to be rezoned in line with the Christchurch City Plan. It is intended zoning changes and subsequent gazettal will be implemented as part of the forthcoming District Plan review. Refer to Appendix 2	All former Banks Peninsula District cemeteries	Operational	M
13	Earthquake damaged headstones	<p>Earthquake damaged headstones are in the process of being made safe. A set of criteria is currently being developed for prioritising the Council funded headstone restoration. Plot owners / families can have repairs undertaken by a Monumental Mason if they wish. Volunteer groups are also being coordinated by the Council to assist where possible</p> <p>Where a pre-purchased plot is no longer useable due to earthquake damage an alternative plot will be made available, however this may be in another cemetery</p>	All cemeteries with damaged headstones	Operational	L
14	Cultural requirements	Additional investigations into cultural groups and their needs and requirements will be undertaken including the development of a plot allocation protocol considering the cultural needs of known groups and expected compatibilities for co-location. This may involve existing or new sites acquired for cemeteries. The holding of plots without payment will not be continued	All Cemeteries	Operational	VH
15	Cemeteries database	Investigate the possibility of combining cemetery records and information from private organisations and libraries into one central data base	All Cemeteries	Operational	M

## 1.2 Summary of actions that apply to individual cemeteries

Index	Action	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
16	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Addington Cemetery	\$5,000	L
17	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed	Addington Cemetery	\$25,000	M
18	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Addington Cemetery	\$5,000	L
19	Centralise cemetery database and administration	The records database and administration of all the Akaroa cemeteries is to be centralised at Civic Offices (Hereford Street)	All Akaroa Cemeteries	Operational	In progress
20	Signage	Entrance signs	All Akaroa Cemeteries	\$15,000	VH
21	Rezone cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 4	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	Operational	Policy
22	Remove fence	Remove the post and wire fence around the cemetery boundary	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	L
23	Enhance vehicle entrance	Enhance vehicle entrance and car park including signage, planting and post and chain fence	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	H
24	Enhance walking track	Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$10,000	M
25	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. To be done carefully with minimum intervention	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	L
26	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$50,000	M
27	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	L
28	Planting	Undertake tree and landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$6,000	L
29	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 4	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	Operational	Policy
30	Negotiate with Roman Catholic Church regarding ownership of the cemetery	The cemetery is managed and maintained by the Council although the land is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Continue negotiations with the Church for either ownership of the site or maintenance and management operations to be returned to the Church	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	Operational	M
31	Replace fence	Replace the wood and wire fence around the cemetery with a post and chain fence	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$3,500	M
32	Enhance entrance	Enhance vehicle entrance including signage, planting and post and chain fence	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$5,000	L
33	Enhance walking track	Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$5,000	L

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34	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$5,000	Policy
35	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$5,000	M
36	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	\$5,000	M
37	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery land from Residential to Conservation 4	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	Operational	Policy
38	Remove fence	Remove the post and wire fence around the cemetery boundary	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	L
39	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	Policy
40	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	L
41	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	L
42	Enhance entrance	Enhance vehicle entrance including signage, planting and post and chain fence	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	H
43	Improve walking track	Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	\$5,000	L
44	Prepare a joint Conservation Plan for the Akaroa cemeteries	Undertake a joint Conservation Plan for all three Akaroa Cemeteries (Anglican, Catholic, and Dissenters) and align it with the Garden of Tāne Management Plan	Akaroa Anglican, Catholic and Dissenters Cemeteries	\$50,000	M
45	Prepare a Conservation Plan	Undertake a Conservation Plan for the Akaroa French Cemetery	Akaroa French Cemetery	\$10,000	L
46	Rezone cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 2 (Historic cemetery – closed to future burials and protected)	Akaroa French Cemetery	Operational	Policy
47	Negotiate ownership	The land the cemetery is situated on is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Negotiate with the Church for the Council to take over ownership of the cemetery	Akaroa French Cemetery	Operational	M
48	Repair signage	Repair or repaint the existing information board	Akaroa French Cemetery	\$5,000	M
49	Enhance pedestrian entrances	Enhance pedestrian entrances including signage and interpretation outlining where the extent of the original cemetery was, including historic views to Akaroa Harbour	Akaroa French Cemetery	\$5,000	M
50	Planting maintenance	Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring it does not encroach within the concrete wall. Maintain a two metre clear area around the concrete wall at all times	Akaroa French Cemetery	Operational	Policy
51	Remove the toilets and records room	The exterior and interior of the public toilets and records room are in poor condition. Demolish these buildings and decommission the septic tank	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$45,000	M



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52	Open seating area	Provide an open seating area including planting and granite walls with plaques to include information from the existing memorial walls	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$20,000	M
53	Enhance Entrance	Enhance entrance including signage and modifications to the concrete entrance wall	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$10,000	L
54	Pedestrian connection	Enhance the pedestrian connection with Avonhead Park including signage indicating the location of the public toilets in Avonhead Park	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$5,000	VH
55	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing. The Eucalypts in the northern area are to be progressively removed	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$75,000	M
56	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$75,000	M
57	Investigate acquiring adjacent land	Investigate options for acquiring adjacent land for future cemetery expansion	Avonhead Park Cemetery	\$5,000	H
58	Buffer to adjacent zone	Ensure any adjacent city plan changes provide a suitable buffer to the cemetery and any future extensions and a connection with future adjacent public greenspace	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Operational	U
59	Enhance entrance	Enhance pedestrian entrance including signage	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	\$5,000	L
60	Commemorate the Mortuary Chapel and original Sextons House sites	The original Sextons House, Mortuary Chapel and Lych-gate sites (including history, design and location) are to be commemorated on an interpretation panel	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	\$5,000	L
61	Improve drainage	Investigate means to improve surface water flooding to be done in conjunction with the Historic Places Trust	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	Operational	M
62	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. To be done carefully with minimum intervention	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	Operational	Policy
63	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric should be removed	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	Operational and Capital	Policy
64	Extension development	Cemetery expansion including access road, fencing, footpath connection and landscaping	Belfast Cemetery	\$110,000	VH
65	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed	Belfast Cemetery	Operational and Capital	Policy
66	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Belfast Cemetery	\$10,000	L
67	Realign the vehicle entrance	The entrance to the cemetery is to be realigned to allow for access to the proposed extension. As part of the northern arterial development, the entrance location will be negotiated with NZTA <sup>5</sup>	Belfast Cemetery	Negotiated with NZTA	M

<sup>5</sup> NZTA (New Zealand Transport Authority)

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68	Expansion	Investigate options for acquiring adjacent land for future cemetery expansion including a possible Eco-burial site	Belfast Cemetery	\$5,000	U
69	Buffer to adjacent zones	Ensure any adjacent city plan changes provide a suitable buffer to the cemetery and any extension. Ideally this should include a connection with Kaputone Stream via public openspace	Belfast Cemetery	Operational	Policy
70	Remove the Sexton's House	The Sexton's House is vacant and in poor condition, this is to be removed including out buildings so the land can be used for burials	Bromley Cemetery	\$50,000	VH
71	Remove Macrocarpa hedge along boundary and replace with fence	Open up the cemetery entranceway to improve visibility into the cemetery by removing the large overgrown Macrocarpa hedge	Bromley Cemetery	\$30,000	M
72	Replace post and wire fence	The post and wire fence around the road boundary is to be replaced with a post and chain fence and low planting	Bromley Cemetery	\$25,000	L
73	Improve visibility	Remove hedges and replace with low planting and post and chain fence	Bromley Cemetery	\$20,000	M
74	Entrance enhancement	Enhance entrance including replanting, signage and modifications to the entrance wall	Bromley Cemetery	\$5,000	VH
75	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Bromley Cemetery	\$5,000	M
76	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or die, to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Bromley Cemetery	Operational	Policy
77	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Bromley Cemetery	\$30,000	M
78	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Recreation to Conservation 4	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	Operational	Policy
79	Redevelop top level sunken seating area	Construct a memorial wall for ashes and plaques (including commemorative plaques for ashes or burials at sea) utilising the sunken area	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$20,000	Policy
80	Enhance entrance	Enhance entrance including gates, signage and planting	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$5,000	M
81	Improve vehicle and pedestrian access	Form vehicle access to top of first terrace and provide a footpath to all three levels including steps and handrails where required	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$15,000	M
82	Improve connection to Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve	Enhance pedestrian access from adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve, including signage and removal of fence where required	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$5,000	L
83	Tree maintenance and removals	Tree maintenance work	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$25,000	M

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84	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$25,000	L
85	Investigate potential Eco-burial areas	Investigations have revealed that no area within the cemetery is suitable for Eco-burials due to the water and clay content of the soil. Potential alternative sites in the Southern Harbour area will be investigated	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	\$5,000	H
86	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4	Duvauchelle Cemetery	Operational	Policy
87	Remove car park and fencing	Remove the existing car park, post and wire fence and trees in the fruit trial area	Duvauchelle Cemetery	\$15,000	M
88	Entrance enhancement	Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including gates, fencing and signage, internal access road and compacted chip footpaths	Duvauchelle Cemetery	\$30,000	H
89	Extend the car park	New car park area including retaining where required	Duvauchelle Cemetery	\$30,000	H
90	Public toilet	Construct a toilet with disabled access	Duvauchelle Cemetery	\$150,000	H
91	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Duvauchelle Cemetery	\$20,000	L
92	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery land from Rural to Conservation 4	Kaituna Valley Cemetery	Operational	Policy
93	Formalise cemetery boundary	Formalise the boundary and reclaim the cemetery land for cemetery purposes including removing existing post and wire fencing, and any new fencing required	Kaituna Valley Cemetery	\$15,000	VH
94	Formalise entrance	Formalise entrance to the cemetery with a gravel driveway from Kaituna Valley Road to the cemetery including wooden entrance gates (in a similar style to the church gates), signage and any retaining required	Kaituna Valley Cemetery	\$40,000	H
95	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Kaituna Valley Cemetery	\$4,000	L
96	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	Operational	Policy
97	Headstones in grazed area need to be fenced from stock either individually or as a group	Some marked graves are outside the fenced area and susceptible to damage from stock, these need to be fenced either individually or collectively to protect the headstones	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	\$2,000	M
98	Entrance signage	Entrance signage	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	\$2,500	M
99	Formalise lease arrangement	Formalise a lease arrangement with the farmer to continue grazing the area of the cemetery where there are no headstones	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	Operational	M
100	Investigate as a potential Eco – burial site	Investigate as a potential Eco – burial site location	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	\$5,000	H

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101	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	\$3,000	L
102	Replace fence	Replace existing post and wire fence around the boundary of the cemetery with a post and chain fence and low planting	Linwood Cemetery	\$25,000	L
103	Reveal historic tram tracks	Remove asphalt cover over the buried tramlines leaving the adjacent asphalt for vehicle access, following guidance from the Historic Places Trust	Linwood Cemetery	\$15,000	L
104	Pedestrian entrance	Enhance pedestrian entrances including disabled access, planting and signage	Linwood Cemetery	\$20,000	VH
105	Vehicle access	Enhance car park area including signage	Linwood Cemetery	\$10,000	L
106	Enhance turning circle	Enhance turning circle area with seating and planting	Linwood Cemetery	\$10,000	L
107	Interpretation	Interpretation outlining the original location of the Sextons Lodge, tramway and mourning kiosk	Linwood Cemetery	\$6,000	M
108	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or die. To be done carefully with minimum intervention	Linwood Cemetery	\$5,000	Policy
109	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed	Linwood Cemetery	\$5,000	Policy
110	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal of pines in southern area	Linwood Cemetery	\$50,000	H
111	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Linwood Cemetery	\$40,000	M
112	Rezone the cemetery	Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4	Little River Cemetery	Operational	H
113	Install barrier between the car park and cemetery grounds	Develop vehicle access into the cemetery from the church car park and define the area between the car park and the cemetery with a post and chain fence	Little River Cemetery	\$5,000	M
114	Enhance entrances	Enhance the existing wooden vehicle and pedestrian gates including signage	Little River Cemetery	\$5,000	M
115	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Little River Cemetery	\$5,000	L
116	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Little River Cemetery	\$10,000	L
117	Enhance entrance	Enhance vehicle entrance including plastering concrete block pillars and any repairs required to the volcanic stone retaining wall and signage	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	M
118	Pedestrian entrances	Enhance pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates, signage and fencing	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	M
119	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	L
120	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	L

Index	Action	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
121	Boundary check	Check the northern cemetery boundary as current fence may not be in the correct location	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$2,000	L
122	Steps and Memorial Wall	Investigate suitable locations for steps and a Memorial Wall to be installed, the wall is to include provision for lost-at-sea commemoration	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$5,000	M
123	Signage	Provide clear signage to show where the existing water tap is	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	\$1,000	H
124	Pedestrian entrances	Enhance the pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates and signage	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	\$10,000	M
125	Continue retaining wall	Continue the stone retaining wall along the Reserve Terrace frontage	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	\$10,000	M
126	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	\$5,000	L
127	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	\$3,000	L
128	Ongoing management protocol	Develop protocol to manage areas of the cemetery with badly damaged graves, broken headstones and concrete kerbing	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	Operational	H
129	Land damage	Investigate earthquake land damage	Both Lyttelton Cemeteries	Earthquake Funding	U
130	Possible unused cemetery area	Investigate the possibility that some areas of the cemetery may be unused (using ground penetrating radar)	Both Lyttelton Cemeteries	\$2,000	VH
131	Enhance entrances	Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including signage and post and chain fencing	Memorial Park Cemetery	\$30,000	L
132	Remove fencing	Remove existing fencing along street boundaries and replace with post and chain fencing and low planting	Memorial Park Cemetery	\$15,000	L
133	Cycleway	Shared cycle / pedestrian pathway to link Ruru Road and Taurus Road	Memorial Park Cemetery	\$25,000	L
134	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing on north and east boundaries	Memorial Park Cemetery	\$30,000	H
135	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Memorial Park Cemetery	\$90,000	M
136	Rezone the cemetery to Conservation Zone	Rezone the cemetery from Business 1, to Conservation 2 (Historic Cemetery). Closed to future burials and protected. Gazette	Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters	Operational	Policy
137	Signage and interpretation	Signage and interpretation outlining the history of the Good Shepherd Convent at Mount Magdala and the cemetery	Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters	\$5,000	M
138	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters	\$5,000	M

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Medium (2018/19 – 2020/21), Low (2021/22 - ), Policy

Index	Action	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
139	Planting	Undertake tree planting as per the Development Plan	Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters	\$3,000	L
140	Entrance enhancement	Enhance entrance including signage and removal of shrubs	Okains Bay Cemetery <sup>6</sup>	\$2,500	M
141	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Okains Bay Cemetery <sup>6</sup>	\$5,000	L
142	Planting	Undertake tree planting as per the Development Plan	Okains Bay Cemetery <sup>6</sup>	\$3,000	L
143	Protect headstones	Fence cemetery boundary and remove from grazing to protect the headstones and unmarked graves	Pigeon Bay Cemetery	\$10,000	H
144	Entrance improvements	Reconfigure entrance including wooden gates and signage and an informal car park area on cemetery land	Pigeon Bay Cemetery	\$15,000	VH
145	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Pigeon Bay Cemetery	\$10,000	M
146	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Pigeon Bay Cemetery	\$10,000	L
147	Enhance entrance	Enhance entrance including signage	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	\$5,000	VH
148	Sextons House	Sextons House and grounds to be refurbished in line with heritage principles for use by the Council and City Care as a secure working yard. All other sheds or buildings to be removed	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	\$40,000	H
149	Ballantynes Fire Memorial	Rebuild the Ballantynes Fire Memorial including enhancement work as required	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	Earthquake Insurance	VH
150	Entrance enhancements	Close Raymond Road entrance to public vehicles and provide signage at both entrances	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	\$10,000	L
151	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing, including removals of pine, macrocarpa and eucalypts on the eastern boundary	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	\$100,000	H
152	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	\$75,000	M
153	Improve entrances	Enhance pedestrian entrances including signage. Rebuild brick wall on Connal Street to a lower level to improve visibility into the cemetery	Rutherford Cemetery	\$8,000	L
154	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Rutherford Cemetery	\$5,000	Policy
155	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing and the removal of (Maytenus) trees along North West boundary	Rutherford Cemetery	\$25,000	M
156	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric should be removed, including removal of heritage/notable trees if required for health and safety reasons	Rutherford Cemetery	Operational and Capital	Policy
157	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Rutherford Cemetery	\$25,000	M

<sup>6</sup> Okains Bay development by the Council is dependant upon resolution of investigation into legal responsibility for management



Index	Action	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
158	Rezone portion for park use	The open ground adjacent to Somerfield Park currently used as part of the park along the southern side of the cemetery is to be rezoned for park use due to the high water table. Survey, classify, gazette, and zone Open Space 2	Sydenham Cemetery	Operational	M
159	Define cemetery boundary with park	Define the edge of the cemetery and Somerfield Park with low planting and a post and chain fence	Sydenham Cemetery	\$5,000	M
160	Enhance car park area	Enhance car park area including planting and interpretation outlining the original Sextons House location. Remove reference to Somerfield Residents Association from existing interpretation	Sydenham Cemetery	\$10,000	L
161	Replace planting	Remove planting in raised ashes area and replant	Sydenham Cemetery	\$5,000	L
162	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Sydenham Cemetery	Operational	Policy
163	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed	Sydenham Cemetery	Operational and Capital	Policy
164	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing including the Lombardy Poplar trees along the eastern boundary and Silver Birch trees along the northern boundary	Sydenham Cemetery	\$70,000	H
165	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Sydenham Cemetery	\$20,000	M
166	Enhance entrance	Enhance entrance including signage and removal of any inappropriate planting	Waimairi Cemetery	\$15,000	L
167	Remove planting around toilets	Overgrown shrubs and trees that are growing around the toilet block are to be lifted to improve visibility and safety and comply with CPTED <sup>7</sup> principles	Waimairi Cemetery	\$5,000	VH
168	Remove vegetation	Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention	Waimairi Cemetery	Operational	Policy
169	Remove trees	Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed	Waimairi Cemetery	Operational and Capital	Policy
170	Tree maintenance and removal	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing including the removal of trees in the transmission line corridor	Waimairi Cemetery	\$10,000	H
171	Planting	Undertake tree and landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Waimairi Cemetery	\$10,000	L
172	Rezone the cemetery to Conservation zone	Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4	Wainui Cemetery	Operational	Policy
173	Increase capacity of working cemetery	Expand the working cemetery out to the east and west boundaries including fencing	Wainui Cemetery	\$20,000	H

<sup>7</sup> CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)

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Medium (2018/19 – 2020/21), Low (2021/22 - ), Policy

Index	Action	Includes	Cemetery	Possible Costs	Priority*
174	New vehicle access	New vehicle access/ driveway to be developed on the northern side of the working cemetery area including wood gates and signage	Wainui Cemetery	\$15,000	L
175	Enhance entrance	Enhance entrance (including any renovation required on the brick pillars and steel gates) and signage	Wainui Cemetery	\$5,000	M
176	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Wainui Cemetery	\$5,000	L
177	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Wainui Cemetery	\$8,000	M
178	Complete fencing boundary	Post and rail wood fence along the West Coast Road boundary	Yaldhurst Cemetery	\$10,000	M
179	Tree maintenance	Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing	Yaldhurst Cemetery	\$15,000	M
180	Planting	Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan	Yaldhurst Cemetery	\$15,000	M
181	Formalise lease arrangement	Formalise a lease arrangement with the farmer to continue grazing the area of the cemetery where there are no headstones	Yaldhurst Cemetery	Operational	M

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## 2.0 Introduction

There are a total of twenty seven cemeteries within the Christchurch District which the Council owns, manages or administers on behalf of other organisations. Thirteen of the cemeteries are within the Christchurch City area and fourteen are on Banks Peninsula. Refer to figure 1.

Within the Christchurch City area four cemeteries are closed; Addington Cemetery, Barbadoes Street Cemetery, Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters and Rutherford Cemetery. Five are reaching capacity (generally burials are only available in pre – purchased plots or second interments); Belfast Cemetery, Bromley Cemetery, Linwood Cemetery, Sydenham Cemetery and Waimairi Cemetery. Four cemeteries are still open for all burials; Avonhead Park Cemetery, Memorial Park Cemetery, Ruru Lawn Cemetery and Yaldhurst Cemetery. An extension to Belfast Cemetery will also provide an additional working cemetery in the next few years.

With the exception of Belfast Cemetery which is owned by the Crown and Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters which is owned by the Good Shepherd Convent Trust Board (Australia) all other city cemeteries are owned by the Council.

Within the Banks Peninsula area one cemetery is closed; Akaroa French Cemetery. Five are reaching capacity (generally burials are only available in pre – purchased plots or second interments); Akaroa Anglican Cemetery, Akaroa Catholic Cemetery, Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery, Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery and Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery. Eight cemeteries are still open for all burials; Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Duvauchelle Cemetery, Kaituna Valley Cemetery, Le Bons Bay Cemetery, Little River Cemetery, Okains Bay Cemetery, Pigeon Bay Cemetery and Wainui Cemetery.

Ten cemeteries on Banks Peninsula are owned by the Council; Akaroa Anglican Cemetery, Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery, Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Duvauchelle Cemetery, Kaituna Valley Cemetery, Little River Cemetery, Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery, Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery, Pigeon Bay Cemetery and Wainui Cemetery. Two cemeteries are owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese; Akaroa French Cemetery and Akaroa Catholic Cemetery. Both are managed and maintained by the Council. The Council and the

Roman Catholic Church are in negotiations over the future use of the cemeteries and ownership. Le Bons Bay Cemetery and Okains Bay Cemetery are owned by the Crown. Intended changes to the administration of Okains Bay Cemetery may require future modification to projects contained within this Plan or result in the non-applicability of the Development Plan to that cemetery.

The Plan provides a strategic vision that sets the direction for the development and management of the Council owned, administered or managed cemeteries for the next 50 years. The Plan also includes a breakdown of projects with approximate costings to enable future Long Term Plan budget planning to be undertaken. There is no certainty that any project raised for funding through the Long Term Plan will be funded.

The purpose of the Plan is to:

- Retain, manage and promote the unique character of each cemetery.
- Guide, influence and advocate for the on-going integrated management and development of cemeteries as public open space.
- Recognise the cultural and spiritual values in relation to burials and cemeteries and the sites of significance to Ngāi Tahu.
- Promote the protection and enhancement of the cultural and historical features of cemeteries.
- Ensure provision of land suitable for burial and ash interments for future generations.
- Promote and ensure safe public access in all cemeteries.
- Ensure the right of residents to be interred in any of the “open” cemeteries in the Christchurch District.
- Encourage the use of some cemeteries for public social activities.



*Addington Cemetery*

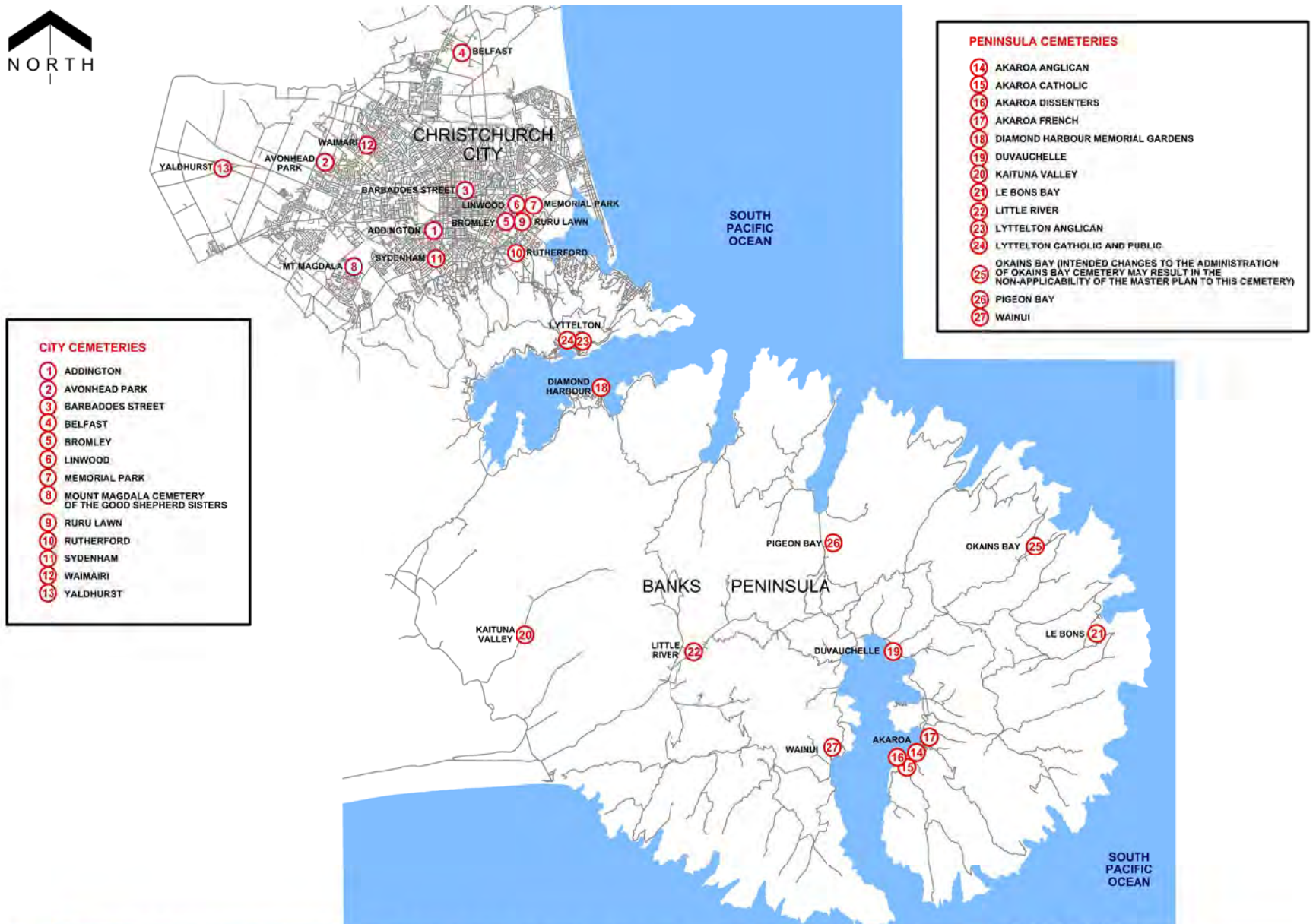


Figure 1: Cemeteries within the Christchurch District which the Council owns, maintains or administers on behalf of other organisations



## 3.0 Planning drivers

- The review of the Bylaw to include all the Council owned and administered cemeteries in the Christchurch District under one Bylaw.
- An aging population and the demand for burial sites with limited land available for cemeteries.
- Recognition of the historic, cultural, spiritual and religious differences of each cemetery and to protect and conserve these values – the cemetery character.
- To include in decision-making the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions to their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, fauna and flora, other taonga, and tikanga associated with burials.
- A growing demand for Eco-burials (natural burials) and a location for these burials.
- The improved management of historic cemeteries, recognising their cultural, heritage and conservation values.
- Provision to accommodate a mass burial in the event of a pandemic.
- Rezoning the Banks Peninsula cemeteries to align with the zoning of the Christchurch City cemeteries for consistency.
- The planning, operation and maintenance of cemeteries owned and administered by the Council is consistent throughout the Christchurch District.



*Belfast Cemetery*

## 4.0 Consultation summary

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Community consultation was initially undertaken in 2005, with further consultation from 2007–09 using a questionnaire, focus groups and workshops. There were a number of issues that repeatedly arose during the consultation that are applicable to the majority of the cemeteries, these are a summary of the main points:

### **Presence/absence of trees and shrubs**

Advocates of natural burials wanted to see burial sites become areas of regenerating native bush. For other people the idea of trees in a cemetery especially on top of a grave was deeply disturbing.

### **Grave decoration**

Extensive grave decoration is desirable for some people who can become very distressed if it is removed. Other people who expect and prefer a neat and tidy lawn cemetery can become very upset if an adjacent grave has been extensively decorated.

### **Presence of food**

Food left on a headstone as a sign of respect or consumed by visitors during feasting/picnicking in a cemetery is common. This may be acceptable among some cultures however it is highly offensive, abhorrent or forbidden to others, especially Māori culture.

### **Presence/absence of grave marker/headstone**

Grave sites need to be locatable by GPS/GIS with on-site maps and electronic forms available.

### **Maintenance**

Mowers running over graves and/or headstones was considered disrespectful by some people. Other people wanted neat edges and tidy lawns. While others would like no maintenance or very little maintenance.

### **Identification of place**

Designated burial areas to be clearly set aside and identifiable as a special place of tranquillity and respect: not obviously a cemetery but integrated into parks and walkway areas.

### **Grave security**

Graves should have a concrete cover and some sort of fencing or concrete kerbing to act as a barrier to prevent people (or mowers) from walking over the grave.

### **Disposal of ashes**

Scattering of ashes in rivers and waterways is desirable by some but abhorrent to others, especially Māori.

### **Accommodating different requirements**

All ethnic and religious groups believed different requirements should be addressed, some preferred to have separate areas set aside. The sentiment that one rule should be for all and enforced by a bylaw was of a minority opinion.

### **Extension of existing cemeteries and acquisition of land for new cemeteries**

The need to consult with Ngāi Tahu regarding the extension of existing cemeteries and any proposal to acquire land to establish new cemeteries was identified.

### **Cemetery design**

Design considerations for cemeteries should include:

- Incorporation of Māori values .
- Gathering areas for large groups of people without having to stand on graves.
- The orientation of graves.
- The recognition that each cemetery has its own style or theme and not all cemeteries have the same look.
- An entranceway that signifies the entrance to a special place of remembrance and respect.
- Built structures for multiple storage of ashes.
- Paths and shelter from adverse weather.
- Seating to enable people to rest and reflect while walking through the cemetery.
- Car park areas to restrict cars from parking on grassed areas or too close to graves.
- Not being situated close to areas of industrial noise or excessive traffic noise.
- Landscaping should create smaller private spaces, assist in buffering noise and provide seasonal colour.
- Water outlets should be available near grave sites.
- Grave markings to identify the location of the grave, with the exception of natural burials.

**Consultation on this plan was undertaken between 14 December 2012 and 19 February 2013. A total of 100 submissions were received and considered by a Council hearings panel prior to Councils approval in June 2013.**

## 5.0 Vision

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To provide direction for the development and management of the cemeteries owned, managed or maintained by the Council for the next 50 years,

and

the natural, cultural, heritage, landscape and spiritual values are protected and enhanced by the integrated management of these areas as reserves and open spaces,

while

Māori values and traditions to their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, fauna and flora, and other taonga are protected and culture are enhanced.



*Ruru Lawn Cemetery*



## 6.0 Planning objectives

- The future provision of cemetery land within the next 10 years for a minimum use of 100 years. The working cemeteries in Christchurch City are estimated to reach their capacity for burials in approximately 10 years time. After this time period additional land will be required to undertake burials.
- To recognise and acknowledge Ngāi Tahu objectives in the operation and management of cemeteries.
- To recognise and manage heritage cemeteries sites and the values associated with them.
- Align the operational and management practices for the cemeteries of similar type and location within the Christchurch District.
- To provide the same planning principles applied to public open space reserves to all cemeteries, such as public access, recognition of historic features and protection of the ecological, landscape, cultural, spiritual and religious values.



*Avonhead Park Cemetery*

# 7.0 Tangata Whenua

Tangata whenua is the Māori name for ‘people of the land’. In the Plan area, the tangata whenua are Ngāi Tahu, through Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki Rūnanga), Ōnuku Rūnanga and Wairewa Rūnanga.

The iwi of Ngāi Tahu comprises whānau who descend from both the northern ancestor Tahu and the peoples who were here before the Ngāi Tahu southward migration: Ngāti Mamoe and before them Waitaha. Ngāi Tahu rangatira (leaders/chiefs) gained control of the land and resources from Ngāti Mamoe through acquisition and intermarriage to become the rangatira of the area and to hold manawhenua (tribal authority) over the lands, waters and other taonga. Ngāi Tahu holds the ancestral and spiritual relationships within the area of this Plan.

## 7.1 Ngāi Tahu issues

There are several key matters that arise for Ngāi Tahu in relation to the development of the Plan.

- Spiritual and cultural values. The departure of *mate* has significant spiritual and cultural meaning to Māori. The main identified spiritual requirements are; the provision of a watertap for safety and spiritual well being, whānau being able to fill the grave, and determine the placement of headstones, undertake unveiling ceremonies and be involved in the maintenance of grave sites. Consideration is also required regarding the dispersal of human ashes into water ways as it is considered to be culturally inappropriate unless it is in an area specifically agreed to by tangata whenua.
- Ngāi Tahu also advocate for the provision of special areas within cemeteries for Māori from other places that recognize and provide for Māori spiritual values including ensuring that provision for placement of bodies for Māori people in ways and orientation that reflect their ancestral connections. Ngāi Tahu support recognition of other cultural practices as long as tikanga Māori is protected.
- Cemeteries management and future planning should focus on the recognition of kaitiakitanga, sustainability and long term protection of the environment. In addition, the management and maintenance of cemeteries is of importance to Ngāi Tahu. All cemeteries should be maintained to a standard that reflects their cultural and spiritual significance. It is important that

databases of bodies and ashes are well managed and publicly accessible to allow for the easy identification of hapu and whānau. Ngāi Tahu supports the introduction of systems that plot each grave site using GIS. It is expected that names and signage in cemeteries reflect Māori associations.

- Procedures to be followed when whānau are burying their members need to be developed that take into account spiritual values.
- Cemetery expansion and new sites is a culturally significant issue that requires consultation in the early stage of considering options.
- Interment of human bodies can lead to adverse environmental effects that result in effects on tangata whenua values. Of particular concern are effects on ground water levels and the need to ensure that water is not contaminated. The spreading of ashes is also sensitive to tangata whenua.
- Ngāi Tahu urupā (ancestral and contemporary) are not under the control of the Council, but issues surrounding them have arisen from consultation with Ngāi Tahu, and is a specific area for follow up by the Council in this Plan.

## 7.2 Planning proposals

To enable Māori values and relationships to be recognised and provided for by the Council in the management of cemeteries in the Christchurch District, the following planning proposals are listed below<sup>8</sup>:

Provision to allow Māori to meet their cultural and spiritual requirements regarding *mate* departure.

- To allow for Māori to meet their cultural and spiritual requirements it is necessary that special arrangements be implemented in all public cemeteries. This includes provision of a water tap at each cemetery and the development of procedures between the Council and Māori that will allow whānau to fill in grave sites as well as determine the placement of headstones and accommodate any special protocols for unveiling of graves. The Council will work with Ngāi Tahu to develop special procedures to provide for this.
- Engage with Ngāi Tahu on issues and protocols regarding the management of urupā.

Naming and involvement of Ngāi Tahu in the design, landscaping and development of structures and facilities in public cemeteries (in relevant locations).

- Recognition of Ngāi Tahu’s mana through identification of Māori issues in planning documents and through the use of appropriate names in location and directional signage, management plans, maps, information tools and interpretation panels, for cemetery management.
- Involvement of Ngāi Tahu with the naming of structures and facilities within public cemeteries and through advice on constructions in cemeteries.
- Dual names to be used where specifically requested.

Protection, restoration and enhancement of natural values in some cemeteries (as appropriate).

- The Council will engage with Ngāi Tahu for review of relevant operating and closed cemeteries to determine if any indigenous plantings are necessary.
- In the event that cemeteries are identified by Ngāi Tahu for this purpose, the Council will work with Ngāi Tahu to identify appropriate landscape design and planting requirements.

New cemetery planning and scoping.

- Ngāi Tahu will be consulted regarding the extension of existing cemeteries and the identification of sites for new cemeteries.
- The Council will consult further with Ngāi Tahu for planning and management of new and extended cemeteries within the Christchurch District.
- The Council will actively protect tangata whenua values in the establishment of new cemeteries or extensions to existing cemeteries.

<sup>8</sup> *Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013 will be consulted as a first step in future proposals likely to affect Ngāi Tahu.*



Research and monitoring.

The Council will consider the following research and monitoring proposals for public cemeteries.

- Identification of ground water levels in relation to the siting of graves for all public cemeteries.
- To support regular monitoring of cultural health of any waterways that are nearby cemeteries using the Ngāi Tahu State of the Takiwā<sup>9</sup> methodology.



Avonhead Park Cemetery

<sup>9</sup> *State of the Takiwā, Te Āhuetanga o Te Ihutai – Cultural Health Assessment of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary and its Catchment, July 2007, Craig Pauling (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu) et al.*

## 8.0 Cemetery development in the Christchurch District

The earliest burials in the Christchurch District were on Banks Peninsula. Akaroa was the main resort for the whaling ships working around the Peninsula coast from the early 1830s. The oldest consecrated cemetery is the Akaroa French Cemetery on L'Aube Hill which opened in 1840.

A small number of church graveyards were established in the 1850s and 1860s in Christchurch City, however the earliest public cemetery was the Barbadoes Street Cemetery which opened in 1851. The cemetery was located on the perimeter of the central city with Barbadoes Street separating the Anglican (Church of England) section from the Roman Catholic and Dissenters sections. The denominational exclusivity of Barbadoes Street Cemetery prompted the establishment of Addington Cemetery in 1858 by the Presbyterian Church. The cemetery was effectively the first public cemetery open to all denominations. Rutherford Cemetery opened in 1866 and was associated with St John's Church, Ferry Road. Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters opened in 1888 to cater for the Good Shepherd Convent which was a self sufficient community at Halswell.

On Banks Peninsula separate denominational cemeteries were established in the 1850s at Akaroa and Lyttelton. Akaroa Anglican Cemetery 1857, Akaroa Catholic Cemetery 1863, Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery 1873, Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery 1850 and Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery 1873. The Anglican cemeteries took precedence at both locations being established first and occupying the most advantageous sites. A number of church graveyards were established including Little River Cemetery adjacent to St Andrews Church which opened in 1878 and Kaituna Valley Cemetery adjacent to St Kentigans Church which opened in 1935. A number of cemeteries developed on the Peninsula to cater for the small rural communities developing around sawmilling and farming. The earliest was Le Bons Bay Cemetery which opened in 1862. Others include Duvauchelle Cemetery 1881, Okains Bay Cemetery 1869, Pigeon Bay Cemetery 1865 and Wainui Cemetery 1890. The majority of the Peninsula cemeteries have the topographical advantage of being located on hill sites that provide good views and drainage.

Linwood Cemetery opened on the edge of the city in 1884 and was open to all denominations. As the city grew, further public cemeteries were later established to cater for growing demands particularly in the south and west of the city including Belfast Cemetery 1904, Sydenham Cemetery in 1896, Waimairi Cemetery 1909, and Yaldhurst Cemetery 1887. All of these cemeteries are similar in layout and monumental styles. As the Linwood Cemetery was filling rapidly Bromley Cemetery opened in 1918 coinciding with the outbreak of influenza in the same year. Bromley Cemetery became the main cemetery for the eastern side of the city. Due to demand further land was purchased near Bromley Cemetery in the 1930s at the time the concept of a lawn

cemetery was becoming popular. The lawn cemetery concept included creating restful surroundings and providing greater control and easier maintenance than traditional cemeteries which were filled with cold stone and harsh concrete kerbing. Ruru Lawn Cemetery opened in 1941 as a lawn cemetery, incorporating planting and avenues of trees and shrubs. There were no upright headstones only regulation sized plaques set into the ground. Additional land was purchased opposite Ruru Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Park Cemetery was developed throughout the 1940s and early 1950s. The Memorial Park Cemetery opened in 1956 and allowed for upright headstones.

For many years the lawn cemetery concept was the most popular. When Avonhead Park Cemetery opened in 1983 it aimed to take the lawn cemetery concept a step further than Ruru Lawn Cemetery had done 40 years earlier proposing a complete absence of headstones, however this scheme did not find favour with the community and plaques were eventually allowed. Later areas of the cemetery allowed for memorial style headstones which are the most popular today.

Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery is the Council's most recent cemetery opening in Diamond Harbour in 2002. The cemetery is designed in terraces in accordance with the topography of the site<sup>10</sup>.



*Addington Cemetery*

<sup>10</sup> Overview of Cemetery Development in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula by Helen Brown and Jenny May

## 9.0 Issues and opportunities

### 9.1 Cemeteries as public open space

Cemeteries in the Christchurch District have developed in response to changing trends. The traditional style of elaborate headstones and concrete kerbing has been replaced with the lawn concept which provides for a more open park like environment particularly at Avonhead Park Cemetery and Ruru Lawn Cemetery.

While the trend is now tending back towards a preference for headstones allowing families to mark a grave the lack of elaborate concrete kerbing and a restriction in the size of monuments is providing for open park like environments.

Cemeteries are places where people can go and grieve and for quiet contemplation, however they also provide a real opportunity as multi – functional open spaces. Older open style cemeteries (where visiting is not so regular), for example, Barbadoes Street Cemetery, can become places for social activities such as informal free weekend concerts, social gatherings or public tours. Such events must be carefully considered to minimise disturbance to visitors requiring quiet contemplation. In New Zealand, the cultural considerations for tikanga Māori would need careful consideration in an event where the Council would be considering such multiple uses.

### 9.2 Eco-burials

The most recent trend is a move towards a more ‘ecological’ process of burial related to the broader shifts in the relationship between humans and their environment. There has been an increasing demand from residents to have an Eco-burial cemetery within the Christchurch District.

Eco-burials (also referred to as natural burials) are a form of burial where no chemicals or toxic substances are used to preserve or embalm the body or in the burial process. Decomposition is encouraged. The aim of an Eco-burial site is to encourage indigenous restoration. Refer to the Handbook for rules and criteria for Eco-burials.

A suitable site has not been selected, however, the following options are being considered:

- The use of unused cemetery land at existing cemeteries. Le Bons Bay Cemetery has been identified as a suitable site as a large area of the cemetery is not used for cemetery purposes and the setting would be appropriate to establish native plantings.
- Utilise land owned by the Council to the west of the city.
- Purchase land in the west of the city adjacent to an existing cemetery.
- A regional site shared with an adjacent District. Selwyn District Council is currently looking at the possibility of acquiring a suitable site close to Christchurch City.

As well as the selection of the site there are a number of other considerations that need to be considered including:

- The site should be accessible to Christchurch city, the main population base for the Christchurch District.
- Aerobic, organically active soil suitable for decomposition.
- Low risk of contamination of groundwater or surface water.

Any possible site will be assessed in regard to tangata whenua values and interests. The site selection must recognise and provide for protection of the cultural and spiritual values of Ngāi Tahu and early consultation initiated with the relevant rūnanga.

Consideration will be made for setting aside an additional area(s) for Eco-burials where no surgical implants are permitted.

As the selection and establishment of an Eco-burial cemetery within the Christchurch District may take a few years, Green Burials are also being offered as an option. The difference between Eco-burials and Green Burials is that Green Burials may take place in any operational cemetery. Green Burials therefore are subject to the same monument rules that apply to other burials in that particular cemetery. The rule prohibiting planting on top of graves in operating cemeteries also applies to Green Burials in those cemeteries. Refer to the Handbook for criteria for a Green Burial.

### 9.3 Vegetation

Vegetation is one of the universal dimensions of cemetery design. Particular plants appear repetitively in burial sites all around the world including;

- **The Yew tree:** symbolises life, rebirth, protection, strength, power and honour. It is also seen as the guardian of the underworld, death and afterlife.
- **Weeping Willow trees:** are symbolic of the mourning process, death, tears, reflection, grief and healing. They are also associated with life, inspiration and dreams.
- **Rosemary:** is symbolic of remembrance, fidelity and death.
- **Lilies:** are symbolic of faith, promise, fertility, cleansing and remembrance.
- **Ivy:** is symbolic of fidelity, love, growth, renewal and opportunity. In England it was believed that if ivy did not grow on a grave it meant the soul was unhappy in its other world.
- **Lavender:** symbolises devotion, purity and solitude.
- **Cherry trees:** symbolise devotion, purity and solitude.
- **Cedar trees:** are said to help balance the emotion and mental state bringing calm and inspiration. They symbolise healing, cleansing and protection.
- **Pine trees:** are symbolic of creativity, life, longevity and immortality.
- **Roses:** symbolise contemplation, love and beauty.
- **Oak trees:** symbolise life, strength, wisdom, family, loyalty, power and honour.

Many of the Christchurch District cemeteries date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and contain established plantings of oak and yew trees brought with the early settlers from Europe to remind them of home. More recent plantings have included native trees and shrubs as planting trends change. In the past the Council has undertaken planting on graves particularly at Addington Cemetery, Linwood Cemetery, Rutherford Cemetery and Sydenham Cemetery, however, this practice is no longer acceptable as plants are damaging the fabric of graves, monuments and concrete kerbing. Plants are proposed to be progressively removed (including trees) as they require pruning or as they die. This will be done carefully with minimal intervention. The exception to removing a shrub or tree would be if the family



or relative of the person buried in the grave, or tangata whenua requested the plant to remain and there was no damage to other graves or monuments in the vicinity. Inappropriate planting within wider cemetery areas will also be progressively removed. Refer to the Handbook for maintenance of plots and graves (including Eco-burials and Green Burials) which clearly outlines that new planting on graves is no longer acceptable.

#### 9.4 Heritage

All Christchurch District Cemeteries reveal a wealth of historical detail, genealogical and social history and also varying attitudes towards death. They tell of hardship, the tragedies of child death, and specific events such as the 1918 flu epidemic, world wars, the 1947 Ballantynes Fire and the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake. Cemeteries are trapped in a time warp and have not been modified, adapted or destroyed as has so much else in the historic fabric. The main change over time is planting as differing trends come and go.

Five cemeteries in the Christchurch District are closed; Addington Cemetery, Barbadoes Street Cemetery, Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters, Rutherford Cemetery and Akaroa French Cemetery. Any work undertaken in any of these cemeteries requires a resource consent and should also be undertaken with reference to the Conservation Plans and align with the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter<sup>11</sup>, the Historic Places Trust, the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of New Zealand, the community and relatives. Addington Cemetery, Barbadoes Street Cemetery and Linwood Cemetery are subject to Conservation Plans.

All cemeteries in the Christchurch District were damaged during the September 2010 and February 2011 Christchurch Earthquakes. There is currently a 'make – safe' programme in progress (as of June 2013). Additional protocol for managing the future use and access to some of the more badly damaged cemeteries such as Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery will also need to be developed.

There are currently cemetery records and information of historic Christchurch District cemeteries held by private organisations and libraries.

The practicality of establishing a central database will be investigated. This will be done without impinging on the rights of individual organisations.

#### 9.5 Culturally specific areas within cemeteries

Historically in Christchurch District cemeteries there have always been areas set aside for religious denominations. It is the Council's responsibility to consider such requests under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Māori have cultural and spiritual requirements regarding the departure of *mate* (dead people) and these requirements need to be provided for in cemeteries.

The diversity of cultures within Christchurch and different cultures have different religious requirements. More recently there have been requests for areas to be set aside for ethnic groups. Some already exist such as the Muslim area at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Different ethnic groups also have different customs for grave decoration and the burial ceremony. In some Christchurch District cemeteries grave adornment is a problem with personal items such as windmills or even rocks and stones and fences providing problems for maintenance crews. Lightweight items can easily blow over other graves which may be offensive to others. Refer to the section on wreaths and other tributes in the Handbook. One of the most common requests is for an area to be set aside for exclusive use by a particular group.

Options the Council has considered include:

- Providing an area within an existing or new cemetery to be divided into separate areas for cultural groups. Planting may be required for visual separation. This option may require families entering into a maintenance agreement (with the Council) so the individual family maintain the top of the grave instead of the Council. This would be in perpetuity.
- Group's pre-purchase plots. This has been discouraged in the past as there are many unused plots in Christchurch District cemeteries.
- Groups purchase land for a private cemetery. This option is provided for under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964, however it is an expensive and time consuming process that could well be beyond the means of many groups.

Additional investigation into cultural groups and their needs and requirements will be undertaken including the development of a plot allocation protocol considering the cultural needs of known groups and expected compatibilities for co-location. This investigation may involve existing or new sites acquired for cemeteries. Notably the holding of plots without payment will not be continued.

#### 9.6 Pandemic

In the event of a pandemic or large scale disaster the Council is required under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 to accommodate a mass burial.

The Christchurch District is required to allow for up to 3,000 burials. The bodies would be buried shoulder to shoulder (on average allowing one metre width per body) and would be covered with a minimum of one metre of soil.

Alternatives such as freezing bodies at a temporary facility could be investigated so that bodies could be buried when and where requested rather than a mass site.

Both Avonhead Park Cemetery and Memorial Park Cemetery would be available to accommodate a mass burial (as of June 2013) both have suitable ground conditions, are easily accessible for vehicles and have a large enough area of vacant land.

<sup>11</sup> ICOMOS (New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value)

## 9.7 Maintenance

The Council has statutory obligations to operate and maintain public cemeteries in the Christchurch District under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Cemeteries within the Christchurch District which are either owned by or under the administration of the Council are managed and maintained as per the Handbook and the Christchurch City Council Maintenance Contract for Urban Parks 2012. This document gives direction as to how cemeteries are to be maintained including mowing regimes, planting and Sexton Services.

The following set of guidelines should be followed when undertaking any work in the five closed cemeteries as well as areas of any other cemetery within the Christchurch District which dates back to the 19th Century. In some cases there may be different maintenance regimes required for cemeteries dating back to the 19th Century which are still open. Examples are Belfast Cemetery and Yaldhurst Cemetery.

- Maintenance should be kept to a minimum with little disturbance to the heritage fabric.
- Let the natural process of decay continue with repairs only being made where absolutely necessary and where the fabric of the cemetery is not changed in any way.
- Don't add any features unless absolutely necessary.
- Where possible retain historic plantings as long as they are not damaging the fabric of the cemetery.
- Remove inappropriate tree and plant species as they die.
- Remove inappropriate plantings on graves.
- Restrict new plantings – keep minimal and simple.

Maintenance within working areas of a cemetery should be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and align with the Development Plans prepared for each cemetery in this Plan. Trees and planting have been kept to a minimum and should be chosen appropriately for the site.

## 9.8 Community involvement

The Council recognises the importance of community involvement particularly community groups.

Linwood Cemetery has an active community group dedicated to assisting with the maintenance and preservation of this cemetery. The Council awareness of community 'ownership' of other cemeteries within the Christchurch District has developed following the public consultation process. In order to better achieve community outcomes and tap into local knowledge and experience the Council will proactively engage with local communities who have expressed an interest in the future development of their 'local' cemetery. The scope of the Council's relationship with any community group will be considered on a case-by-case-basis. This may be limited to future consultation over cemetery development detail or may develop into a formal agreement with groups which are more organised and have a legal entity for cemetery maintenance, tour guiding or supply of genealogical information.

## 9.9 Cemeteries in the future

Within the next 15 years it is anticipated that cemeteries located within Christchurch City will reach their capacity for burials. The Christchurch City Councils Water and Services Assessment – Cemeteries and Crematoria Report (2005) identified a substantial increase in predicted deaths over the next 20 years due to an aging population and an increase in the population within the Christchurch District. The assessment indicated that the current areas of land available for cemetery purposes was adequate to meet overall demand within the Christchurch District for the next 10 years but would reach full capacity by 2028.

With the recent extension to Belfast Cemetery in the north, there will be a cemetery open for burials in each of the four main areas of Christchurch City for the next 10 years; Avonhead Park Cemetery in the west, Belfast Cemetery in the north, Memorial Park Cemetery in the east and Yaldhurst Cemetery in the south – west. It is anticipated that these cemeteries will be reaching their capacity for burials in the next 10 to 20 years. There is also a chance that residential displacement due to the earthquakes may put more pressure on the cemeteries to the north and south of the city.

Ash interments, burials in pre-purchased plots and second interments will still remain available in the remaining city cemeteries which are approaching capacity and the Peninsula cemeteries will still be available for the local communities. Lyttelton Anglican and Lyttelton Catholic and Public cemeteries are at capacity and have suffered considerable earthquake damage. Ash interments are still available at both cemeteries however unless a burial is a second interment or in a pre-purchased plot burials will need to be accommodated at Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery or in the Christchurch City cemeteries. Akaroa Anglican, Akaroa Catholic and Akaroa Dissenters cemeteries are almost at capacity even for ash interments and in the next five years it is anticipated that all Akaroa burials will be accommodated at Duvauchelle Cemetery unless it is a second interment or a burial or ash interment in a pre-purchased plot.

It is recommended that additional land is acquired in the next 10 years. Options should include;

- A review of extending existing cemeteries which are not surrounded by housing including: Avonhead Park Cemetery and Belfast Cemetery.
- Consider a large new site to the west or southwest of the city away from underground aquifers, with a low water table, no flooding issues, not on an old riverbed, flat terrain and not an area of cultural and spiritual significance to Ngāi Tahu.
- If required the Council may need to go into partnership with an adjoining Territorial Authority and develop a formal agreement to comply with the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Consultation with Ngāi Tahu will take place regarding the extension of existing cemeteries and the siting and management of new cemeteries.



## 10.0 Cemeteries

Many of the early cemeteries in the Christchurch District were managed by Cemetery Boards until the mid 1930s when Cemetery Boards were disbanded by Central Government. The control of the cemetery was then vested in the County Councils, who often established Independent Trustee Boards to operate the cemeteries. Many of the cemeteries only came under County Council control when the Cemetery Boards faced financial difficulties and maintenance issues. The County Councils were later amalgamated to form the Christchurch City Council. In 2006 the Christchurch City Council and Banks Peninsula District Council were amalgamated.

This section of the Plan covers each of the twenty-seven cemeteries the Council owns, maintains or administers within the Christchurch District. Each cemetery includes a plan of the existing layout and a future Development Plan. This plan, along with the Bylaw and Handbook, provides direction for the management of each individual cemetery. Each cemetery has a unique character and style that is to be protected and enhanced through the policies and actions provided. The costs and timing for proposed actions and policies for each cemetery are listed in the Summary of Actions and Policies at the beginning of this Plan.



*Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery*





*Linwood Cemetery*



# 10.1 Addington Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Addington Cemetery opened in 1858 and closed in 1980. The cemetery was established by the Presbyterian Church of St Andrews in reaction to the 'exclusiveness' of the Anglican Barbadoes Street Cemetery which was at that date the only cemetery in the city. As a public cemetery, Addington was open to all denominations with no segregation according to religion. The cemetery was in effect the city's first public cemetery and its plots were taken up over a relatively short period of time.

The cemetery has a formal grid pattern of rows and graves head to head with a wide central gravel path which terminates at the original circular carriage turning area. The graves and paths are closely laid out, not only because of the defined rectangular site, but because the Presbyterian Church had a requirement to make money from selling individual burial plots at the cemetery. Burials occur right up to the legal boundaries on the north and south sides and near to the edge of Baxter's Creek at the east end of the cemetery.

The masonry styles are predominantly monumental Victorian style. There are a small number of elaborate sculptural monuments. The most common form of grave in the cemetery consists of a plain rectangular flat concrete slab on the ground, with an upright headstone.

There are a number of established trees in the cemetery, particularly yew trees, however early photographs show that the cemetery had very little vegetation. Recent Oak, Beech and Sycamore trees have aesthetic value and as plant types are appropriate for a Victorian cemetery, however they are recent and they are not significant. Many are intrusive and root growth is damaging the heritage fabric.

## Policies

- All work is to align with the Addington Cemetery Conservation Plan, 2005.
- All work is to be carried out according to accepted best practice guidelines for historic cemeteries.
- Historically the cemetery had little vegetation, as the cemetery is full no further trees or landscape planting is proposed to protect the heritage fabric.
- Commemorative plaques and any reinstatement of damaged graves must be placed within the boundary of plots on concrete covers or kerbing and not on the Council land.
- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and the sites historic context.
- No further interpretation is required, existing interpretation may require updating to maximise the quality of visitor understanding.

## Actions

- Planting on graves is to be removed either as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.











Existing Addington Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

 Trees

 Lawn

- ① Vehicle and pedestrian entrance including a low concrete block wall with the words 'Addington Cemetery Est 1858' and a replica wrought iron gate
- ② Internal sealed access road
- ③ Grass path
- ④ Compacted chip path
- ⑤ Original circular carriage turning area
- ⑥ Concrete post and chain fence
- ⑦ Pedestrian access to Braddon Street
- ⑧ Pedestrian access to Farifield Avenue
- ⑨ Boundary fence - a mix of wood paling, corrugated iron and concrete walls

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

LOCATION:	410 Selwyn Street, Addington
OWNER:	Christchurch City Council
LAND AREA:	20,415m <sup>2</sup> (2.0415 Hectares)
ZONING:	Conservation 2 (Historic and Garden City Parks)
RELEVANT DESIGNATION:	This cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)
STATUS:	Closed












**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrubs		
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Planting on graves to be removed as plants require pruning or die, to be done carefully with minimum intervention
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**PROPOSED**

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and sea:s are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and the sites historic context
2. No further interpretation is required, existing interpretation may require updating to maximise quality of visitor understanding
3. Historically Addington Cemetery had little vegetation, as the cemetery is full no further tree or landscape planting is proposed to protect the heritage fabric
4. All work is to align with the Addington Cemetery Conservation Plan, 2005
5. All work is to be carried out according to Accepted Best Practice Guidelines for Historic Cemeteries

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
410 Selwyn Street  
Addington  
**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council  
**STATUS**  
Closed

## 10.2 Akaroa Anglican Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Akaroa Anglican Cemetery opened in 1857 and is reaching capacity. The cemetery is available for burial and ash interments in pre purchased plots or second interments only. The cemetery is located on an area of flat to rolling hillside adjacent to the Garden of Tāne overlooking Akaroa Harbour. The cemetery is surrounded by dense native planting and exotic trees. There is a walking connection between Beach Road, the Garden of Tāne and the Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery and Akaroa Catholic Cemetery.

The cemetery has associations with early history and the local community. Graves are laid out in an informal grid pattern on a gentle slope with an interesting range of headstones including some carved Totara grave markers.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- Undertake a joint Conservation Plan for all three Akaroa Cemeteries (Akaroa Anglican Cemetery, Akaroa Catholic Cemetery and Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery) and align it with the Garden of Tāne Management Plan.
- The records database and administration of the cemetery is to be centralised at Civic Offices (Hereford Street).
- Rezone the cemetery land from Residential to Conservation 4.
- Provide clear entrance signage.
- Remove the post and wire fence around the cemetery boundary.
- Enhance vehicle entrance and car park including signage, planting and post and chain fence.
- Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements.
- Undertake tree and landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.

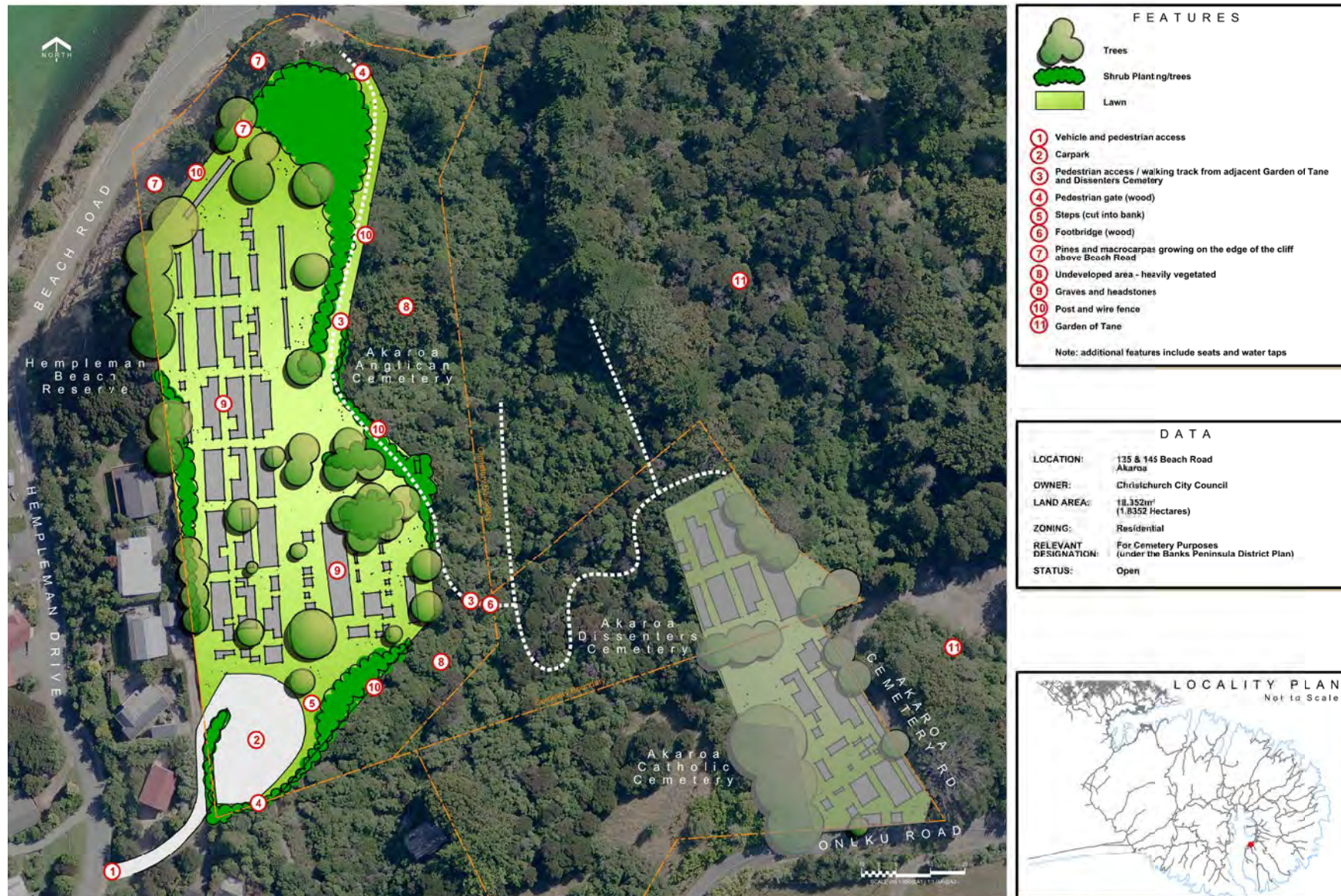








Existing Akaroa Anglican Cemetery Plan June 2013







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting / trees
- Lawn
- Burial Area

**EXISTING - to be removed**

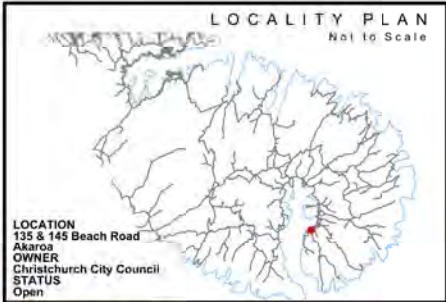
- Post and wire fence to be removed
- Removal of pine and macrocarpa trees pending further investigations

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Low Planting
- Post and chain fence
- Enhance entrance including gates and signage
- Enhance car park including low planting and steps (including handrail) down to burial area
- Enhance pedestrian entrance including signage
- Enhance walking track
- Compacted chip footpath
- Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring it does not encroach onto graves
- Vehicle access to burial area
- Area to remain unused for Emergency purposes

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery





## 10.3 Akaroa Catholic Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Akaroa Catholic Cemetery opened in 1863 and is reaching capacity. The cemetery is available for burials in pre purchased plots or second interments only.

There are good visual connections to Akaroa Harbour from the top of the cemetery and it is separated from the adjacent Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery by a row of trees and a post and wire fence. Both cemeteries are adjacent to the Garden of Tāne. Dense native plantings and exotic trees surround the two cemetery sites. A network of walking tracks connects the cemeteries to the Garden of Tāne.

The cemetery has associations with the early history of the local community.

There are a variety of graves and headstones from the older Victorian style plots with covers or kerbing to more recent modern upright stone memorials. The graves are orientated lengthwise in an east west fashion and are stepped down the hillside in distinct blocks with mown grass paths.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seating are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- Undertake a joint Conservation Plan for all three Akaroa Cemeteries (Akaroa Anglican Cemetery, Akaroa Catholic Cemetery and Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery) and align it with the Garden of Tāne Management Plan.
- The records database and administration of the cemetery is to be centralised at Civic Offices (Hereford Street).
- Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 4.
- Provide clear entrance signage.
- The cemetery is managed and maintained by the Council although the land is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Continue negotiations with the Church for either ownership of the site or maintenance and management operations to be returned to the Church.
- Replace the wire fence around the cemetery with a post and chain fence.
- Enhance vehicle entrance including signage, planting and post and chain fence.
- Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Undertake tree and landscape planning as per the Development Plan.









Existing Akaroa Catholic Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

 Trees

 Lawn

① Vehicle and pedestrian access  
 ② Garden of Tane public car park  
 ③ Post and wire fence  
 ④ Undeveloped area - heavily vegetated  
 ⑤ Graves and headstones  
 ⑥ Garden of Tane

Note: additional features include a water tap

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 1 Akaroa Cemetery Road  
Akaroa

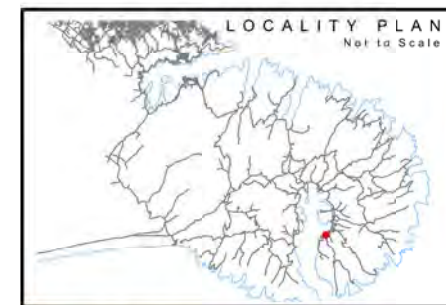
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**LAND AREA:** 8,183m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.8183 Hectares)

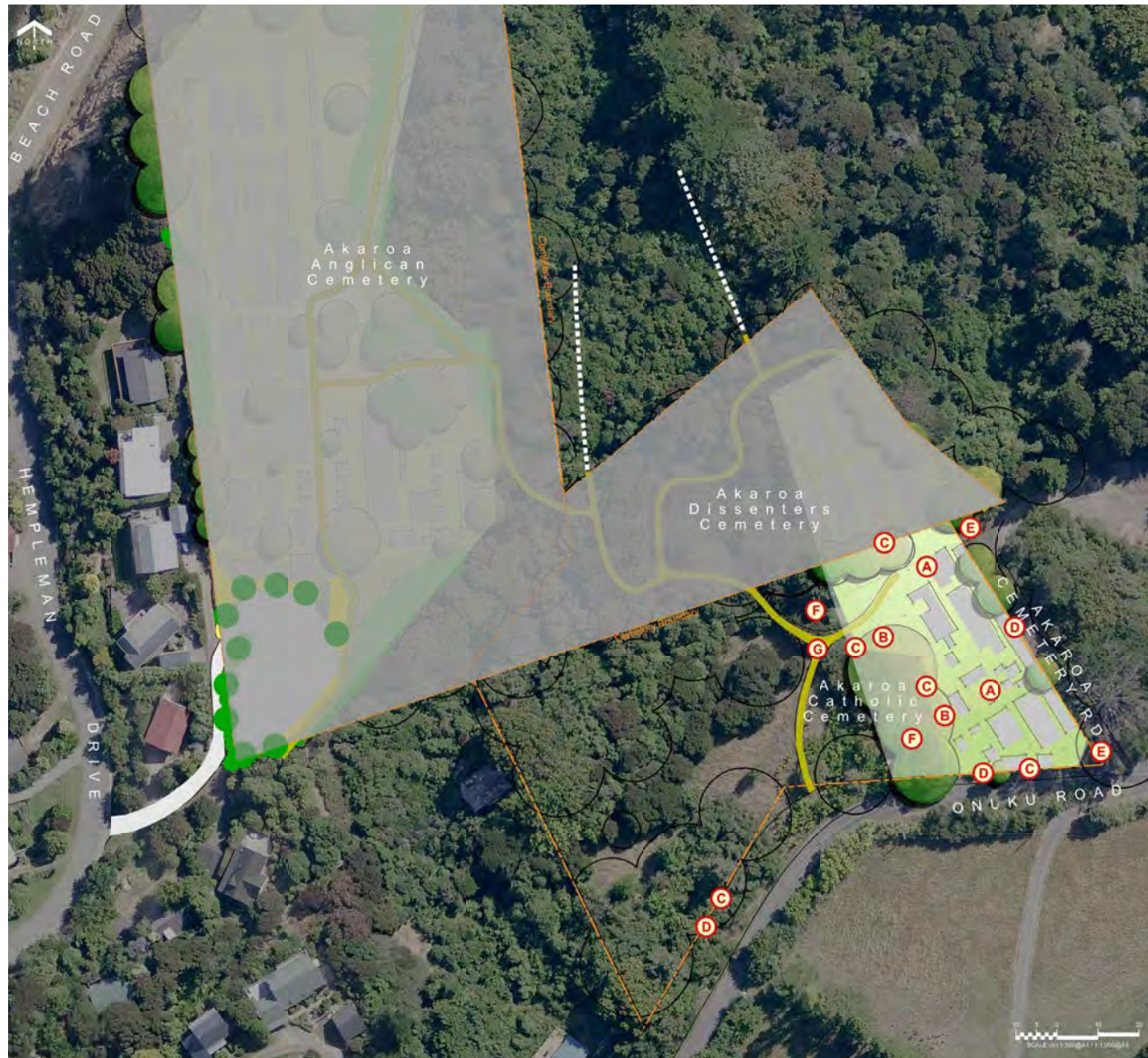
**ZONING:** Residential

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open












**FEATURES**





**EXISTING - to be retained**

 Trees	 Burial Area
 Lawn	

**EXISTING - to be removed**

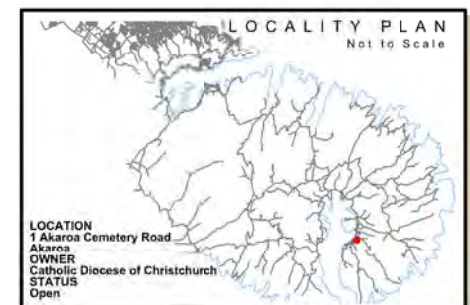
 Planting on graves to be removed with minimum intervention
 Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

 Post and chain fence
 Enhance entrance including gates and signage
 Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring it does not encroach onto graves
 Pedestrian walking track

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



## 10.4 Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery is located immediately below the Akaroa Catholic Cemetery. It was opened in 1873 and is reaching capacity. The cemetery is available for burials in pre purchased plots and second interments only.

It is separated from the adjacent Akaroa Catholic Cemetery by a row of trees and a post and wire fence. Both cemeteries are adjacent to the Garden of Tāne. Dense native plantings and exotic trees surround the two cemetery sites. A network of walking tracks connects the cemeteries to the Garden of Tāne.

The cemetery has associations with the early history of the local community.

The grave plots in this cemetery appear to be older and more decorative than the adjacent Akaroa Catholic Cemetery. Laid in an east-west orientation across the steep slope, these graves are randomly clustered in blocks separated by mown grass strips.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- Undertake a joint Conservation Plan for all three Akaroa Cemeteries (Akaroa Anglican Cemetery, Akaroa Catholic Cemetery and Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery) and align it with the Garden of Tāne Management Plan.
- The records database and administration of the cemetery is to be centralised at Civic Offices (Hereford Street).
- Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 4.
- Provide clear entrance signage.
- Remove the post and wire fence around the cemetery boundary.
- Enhance vehicle entrance including signage, planting and post and chain fence.
- Enhance and extend existing walking tracks including signage and entrance improvements.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.











Existing Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian access
- 2 Pedestrian access/walking track from adjacent Garden of Tane and Akaroa Anglican Cemetery
- 3 Garden of Tane public car park
- 4 Formed steps
- 5 Post and wire fence
- 6 Undeveloped area - heavily vegetated
- 7 Graves and headstones
- 8 Garden of Tane

Note: additional features include water taps

### DATA

**LOCATION:** Akaroa Cemetery Road  
Akaroa

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 4,814m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.4814 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Residential

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open












**FEATURES**




**EXISTING - to be retained**

 Trees	 Burial Area
 Lawn	

**EXISTING - to be removed**

 Planting on graves to be removed with minimum intervention
 Post and wire fence to be removed


**PROPOSED**

 Enhance entrance including gates and signage
 Walking track to be enhanced, repaired and extended including signage
 Maintain planting around the cemetery, ensuring it does not encroach onto graves

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats, are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
3 Akaroa Cemetery Road

**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS**  
Open

## 10.5 Akaroa French Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

The Cimetière Catholiques or French Cemetery as it came to be known is the oldest consecrated European cemetery in the South Island. It opened in 1840 and is now closed.

The cemetery is located on a flat terrace in the L'Aube Hill Reserve. From early photographs it appears the cemetery had good views down to the township and the waterfront, which is very different to the enclosed feeling the cemetery has today surrounded by established trees and dense shrub vegetation. The layout of the original cemetery is now not visible and there are no remaining headstones as they were removed in the 1926 clean up of the cemetery.

As part of the 50th anniversary of the constitution of the Akaroa Borough, the cemetery was given a total face lift. Funded by the War Graves Commission, all existing plant fabric and remnant grave material was cleared from the grounds. Bodies were reburied in a central plot and two coffin inscription plates were salvaged and included as memorial fabric mounted on a central memorial. The central memorial feature lists the names of those known to be buried on L'Aube Hill as far as it was possible to ascertain.

The cemetery was the first in Akaroa and therefore would have had both French and English burials until the Akaroa Anglican Cemetery and Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery were opened at the opposite end of the Akaroa settlement. Early descriptions of the original cemetery landscape indicate that it was originally hedged with Gorse, Ornamental Willow trees and Roses.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seating are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- All work is to be carried out according to accepted best practice guidelines for historic cemeteries.

### Actions

- Undertake a Conservation Plan for the cemetery.
- Rezone the cemetery from Residential to Conservation 2 (Historic Cemetery), closed to future burials and protected.
- The land the cemetery is situated on is owned by the Roman Catholic Church. Negotiate with the Church for the Council to take over ownership of the cemetery.
- Repair or repaint the existing information board.
- Enhance pedestrian entrances including signage and interpretation outlining where the extent of the original cemetery was, including historic views to Akaroa Harbour.
- Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring it does not encroach within the concrete wall. Maintain a two metre clear area around the concrete wall at all times.












Existing Akaroa French Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle parking – outside cemetery
- 2 Pedestrian entrance (from car park)
- 3 Pedestrian entrance (to/from Settlers Hill Walking track)
- 4 Post and chain fence
- 5 Information board (wood)
- 6 Memorial
- 7 Low concrete wall
- 8 There may be unmarked graves in this area

Note: additional features include seats

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 7 Rue Pompallier  
Akaroa

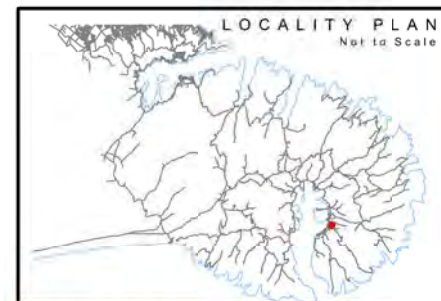
**OWNER:** Catholic Diocese of Christchurch

**LAND AREA:** 1,189m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.1189 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Recreation Reserve

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:**

**STATUS:** Closed







**FEATURES**

EXISTING - to be retained

 Trees	 Burial Area
 Shrub planting 'trees'	
 Lawn	

PROPOSED

-  Repair/repaint existing information board
-  Enhance pedestrian entrances, including signage
-  Interpretation outlining where the extent of the original cemetery was, including views to Akaroa Harbour
-  Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring there is a 2m clear area around the concrete wall

NOTE:

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery
2. All work is to be carried out according to Accepted Best Practice Guidelines for Historic Cemeteries

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale

LOCATION  
7 Rue Pompallier  
Akaroa  
OWNER  
Catholic Diocese of Christchurch  
STATUS  
Closed



# 10.6 Avonhead Park Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Avonhead Park Cemetery opened in 1983 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is surrounded by established trees in a park like setting.

Graves are marked either in the original lawn area with plaques or in the newer memorial area with headstones.

When the cemetery was developed in the late 1970s and early 1980s it was proposed that there would be a complete absence of memorials in the cemetery - no headstones and no plaques. Instead, a metal tag was buried on the spot where the deceased lay and names were added to the memorial wall by the records room. A metal detector could be utilised to track the location of specific graves. However, this scheme did not find favour with the community and the placement of lawn cemetery style plaques was allowed. In 1993 additional areas were created allowing for upright memorials.

The cemetery is not laid out in denominational divisions, however it is popular with the Polynesian and Asian communities and there are areas for children, stillborn and preborn. The extension to the cemetery was opened in August 2009 and includes the Interment Site for the Victims of the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake.

## Policies

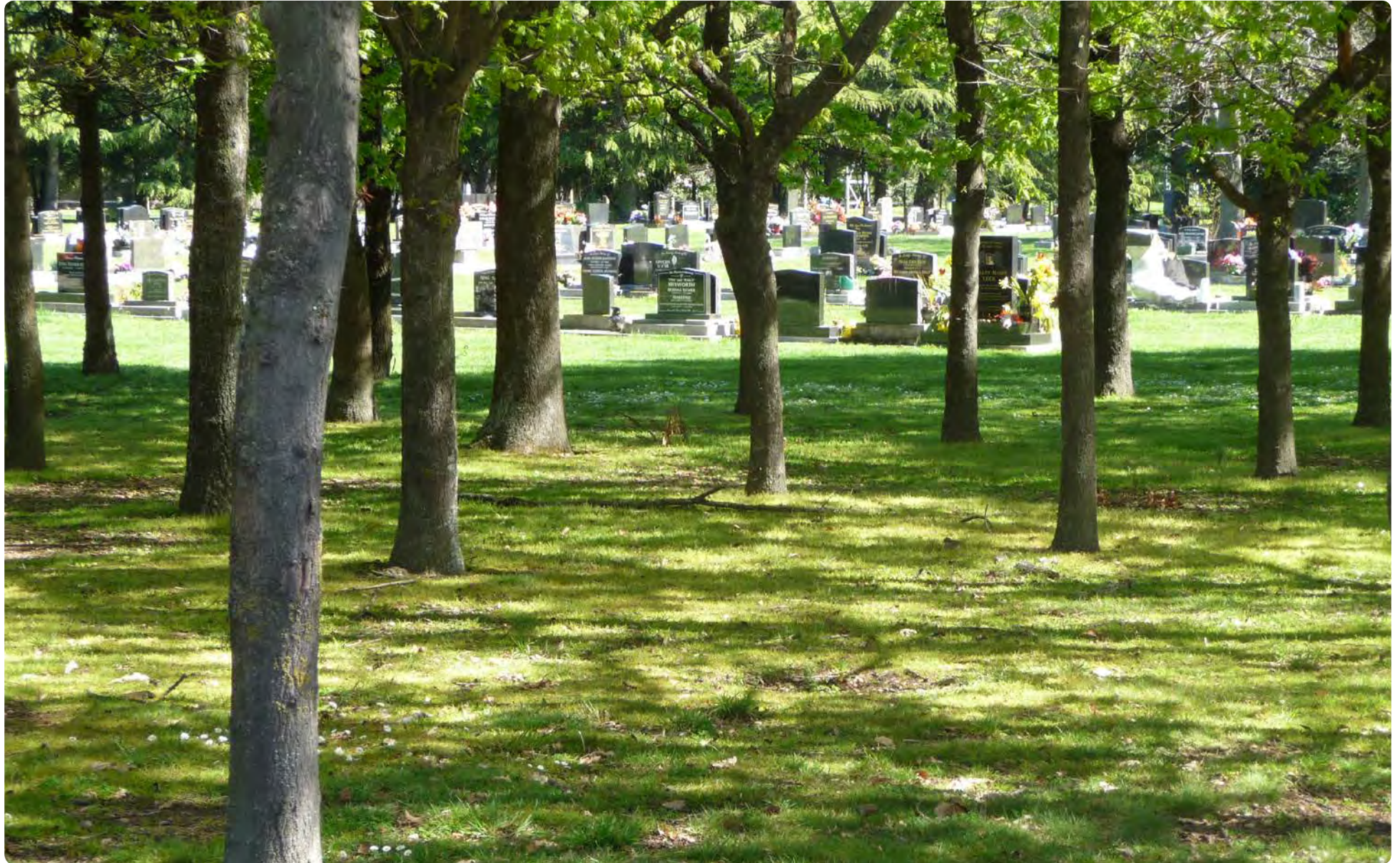
- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Ensure any adjacent city plan changes provide a suitable buffer to the cemetery and any future extensions and a connection with future adjacent public greenspace.

## Actions

- The exterior and interior of the public toilets and records room are in poor condition. Demolish these buildings and decommission the septic tank.
- Provide an open seating area including planting and granite walls with plaques to include information from the existing memorial walls.
- Enhance entrance including signage and modifications to the concrete entrance wall.
- Enhance the pedestrian connection with Avonhead Park including signage indicating the location of the public toilets in Avonhead Park.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing. The Eucalyptus trees in the northern area are to be progressively removed.
- Investigate options for acquiring adjacent land for future cemetery expansion.











### FEATURES

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Low Planting
- Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance including concrete wall with 'AVONHEAD PARK CEMETERY' signage and gates
- 2 Internal sealed road
- 3 Car park area
- 4 Records room
- 5 Public toilet
- 6 Shed
- 7 Memorial wall
- 8 Ashes beam
- 9 Still born and pre born area - unmarked graves within this area
- 10 Children's area
- 11 Graves and headstones - upright memorials
- 12 Graves and ground plaques - lawn area
- 13 Undeveloped area
- 14 Post and wire fence
- 15 Sister of Our Ladies of The Mission area
- 16 Little Company of Mary Sisters area
- 17 2011 Christchurch Earthquake Interment Site
- 18 Boundary fence - a mix of wood paling and corrugated iron

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

LOCATION: 140 Hawthornden Road, Avonhead  
 OWNER: Christchurch City Council  
 LAND AREA: 70,886m<sup>2</sup> (7.0886 Hectares)  
 ZONING: Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)  
 RELEVANT DESIGNATION: The cemetery is traversed by or is adjacent to high tension overhead power lines and pylons (under the Christchurch City Plan)  
 STATUS: Open







### FEATURES

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
			Shed
			2011 Christchurch Earthquake Interment Site
	Shrub Planting		
	Low planting		
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Records room to be removed
	Public toilet (including septic tank) to be removed
	Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Low Planting
	Burial area
	Post and chain fence
	Enhance entrance including signage, and modifications to the concrete entrance wall
	Enhance pedestrian connection with Avonhead Park, including signage to indicate the location of the public toilets in Avonhead Park
	Informal car parking along internal road
	Open seating area including planting and granite walls/plaques to include information from the memorial walls
	Signage to reduce vehicle speed around the Interment Site

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



## 10.7 Barbadoes Street Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Barbadoes Street Cemetery, the city's oldest cemetery opened in 1851 and closed in 1885. The cemetery is a cultural heritage landscape made up of three original, denominationally distinct cemeteries. The two lanes of one – way Barbadoes Street separate the former Roman Catholic and Dissenters Cemeteries on the west from the Church of England Cemetery on the east. Despite this significant physical separation there is a strong visual connection between the east and west cemetery landscapes, reinforced by their shared landscape character.

In the years after the cemeteries were closed, desecration and vandalism in the grounds increased. The history of the cemetery through most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was mainly one of neglect and vandalism. Community initiatives over the years have improved the cemetery and in recent years the general maintenance of the cemetery has been orientated towards order and passive amenity.

The Sexton's House on the Cambridge Terrace frontage of the former Church Of England Cemetery is the only surviving historic building associated with the use and management of the cemetery. The present house was built in the 1920s replacing an earlier cottage on the same site. Previously there was also a Mortuary Chapel which was demolished in 1955 and a Lych-gate.

The cemetery contains a mix of remnant ornamental tree species and introduced indigenous and exotic plant species. There are four observable overlays of planting. Remnant vegetation from the establishment and operation of the original cemeteries before they were closed (1851 – 1885), closure and post – closure 'sanitary planting strategies' (1885 – 1890), 1950s exotic ornamentals – possibly influenced by the colonial revival landscape style popular in New Zealand in that decade, 1970s native species plantings and mid 1990s plantings.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seats and any modifications to lighting are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and the sites historic context.
- All work is to align with the Barbadoes Street Cemetery Conservation Plan, July 2009.
- All work is to be carried out according to accepted best practice guidelines for historic cemeteries.
- The Sexton's House and grounds are to be kept separate from the cemetery while the property is not required by the Council.

### Actions

- Enhance pedestrian entrance including signage.
- The original Sextons House, Mortuary Chapel and Lych-gate sites (including history, design and location) are to be commemorated on an interpretation panel.
- Investigate means to improve surface water flooding to be done in conjunction with the Historic Places Trust.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric should be removed.












Existing Barbadoes Street Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Pedestrian entrance and modern lychgate, interpretation map/table and flag pole
- 2 Internal sealed pedestrian path with lighting
- 3 Sextons House - currently rented, built in the 1920s replacing an earlier cottage on the same site, the house is fenced off but does not have a separate title
- 4 Original location of mortuary chapel; consecrated in 1863 and demolished in 1955
- 5 Location of original lychgate
- 6 Church of England section
- 7 Roman Catholic section
- 8 Dissenters section
- 9 Retaining wall (Halswell stone)
- 10 Concrete post and chain fence
- 11 Pedestrian access to Churchill Street
- 12 Boundary fence - a mix of wood paling and corrugated iron
- 13 Flag pole

Note: additional features include seats

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 357 Cambridge Terrace  
389 & 391 Barbadoes Street  
Christchurch City

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 32,653m<sup>2</sup>  
(3,2653 Hectares)

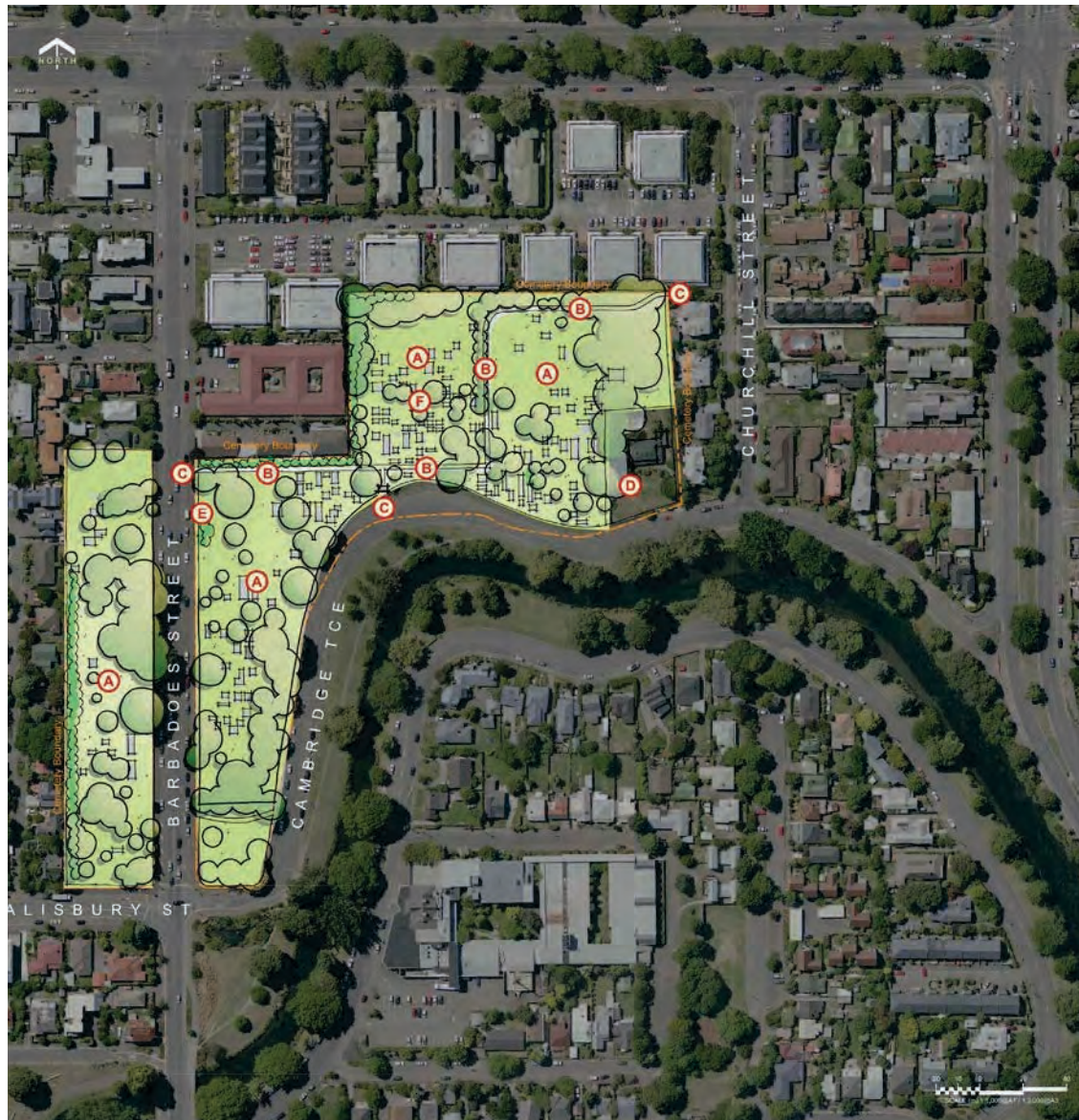
**ZONING:** Conservation Z

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** Archaeological site under the Historic Places Act  
It is a heritage building, place or object  
Notable trees  
(under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Closed
















**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub planting		Asphalt footpath Note: when the footpath is replaced it is to be crushed compacted chip not asphalt
	Lawn		

**PROPOSED**

-  Enhance pedestrian entrance including signage
-  Interpretation outlining the history, design and location of the original and current Sextons House
-  Interpretation outlining the history, design and location of the original mortuary chapel and lychgate
-  Establish a solution for a surface water drainage system, to be done in conjunction with the Historic Places Trust

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats and any modifications to lighting are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and the sites historic context
2. All work is to align with the Barbadoes Street Cemetery Conservation Plan, July 2009
3. All work is to be carried out according to Accepted Best Practice Guidelines for Historic Cemeteries

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
357 Cambridge Terrace  
389 & 391 Barbadoes Street  
Christchurch City

**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS**  
Closed

# 10.8 Belfast Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Belfast Cemetery opened in 1904 and is available for burials in pre purchased plots and second interments only.

Originally a traditional cemetery with large traditional monumental style headstones the cemetery was redeveloped in 1985 as a lawn cemetery, catering for upright and reclining memorials. The memorial area of the cemetery is divided into rooms using a series of hedges. There are two distinctive areas in the cemetery, the children's area and the Orthodox Russian area.

The rural location of the cemetery is significant, and is part of the reason the cemetery has been so popular in the past. From all sides of the cemetery there are rural vistas, which help provide a feeling of openness. There are a number of established trees in the cemetery in keeping with the memorial park nature of the cemetery. Plantings include hedges, exotic and native planting. Existing buildings include a public toilet and a shed.

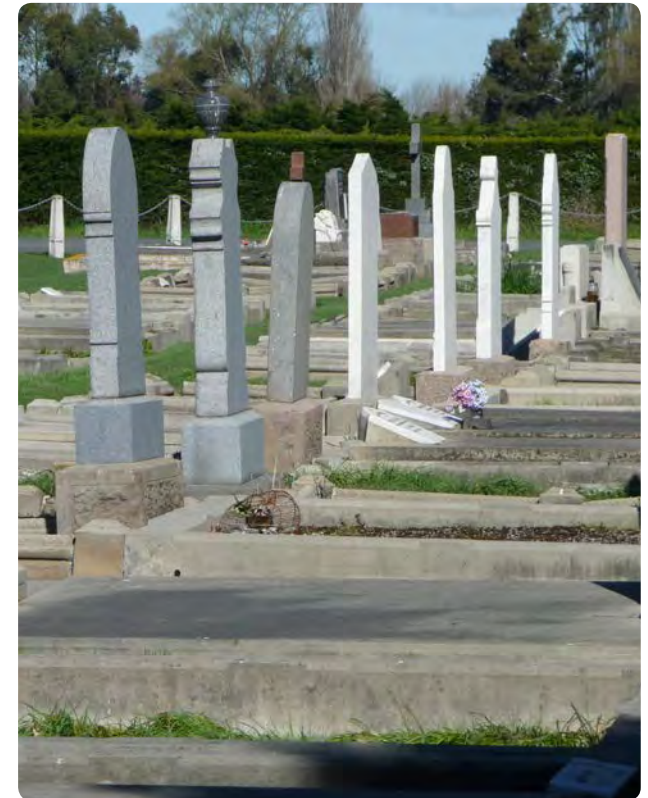
The recent purchase of additional cemetery land will enable further development in the short term.

## Policies

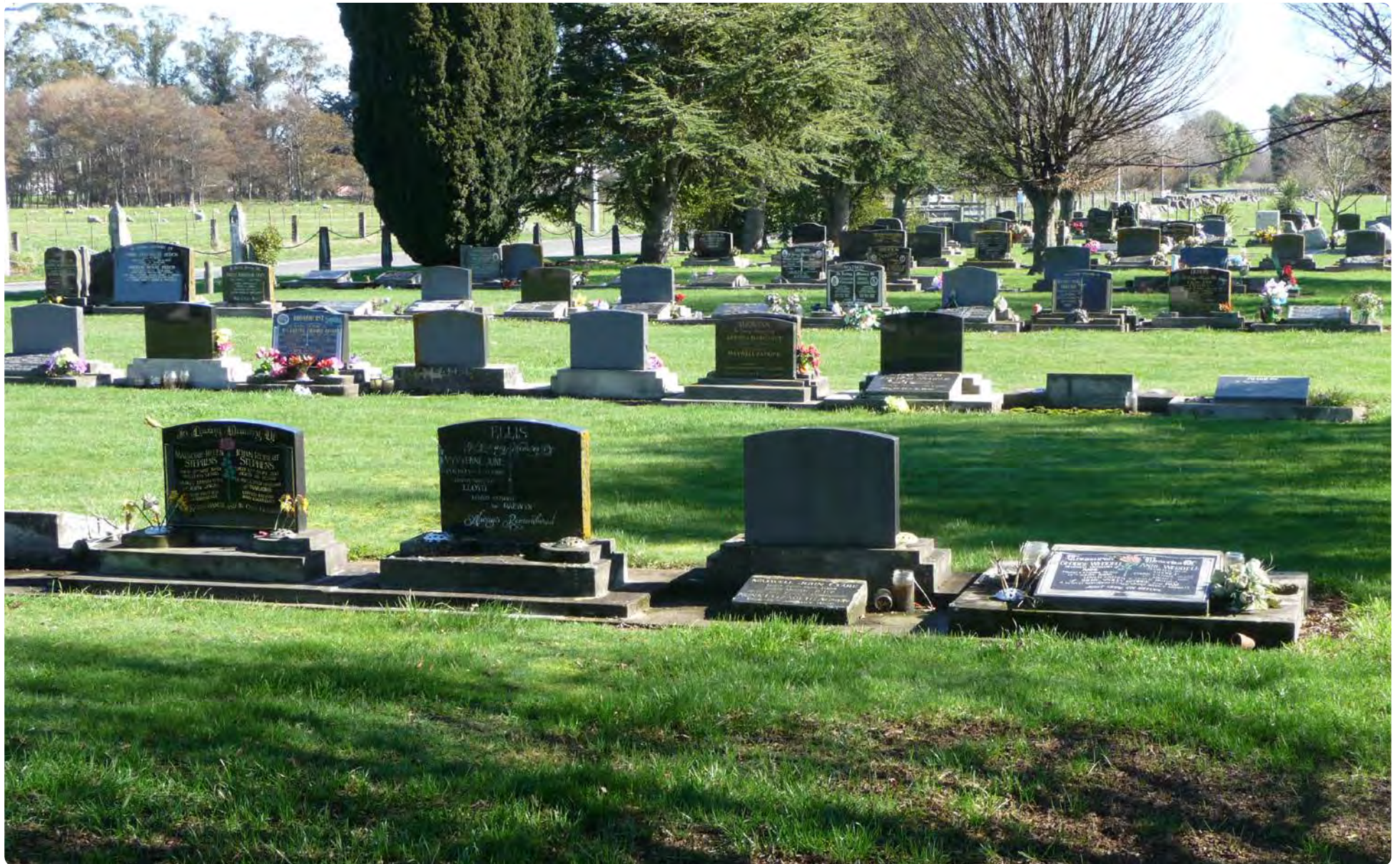
- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Ensure any adjacent city plan changes provide a suitable buffer to the cemetery and any future extensions. Ideally this should include a connection with Kaputone Stream via public openspace.

## Actions

- Cemetery expansion including access road, fencing, footpath connection and landscaping.
- The entrance to the cemetery is to be realigned to allow for access to the proposed extension. As part of the northern arterial development, the entrance location will be negotiated with NZTA.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Investigate options for acquiring adjacent land for future cemetery expansion including a possible Eco-burial site.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric are to be removed.













Existing Belfast Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Hedge
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance
- 2 Internal access road
- 3 Car park (small)
- 4 Public toilet
- 5 Shed
- 6 Ashes beam / Quarter plots
- 7 Children's area
- 8 White Russian 'Old Bel' evers' area
- 9 Graves and headstones – traditional monumental style headstones
- 10 Graves and headstones – upright and reclining memorial style headstones.
- 11 Undeveloped area
- 12 Mix of fences including post and rail wood fence and a concrete post and chain fence
- 13 Post and wire fence
- 14 Two historic concrete posts (with plaques)

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 15 Guthries Road  
Belfast

**OWNER:** Crown

**LAND AREA:** 20,319m<sup>2</sup>  
(2.0319 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** This cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Public toilet
	Low planting		Shed
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Fence to be removed
	Entrance to be removed

**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Low Planting
	Burial area
	Post and chain fence
	Entrance gates and signage
	Internal access road
	Footpath
	Informal car parking along road

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery
2. The cemetery entrance may be relocated further west along Belfast Road as part of NZTA work in the area, as Belfast Road will pass over the proposed northern arterial



## 10.9 Bromley Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Bromley Cemetery opened in 1918 and although it is approaching capacity it is still open for burials in pre purchased plots and second interments only. The cemetery is located on ancient dunes which are still partly visible along Keighley's Road.

The cemetery is a typical traditional monumental cemetery and is laid out in a highly regimented north-south orientation allowing graves to face due east or west. Narrow mown grass paths bisect the graves breaking the 'mass' of headstones and grave coverings into smaller rectangular 'blocks'. Tree planting is largely confined to the edges of the cemetery and along the main vehicle drive. A Sexton's House is located in the south-east corner and there is a public toilet.

The majority of monuments tend to be lower and more conservative than other cemeteries, providing a more orderly appearance which is accentuated by the uniformity of the Services section. There is an area for stillborns and preborns and there is a memorial for stillborn children.

### Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- The Sexton's House is vacant and in poor condition, this is to be removed including outbuildings so the land can be used for burials.
- Open up the cemetery entranceway to improve visibility into the cemetery by removing the large overgrown macrocarpa hedge. Improved visibility into the cemetery from the road could deter vandalism and undesirable behaviour.
- The post and wire fence around the road boundary is to be replaced with a post and chain fence and low planting.
- Remove hedges and replace with low planting and post and chain fence.
- Enhance entrance including replanting, signage and modifications to the entrance wall.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.













Existing Bromley Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

	Trees
	Hedge
	Shrub Planting
	Lawn

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Vehicle and pedestrian entrance including entry wall with "BROMLEY CEMETERY" signage and wrought iron gates (note - signage is missing)</li> <li>② Internal sealed access road</li> <li>③ Public car park outside the cemetery - predominantly used by adjacent Linwood Crematorium</li> <li>④ Public toilet</li> <li>⑤ Old Sextons House (currently vacant)</li> <li>⑥ Stillborn memorial</li> <li>⑦ Stillborn and pre born area - Unmarked graves within this area</li> <li>⑧ Services area</li> <li>⑨ Little Company of Mary area</li> <li>⑩ Nazareth House area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⑪ Roman Catholic Bishops of Christchurch area</li> <li>⑫ Redemptionist Fathers area</li> <li>⑬ Sisters of the Missions area</li> <li>⑭ Society of Jesus area</li> <li>⑮ Dense macrocarpa hedge</li> <li>⑯ Wood and wire fence</li> <li>⑰ Concrete post and chain fence</li> <li>⑱ Graves and headstones</li> <li>⑲ Boundary fence - a mix of wood paling and corrugated iron</li> </ul> <p><small>Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins</small></p>
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**DATA**

<b>LOCATION:</b>	429 Linwood Avenue Bromley
<b>OWNER:</b>	Christchurch City Council
<b>LAND AREA:</b>	107,701m <sup>2</sup> (10.7701 Hectares)
<b>ZONING:</b>	Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)
<b>RELEVANT DESIGNATION:</b>	The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)
<b>STATUS:</b>	Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Lawn
- Burial Area
- Public toilet

**EXISTING - to be removed**

- Old sextons house and buildings to be removed
- Trees/hedge to be removed
- Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Low Planting
- Burial area (approx 200-300 plots)
- Post and chain fence
- Enhance vehicle entrance including signage and modifications to the concrete entrance wall
- Pedestrian entrance
- Informal car parking along internal road

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale

**LOCATION**  
429 Linwood Avenue  
Bromley  
**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council  
**STATUS**  
Open

# 10.10 Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery was officially opened in May 2002. The cemetery is designed in terraces in accordance with the natural topography of the site and has been designed in a manner that allows it to blend in a park – like manner with the adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve.

The cemetery is in the memorial garden style with low, raised headstones placed on concrete beams.

There are informal walking tracks to the cemetery from the Stoddart Point Reserve.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- The lower terraces are not conducive to Eco-burials because the clay soil conditions in the cemetery are susceptible to water logging and low in organic matter required for bacteria and native regeneration. The lower terraces should be left as long-term conventional burial sites. Green burials are possible wherever traditional burials are permitted (refer to the Handbook for Green Burial criteria and conditions).
- When the first terrace has reached its capacity as a burial area then the next area for burials is to be the area on the top of the circular mound. When this area has also reached its capacity, the middle and lower terraces are to be used for burial plots. In the future the lower terrace will need to be accessed from Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve.
- Memorial trees can be planted in the shrub borders, species to be selected by the Council and a memorial plaque placed on the memorial wall.

## Actions

- Rezone the cemetery from Recreation to Conservation 4.
- Construct a memorial wall for ashes and plaques (including commemorative plaques for ashes or burials at sea), utilising the existing sunken area.
- Enhance entrance including gates, signage and planting.
- Form vehicle access to top of first terrace and provide a footpath to all three levels including steps and handrails where required.
- Enhance pedestrian access from adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve, including signage and removal of fence where required.
- Tree maintenance work.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Investigations have revealed that no area within the cemetery is suitable for Eco-burials due to the water content and / or the clay soil. Potential alternative sites in the southern harbour area will be investigated.









Existing Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

- Trees
- Low Planting
- Shrub Planting
- Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance
- 2 Pedestrian access (from adjacent reserve)
- 3 Access road (steep)
- 4 Car park
- 5 Chip path
- 6 Graves and headstones
- 7 Services area
- 8 Undeveloped area
- 9 Post and rail wood fence
- 10 Post and wire fence
- 11 Sunken circular mound area

Note: additional features include seats and water taps

**DATA**

LOCATION: 20 Waipapa Ave  
Diamond Harbour

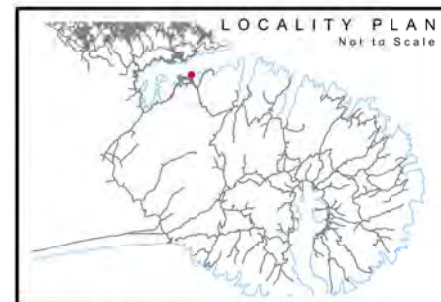
OWNER: Christchurch City Council

LAND AREA: 11,944m<sup>2</sup>  
(1.1944 Hectares)

ZONING: Recreation Reserve

RELEVANT DESIGNATION:

STATUS: Open







### FEATURES

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Low planting
- Lawn
- Burial Area

**EXISTING - to be removed**

- Fence to be removed
- Footpath to be removed

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Low Planting
- Burial area
- Enhance entrance including gates and signage
- Internal access road to mate into existing grass vehicle track
- Chip footpath, steps and handrail
- Enhance pedestrian access from adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve, including signage
- Sunken area to be modified as a Memorial Wall with seating for ashes and plaques (including commemorative plaques for ashes or burial at sea)
- Maintain planting around the cemetery ensuring it does not encroach onto grave sites
- Memorial trees can be planted in the shrub borders, species to be selected by the Council and a memorial plaque placed on the memorial wall
- Future burial or ash area depending on ground conditions and possible vehicle access via Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve. The area may need additional design to allow for a boardwalk and Memorial Wall for plaques and ashes if ground conditions don't improve

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



# 10.11 Duvauchelle Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Duvauchelle Cemetery is located on the hill just outside the settlement of Duvauchelle, at the head of the Akaroa Harbour Basin. The cemetery was opened in 1881 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is enclosed by a well maintained macrocarpa hedge at the base of the slope. There are excellent views northwards over the whole harbour basin from the cemetery.

The cemetery is set out in long, level rows of back to back headstones. There are distinctive family areas in the cemetery however, there is no evidence of denominational division. The cemetery has a variety of headstones from Victorian style to more recent modern upright memorial headstones. Most of the headstones and covers are in good condition.

Several mature oak trees are randomly located throughout the cemetery.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Remove the existing car park, post and wire fence and trees in the fruit trial area.
- Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including gates, fencing and signage, internal access road and compacted chip footpaths.
- New car park area including retaining where required.
- Construct a toilet with disabled access.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.













Existing Duvauchelle Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Hedge
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle entrance via a (steep gravel drive)
- 2 Car park
- 3 Pedestrian entrance (wood steps with handrail)
- 4 Graves and headstones
- 5 Undeveloped area - currently grazed
- 6 Post and wire fence
- 7 Shed
- 8 Old fruit tree trail area

Note: additional features include seats and water taps

**DATA**

LOCATION: 6267 Christchurch Akaroa Road  
Duvauchelle

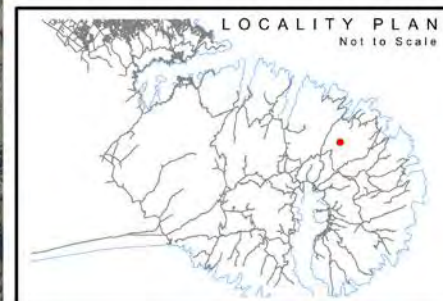
OWNER: Christchurch City Council

LAND AREA: 13,105m<sup>2</sup>  
(1.3105 Hectares)

ZONING: Rural

RELEVANT DESIGNATION: For Cemetery Purposes and for Waterworks Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

STATUS: Open







### FEATURES

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Shed
	Hedge		
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Tree to be removed/thinned (trees in the fruit trail area)
	Shrubs to be removed
	Post and wire fence to be removed
	Car park to be removed

**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Low Planting

	Burial area
	Post and chain fence
	Vehicle entrance including gates and signage
	Enhance pedestrian entrance including signage
	Internal road
	Internal compacted chip footpath
	Car park area (including retaining where required)
	Informal car parking along internal road
	Unisex public toilet with disabled access

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

### LOCALITY PLAN

Not to Scale

**LOCATION**  
5267 Christchurch Akaroa Road  
Duvauchelle

**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS**  
Open

# 10.12 Kaituna Valley Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Kaituna Valley Cemetery is located adjacent to St Kentigens Church. The cemetery opened in 1935 and is still open for full burials.

The rural location of this cemetery is significant as from all aspects of the site there are rural vistas which helps provide a feeling of openness. Within the cemetery area, which is operational, there are no trees. This is in contrast to the mature trees within the Church yard.

The plots in the cemetery are laid out with rows back to back orientate the same direction east-west. The existing layout plan for the cemetery indicates denominational separation however, this has not been enforced. The headstones are mainly upright memorial headstones. There are a few with simple low cross structures and some plaques are attached to a cut natural rock. Extensive use of Halswell Quarry stone as plot covers is a significant feature of this cemetery.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Formalise the boundary and reclaim the cemetery land for cemetery purposes including removing existing post and wire fencing and any new fencing required.
- Formalise entrance to the cemetery with a gravel driveway from Kaituna Valley Road to the cemetery including wooden entrance gates (in a similar style to the church gates), signage and any retaining required.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.









Existing Kaituna Valley Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

Lawn

- 1 Vehicle entrance (private property)
- 2 Pedestrian entrance (via adjacent church grounds)
- 3 Undeveloped area (not currently fenced as part of cemetery)
- 4 St Kentigans Church
- 5 Graves and headstones
- 6 Post and wire fence

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 399 Kaituna Valley Road  
Kaituna

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 943m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.0941 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Rural

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

-  Lawn
-  Burial Area

**EXISTING - to be removed**

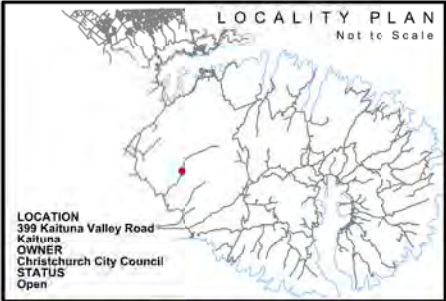
-  Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

-  Trees
-  Burial Area
-  Formalise the boundary and reclaim the cemetery land for cemetery purposes
-  Fence the boundary with a stock fence
-  Post and chain fence
-  Formalise entrance (gravel driveway) from Kaituna Valley Road, including wooden entrance gates (in a similar style to the church gates) and signage

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



# 10.13 Le Bons Bay Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Le Bons Bay Cemetery opened in 1862 and is still open for full burials. It is generally flat with a moist treed section near the western end. The rural location of the cemetery is significant, from all sides of the cemetery there are rural vistas which helps provide a feeling of openness. A large area of the cemetery is fenced off and either grazed or open for public access to the lagoon.

The cemetery has a formal layout with distinctive family areas. The cemetery has a variety of graves/ headstones from older Victorian style to more recent upright memorial headstones.

The cemetery has strong community associations and is maintained by the local community.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

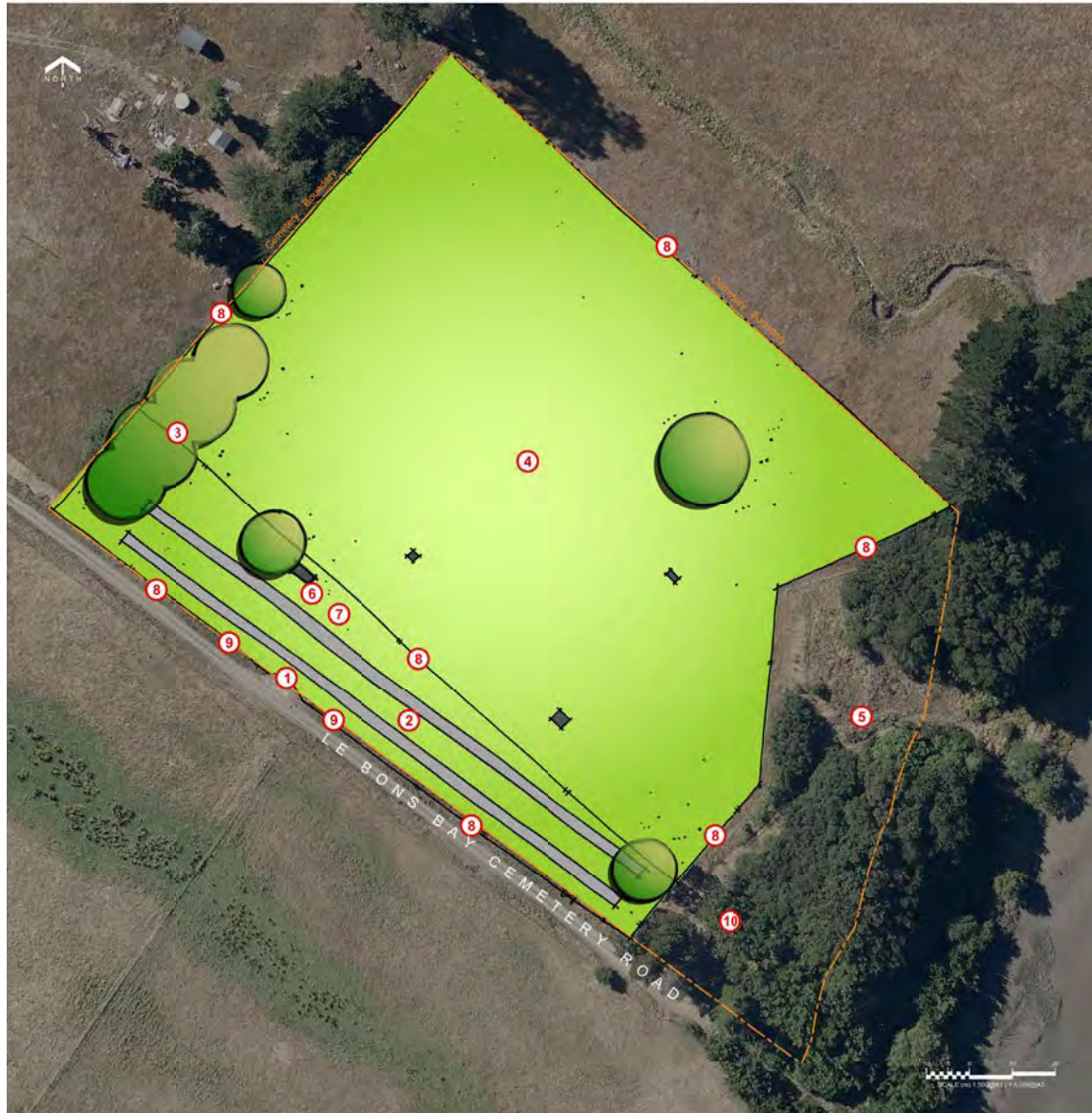
- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Some marked graves are outside the fenced area and susceptible to damage from stock, these need to be fenced either individually or collectively to protect the headstones.
- Entrance signage.
- Formalise a lease arrangement with the farmer to continue grazing the area of the cemetery where there are no headstones.
- Investigate as a potential Eco-burial site location.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.













### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance, wooden gates and pergola structure
- 2 Graves and headstones
- 3 Informal and unmarked grave plots scattered within this area
- 4 Undeveloped area - contains marked and unmarked graves and is currently grazed
- 5 Undeveloped area - informal access to lagoon
- 6 Shed
- 7 Wood panel with plaques
- 8 Post and wire fence
- 9 Wood picket fence
- 10 Waste and depo area (including shed)

Note: additional feaures include seats

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 27 Le Bons Bay Cemetery Road  
Le Bons Bay

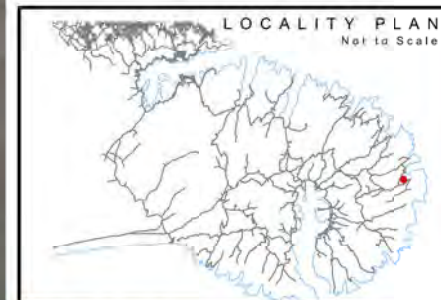
**OWNER:** Department of Conservation

**LAND AREA:** 27.494m<sup>2</sup>  
(2.7494 Hectares)

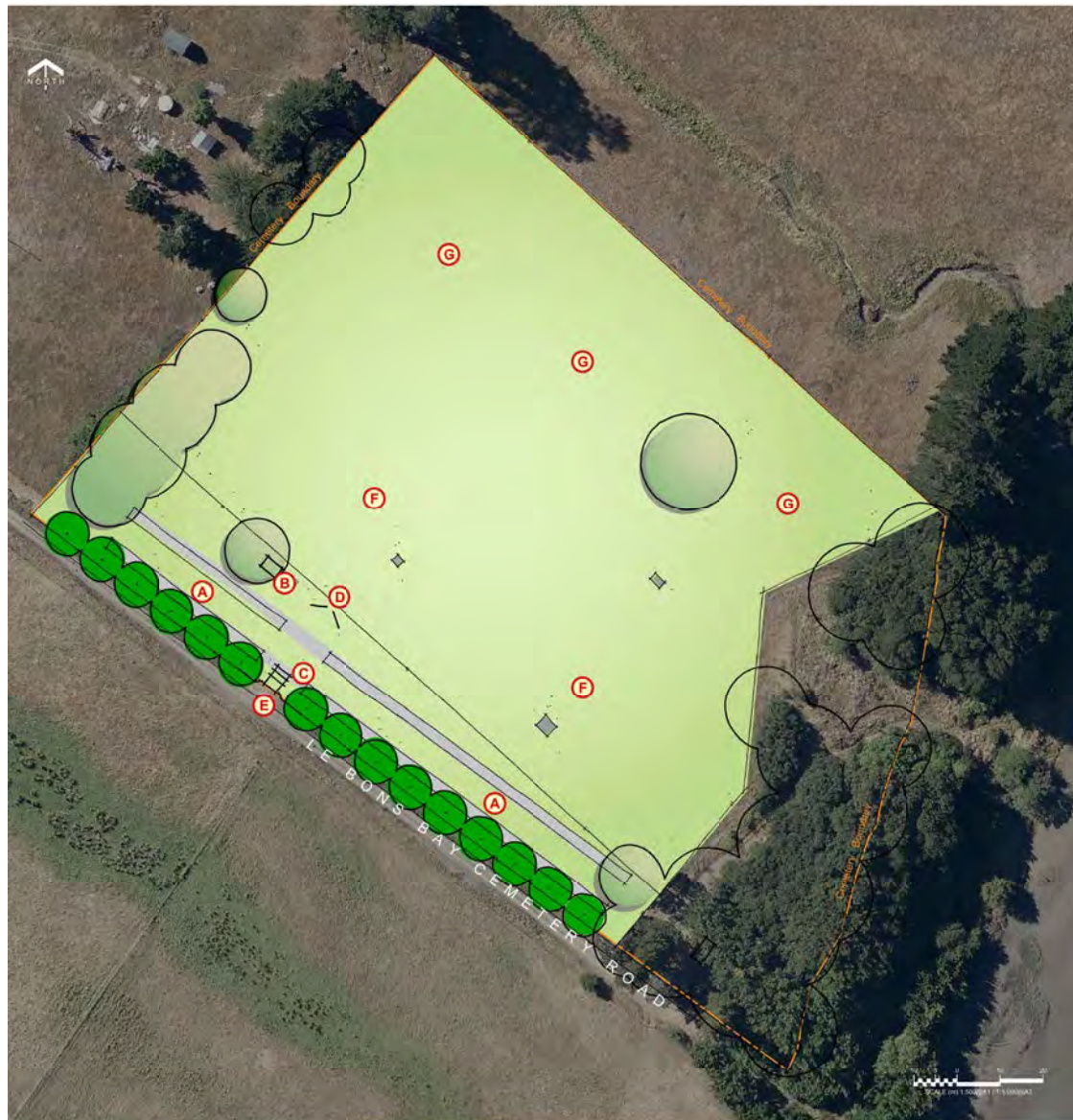
**ZONING:** Rural

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open

















**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

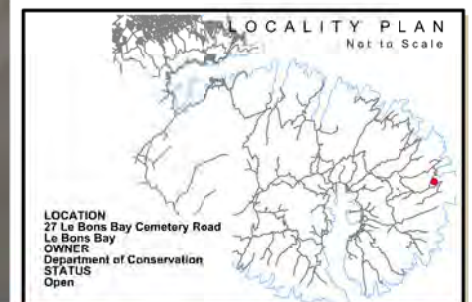
 Trees	 Burial Area
 Lawn	 Shed
	 Wood pergola
	 Wood panel with plaques

**PROPOSED**

 Trees	
 Enhance entrance including signage	
 Ensure marked and unmarked graves outside the fenced area are protected	
 Potential Eco-burial site/location	

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



# 10.14 Linwood Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Linwood Cemetery opened in 1884 and is available for burials in pre purchased plots, second interments and the Jewish area only. The cemetery was the first Christchurch cemetery located outside the town 'on sanitary grounds' and is situated on what was once a large sand dune.

The cemetery is open to all denominations and is divided into specific areas. The layout of the cemetery is a variety of grid patterns despite the undulating topography.

The cemetery has a Jewish section, including graves re - sited from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish Cemetery in Hereford Street and is an important site for the Hebrew community as it is the only designated Jewish cemetery in Christchurch.

In 1884 the Council approved the construction of a tramway to the cemetery from the corner of Cashel and High streets and by 1885 had built a tramway hearse. Although now covered by asphalt, tram tracks survive beneath the main pathway within the cemetery.

There was a Sexton's Lodge situated near the Butterfield Avenue entrance and a simple mourning kiosk. New gates similar in design to the original were built in 2005 at the Butterfield Avenue entrance.

The cemetery contains a range of graves from traditional monumental style to newer memorial style. There are a small number of elaborate sculptural monuments the most notable being the Fairhurst mausoleum, the Peacock mausoleum and the Henry Thomson grave.

Plantings in the cemetery include exotic and more recent native planting, pines and macrocarpas which are concentrated around the perimeter of the cemetery.

## Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- All work is to align with the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan, February 2006.
- Maintain regular contact with the Friends of Linwood Cemetery and formalise an agreement with them to facilitate their assistance where possible, using the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan and the Development Plan as the basis of work being undertaken in the cemetery.

## Actions

- Replace existing post and wire fence around the boundary of the cemetery with a post and chain fence and low planting.
- Remove asphalt cover over the buried tramlines leaving the adjacent asphalt for vehicle access, following guidance from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.
- Enhance pedestrian entrances including disabled access, planting and signage.
- Enhance car park area including signage.
- Enhance tramline turning circle area with seating and planting.
- Interpretation outlining original location of the Sextons Lodge, tramway and mourning kiosks.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal of pines in southern area.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.














### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance including wooden gates in similar design to the original with the words 'LINWOOD CEMETERY'
- 2 Internal sealed access road.
- 3 Car park
- 4 Internal sealed and limestone chip pedestrian path
- 5 Public toilets in Bromley Park
- 6 Original location of Sextons Lodge, there are many unmarked graves in this area
- 7 Approximate location of original mourning kiosks
- 8 Original location of Tramway, buried tram lines, rails and sleepers beneath asphalt access road
- 9 The Church of England area
- 10 Jewish area
- 11 Presbyterian free area
- 12 Wesleyan burial area
- 13 Quarter plots, non denominational area
- 14 Roman Catholic area
- 15 Sisters of Mercy area
- 16 The Sisters of the Anglican Community of the Sacred Name area
- 17 Church of England free area
- 18 Wood post and wire fence
- 19 Retaining wall
- 20 Interpretation panel

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATON:** 25 Butterfield Avenue  
Linwood

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 85,526m<sup>2</sup>  
(8.526 Hectares)

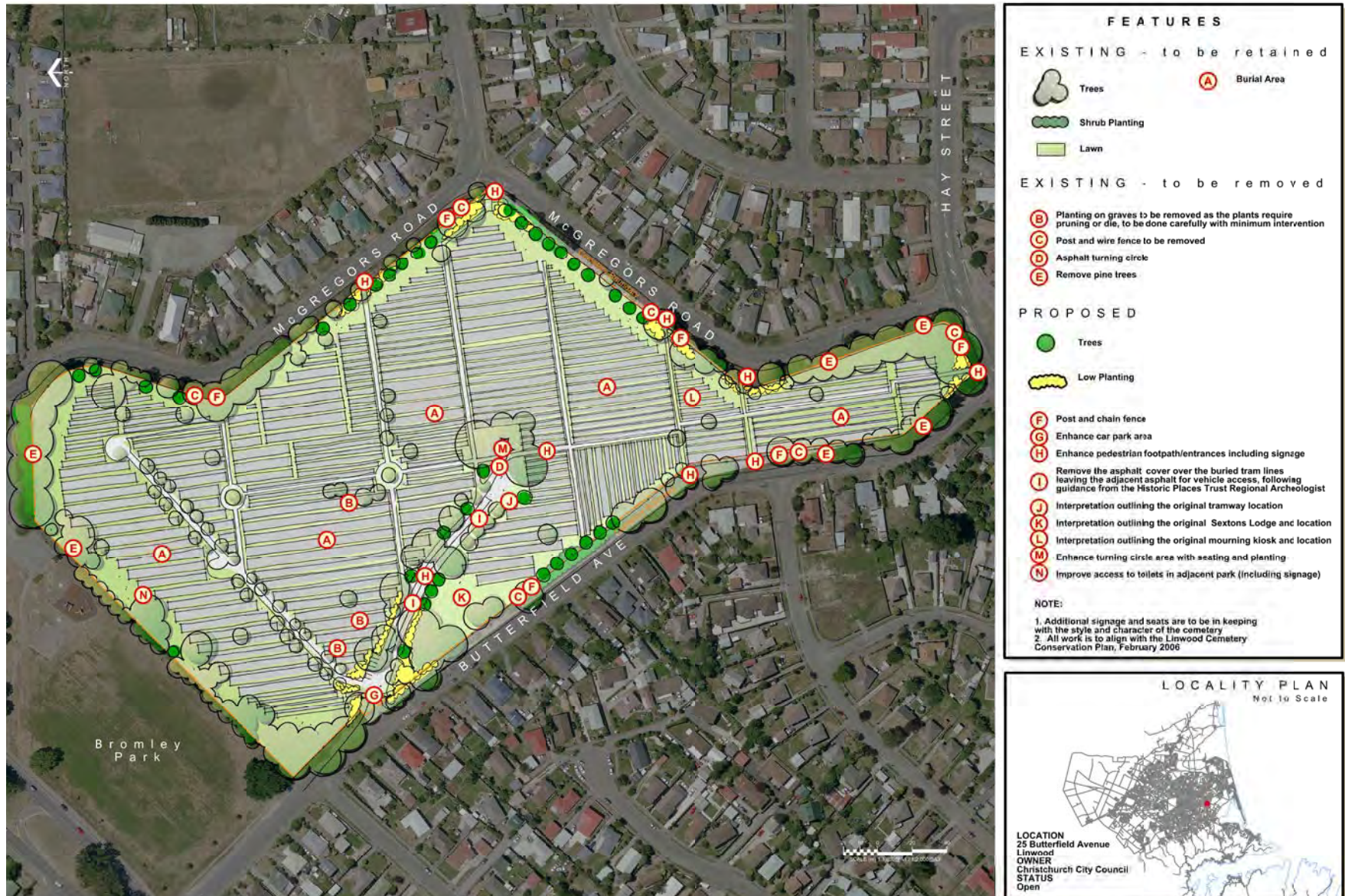
**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open









# 10.15 Little River Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Little River Cemetery is located adjacent to St Andrews Church just outside Little River. It opened in 1878 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is surrounded by exotic and native vegetation and has open views out to the Little River Valley and the foothills.

The cemetery is laid out in a grid with wide mown paths and has a variety of headstones from typical Victorian period with upright stone headstones to more recent granite and stone memorial styles many of them with covered concrete covers.

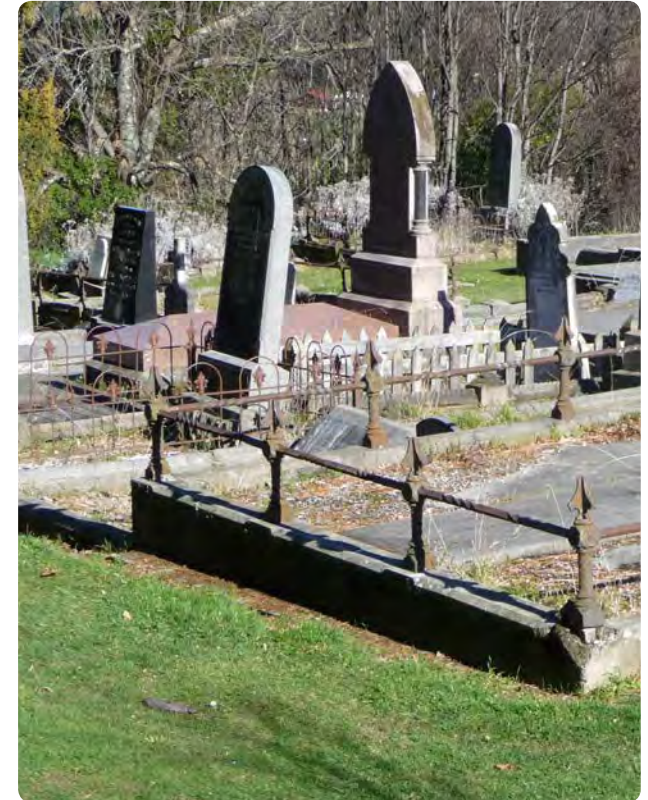
A local cemetery with many family plots and strong connections to past and present communities.

## Policies

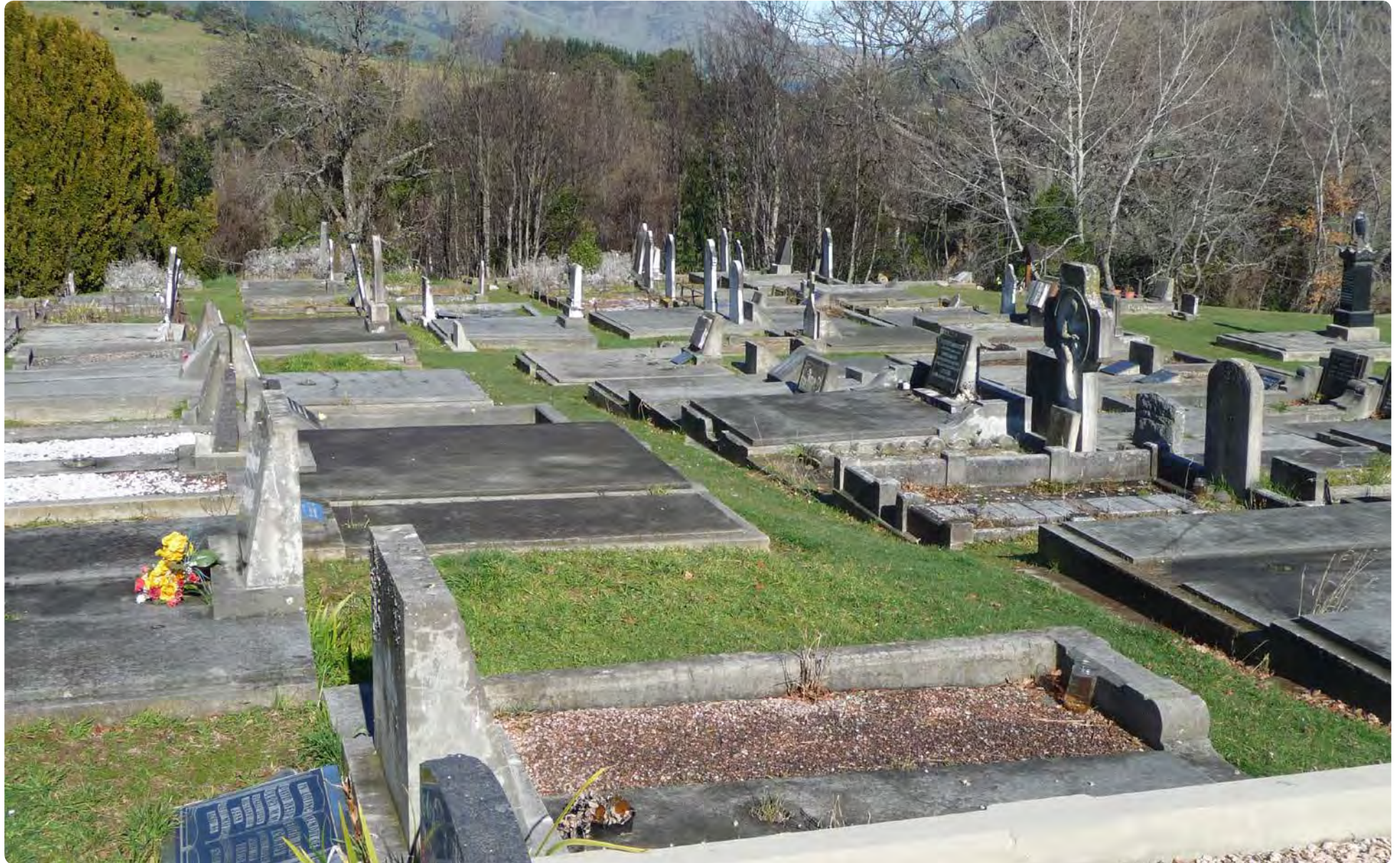
- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Develop vehicle access into the cemetery from the church car park and define the area between the car park and the cemetery with a post and chain fence.
- Enhance the existing wooden vehicle and pedestrian gates including signage.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.












Existing Little River Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Shrub Plantng
-  Lawn

- 1 Entranceway and gates (wood)
- 2 Stumping along driveways
- 3 Informal car park area on church land
- 4 Graves and headstones
- 5 Undeveloped area
- 6 Undeveloped area (steep)
- 7 St Andrews church
- 8 Septic tank
- 9 Post and wire fence
- 10 There may be unmarked graves in this area

Note: additional features include seats and a water tap

**DATA**

LOCATION: 30 Upper Church Road  
Little River

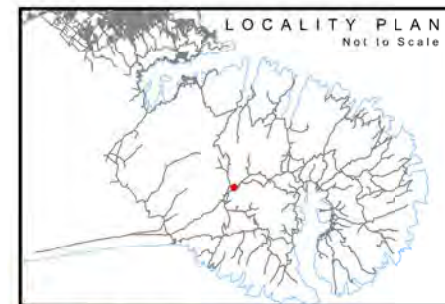
OWNER: Christchurch City Council

LAND AREA: 8,251m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.8251 Hectares)

ZONING: Conservation Reserve

RELEVANT DESIGNATION:

STATUS: Open







**FEATURES**

EXISTING - to be retained

 Trees	 Burial Area
 Shrub Planting	 St Andrews Church
 Lawn	

PROPOSED

 Trees	
 Burial Area	
 Develop vehicle access into the cemetery from the church car park (to include gates)	
 Define the area between the car park and cemetery with a post and chain fence	
 Enhance the existing wooden pedestrian and vehicle gate (including signage)	
 The east boundary along the driveway may require retaining to stop slumping	

NOTE:  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale

LOCATION  
30 Upper Church Road  
Little River  
OWNER  
Christchurch City Council  
STATUS  
Open

## 10.16 Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery also known as Lyttelton Public Cemetery opened in 1850. The cemetery is only available for burial and ash interments in pre-purchased plots and second interments, however, due to the large amount of recent earthquake damage in the cemetery any future interments in the cemetery will be on a case by case basis.

The cemetery is formal Victorian in style, although the formality is lessened due to the topography of the setting. There are views to the port and wider Lyttelton Harbour from higher elevations in the cemetery.

The original headstones and grave surrounds are traditional in character. The more modern headstones generally located on the lower elevations are smaller and more contemporary in style. There is a recent influenza memorial.

Most of the vegetation is confined to the east and west boundaries and comprises of ash, sycamore and oak with some conifer species. Some of these exotic broadleaf species extend into the cemetery informally either side of the main path.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Further applications for interments to be on a case by case basis.
- Any spare plot areas will be allocated to those who have pre-purchased plots which are now not useable due to earthquake damage.

### Actions

- Enhance vehicle entrance including plastering concrete block pillars and any repairs required to the volcanic stone retaining wall and signage.
- Enhance the pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates, fencing and signage.
- Provide clear signage to show where the existing water tap is.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Investigate earthquake land damage.
- Investigate the possibility that some areas of the cemetery may be unused (using ground penetrating radar).
- Check the northern cemetery boundary as the current fence may not be in the correct location.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Investigate suitable locations for steps and a memorial wall to be installed. The wall is to include provision for lost-at-sea commemorations.















### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Hedge
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance and gates (block pillars with wrought iron gates)
- 2 Car park area on Canterbury Street (not on cemetery land) with a steel pipe gate system in place at north and south ends to prevent through traffic
- 3 Volcanic stone retaining wall
- 4 Internal access road
- 5 Pedestrian entrance
- 6 Concrete retaining wall with headstones inserted.
- 7 1918 influenza epidemic area – there are unmarked graves within this area
- 8 Influenza memorial seating area
- 9 Graves and headstones
- 10 Undeveloped area (steep)
- 11 Post and wire fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 87 Oxford Street  
Lyttelton

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 12,919m<sup>2</sup>  
(1.2919 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Residential

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Post and wire fence to be removed
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**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Post and chain fence
	Enhance vehicle entrance including plastering concrete block pillars and signage
	Enhance pedestrian entrance
	Enhance car park area (outside cemetery area)
	Volcanic stone retaining wall to be repaired where rocks are showing signs of dislodgement
	Investigate possibility for future interments in this area
	Existing water tap to be clearly signposted

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
87 Oxford Street  
Lyttelton

**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS**  
Open

# 10.17 Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery also known as the Lyttelton Cemetery was opened in 1873. The cemetery is available for burial and ash interments in pre purchased plots and second interments however due to the large amount of recent earthquake damage in the cemetery any future interments in the cemetery will be on a case by case basis.

The cemetery is located on a steep hillside and is divided into three sections, Catholic, Services and Public (from north to south). The graves are terraced on the hillside tightly laid in a grid formation with concrete terracing and steps with paths dissecting the various sections. The cemetery has a variety of graves/ headstones from older Victorian style plots with covers or kerbing to newer memorial style, however the older style is more predominant.

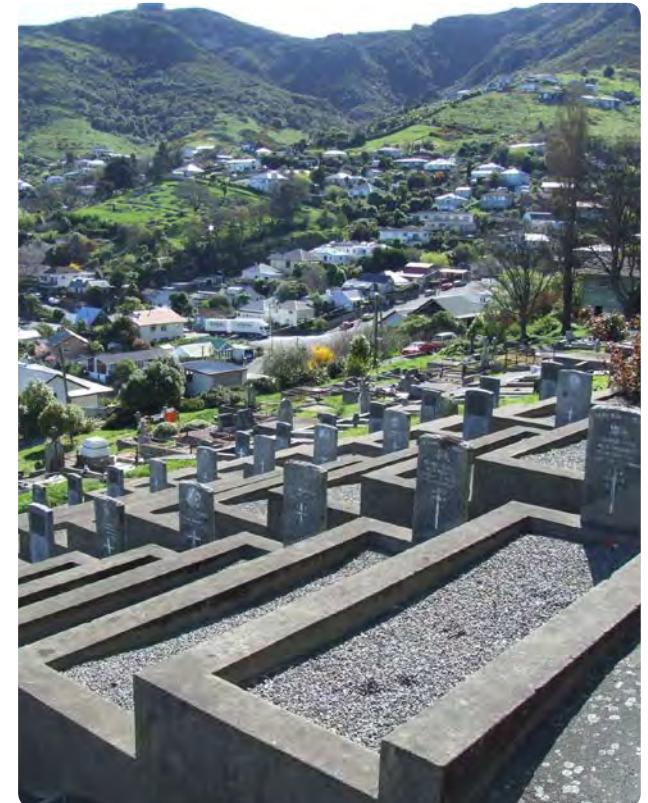
There is a significant amount of earthquake damage in the cemetery.

## Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Further applications for interment to be on a case by case basis.
- Any spare plot areas will be allocated to those who have pre purchased plots which are not useable due to earthquake damage.

## Actions

- Enhance the pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates and signage.
- Continue the stone retaining wall along the Reserve Terrace frontage.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Investigate earthquake land damage.
- Investigate the possibility that some areas of the cemetery may be unused (using ground penetrating radar).
- Develop protocol to manage areas of the cemetery with badly damaged graves, broken headstones and concrete kerbing.












Existing Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle access/track (not on cemetery land)
- 2 Pedestrian entrance and wrought iron gates
- 3 Pedestrian entrance
- 4 Catholic area
- 5 Public area
- 6 Services area
- 7 R.S.A. flag
- 8 Concrete steps
- 9 Stone retaining wall
- 10 Graves and headstones
- 11 Wood paling fence
- 12 Mesh fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 56 Reserve Terrace  
Lyttelton

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 8,385m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.8365 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Residential

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open

















**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

 Trees	 Burial Area
 Shrub Planting	
 Lawn	

**PROPOSED**


 Trees	
 Low Planting	

-  **B** Enhance the existing pedestrian entrance, incorporate and recondition the existing wrought iron gates and signage
-  **C** Enhance the existing pedestrian entrance
-  **D** Enhance the car park area including surfacing, planting and signage (outside cemetery area)
-  **E** Continue the stone retaining wall along the front of Reserve Terrace

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
56 Reserve Terrace  
Lyttelton  
**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council  
**STATUS**  
Open

# 10.18 Memorial Park Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Memorial Park Cemetery opened in 1956 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is a lawn cemetery with concrete beams for upright and reclining memorials. The cemetery is located on ancient sand dunes and has excellent, largely unobstructed views to the Port Hills.

There is a small Muslim burial area on the eastern side of the site where the graves are aligned facing to Mecca (14 degrees west of north), a Māori burial area or urupā near the Ruru Road entrance, and a Russian Orthodox area to the western side.

Tree planting is generally associated with the driveway areas, with a diverse mix of shrubs and trees around the central area surrounding the public toilet which is more or less centrally located.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including signage and post and chain fencing.
- Remove existing fencing along street boundaries and replace with post and chain fencing and low planting.
- Shared cycle/ pedestrian pathway to link Ruru Road and Taurus Road.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing on north and east boundaries.










Existing Memorial Park Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Main vehicle and pedestrian entrance and gates (note signage is missing)
- 2 Secondary entrance and gates
- 3 Internal Access Road
- 4 Public toilet including an external seating area
- 5 Shed
- 6 Ashes area
- 7 Muslim burial area
- 8 Institute of Notre Dam area
- 9 Urupa area (Nga Māta Waka)
- 10 Russian Orthodox area
- 11 Sisters of the St Josephs area
- 12 Graves and headstones – Concrete beams for upright and reclining memorials
- 13 Post and wire fence
- 14 Concrete and chain fence
- 15 Corrugated iron fence
- 16 Wire mesh fence
- 17 Section of Memorial Park Cemetery currently on Ruru Lawn Cemetery certificate of title

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 31 Ruru Road  
Bromley

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 130,669m<sup>2</sup>  
(13.0669 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The Cemetery is a Heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Public toilet
	Low planting		Shed
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

Fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Low Planting

Burial area  
 Post and chain fence  
 Enhance entrance including signage  
 Enhance pedestrian entrance  
 Pedestrian footpath/cycleway  
 Informal car parking along internal road  
 Muslim burial area to be extended

**NOTE:**  
 1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



## 10.19 Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters

### Cemetery Character

Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters is located in Halswell. The cemetery opened around 1888 and is now closed. The establishment of the Good Shepherd Convent at Mount Magdala, Christchurch, dates from the early 1880s. Today at Aidanfield, the historic Mount Magdala Cemetery and the St John of God Church are two remaining connections with the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters.

Mount Magdala was the pioneering catholic social work institution for the care of woman. The institution was established at Halswell between 1886 and 1888. The complex was founded as a predominantly self – sufficient community with a farm and orchard. Many residents were employed in laundry, sewing and cooking activities. By the 1930s Mount Magdala was a self – contained community housing almost 500 people. Many new buildings were added over the years including a chapel in 1900 along with an orphanage in 1934. Of the many that passed through the institution, some were restored to their families and other were comfortably married or obtained situations. A relatively small number lived out their lives in the sisters' care and were buried in the cemetery. Now placed at the head of the cemetery are the few permanent headstones erected. The wooden crosses that once marked the graves are now gone.

Original cemetery plans and the memorial wall suggest that there are as many as 278 known graves from 1888 to 1972. The neighbouring Aidanfield Subdivision is named after Mother Aidan Phelan who is buried in the cemetery.

### Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- Rezone the cemetery land from Business 1 to Conservation 2 (Historic Cemetery) (closed to future burials and protected). Gazette.
- Signage and interpretation outlining the history of the Good Shepherd Convent at Mount Magdala and the cemetery.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Undertake tree planting as per the Development Plan.









Existing Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Hedge
-  Shrub Planting
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Pedestrian path from adjoining reserve
- 2 Entrance via the original concrete and steel rail fence and gateway
- 3 Interpretation panel
- 4 Three memorial walls which list the names of the Good Shepherd Sisters and residents of the Mount Magdala community who are buried at the cemetery, this suggests there were as many as 278 known burials from 1888 to 1972
- 5 Four remaining headstones - the majority of graves are unmarked
- 6 Open pool style fence
- 7 Concrete and steel rail fence
- 8 Wood paling fence
- 9 Wood rail fence
- 10 Seat on stone base

Note: additional features include seats and a water tap

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 54 Aidanfield Drive  
Halswell

**OWNER:** Good Shepherd Convent Trust Board (Australia)

**LAND AREA:** 2.852m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.2852 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Business 1 (Local Centre)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** This cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Closed







**FEATURES**

EXISTING - to be retained

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Low Planting
- Hedge
- Lawn
- Burial Area

PROPOSED

- Trees
- Cemetery signage and interpretation outlining the history of the Good Shepherd Convent at Mount Magdala and the cemetery

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not 1st Scale

**LOCATION**  
54 Aidanfield Drive  
Halswell  
**OWNER:**  
Good Shepherd Convent  
Trust Board (Australia)  
**STATUS**  
Closed

## 10.20 Okains Bay Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Okains Bay Cemetery opened in 1869 and is still open for full burials. It is in a rural location, surrounded by paddocks, giving a strong feeling of openness. Over half the cemetery is fenced off and is currently grazed.

The cemetery has strong community associations and is maintained by the local community, the local parish and the Okains Bay Cemetery Board. The cemetery land is owned by the Crown. Investigations are currently underway to legalise the management of the cemetery by the appointment of local trustees.

The plots are laid out with double rows back to back facing north east or south west. Some of the older graves at the back of the cemetery are arranged at a different angle with no clear order to the paths.

The cemetery has a variety of graves/ headstones from Victorian / Edwardian styles with plots covered or kerbed to memorial styles.

### Policies<sup>12</sup>

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions<sup>12</sup>

- Enhance entrance including signage and removal of shrubs.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.



<sup>12</sup>: Policies and actions for Okains Bay Cemetery may not apply depending on outcome of the investigation.










Existing Okains Bay Cemetery Plan June 2013



INTENDED CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF OKAINS BAY CEMETERY MAY RESULT IN THE NON-APPLICABILITY OF THE MASTER PLAN TO THIS CEMETERY

**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

- ① Vehicle and pedestrian entrance – double galvanised steel gates
- ② Undeveloped area, currently grazed
- ③ Graves and headstones
- ④ Shed
- ⑤ Post and wire fence
- ⑥ Pedestrian gate

**DATA**

LOCATION: 11 Chorlton Road  
Okains Bay

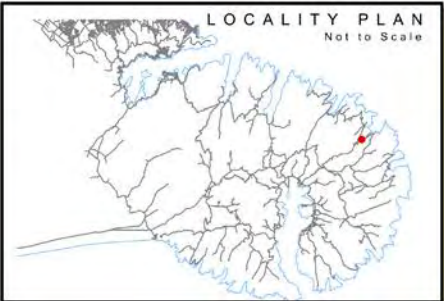
OWNER: Crown

LAND AREA: 22,015m<sup>2</sup>  
(2.2015 Hectares)

ZONING: Rural

RELEVANT DESIGNATION: For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

STATUS: Open













**FEATURES**



**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Shed
	Lawn		

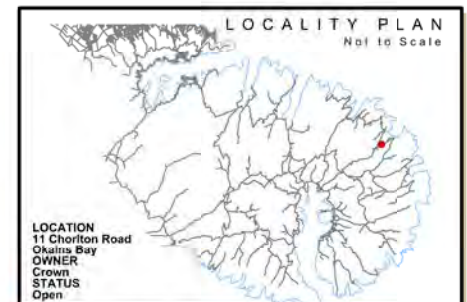
**EXISTING - to be removed**

	Shrubs to be removed		
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**PROPOSED**

	Trees		
	Enhance entrance including signage		

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



# 10.21 Pigeon Bay Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Pigeon Bay Cemetery is located on a hill beyond the Pigeon Bay settlement. The cemetery opened in 1865 and is still open for full burials. Large trees flank the entrance from Wilson's Road and partially hide the cemetery, however once in the cemetery it opens up with only a few specimen trees including oak and yew trees in the centre of the cemetery. The surrounding farm land gives the cemetery a feeling of openness.

Much of the cemetery is still undeveloped. The original plan shows distinct denominational areas within the cemetery site however this does not appear to have been followed, as the cemetery is now dominated by a couple of distinctive family areas. The cemetery caters primarily for members of the local community and is currently grazed by a local farmer.

The cemetery has a variety of headstones from older Victorian style with covers or kerbing to newer more recent modern upright stone memorials where the plots are covered with grass. Some recent graves have temporary fencing, possibly to prevent stock from accessing them.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Fence cemetery boundary and remove from grazing to protect the headstones and unmarked graves.
- Reconfigure entrance including wooden gates and signage and an informal car park area on cemetery land.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.











Existing Pigeon Bay Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Lawn

- ① Vehicle and pedestrian entrance
- ② There may be unmarked graves in this area
- ③ Undeveloped area currently grazed
- ④ Graves and headstones
- ⑤ Post and wire fence

Note: additional features include a water tap and water trough

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 100 Wilsons Road  
Pigeon Bay

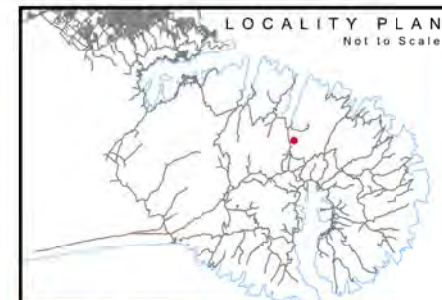
**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 8,063m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.8063 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Rural

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Lawn
- Burial Area

**EXISTING - to be removed**

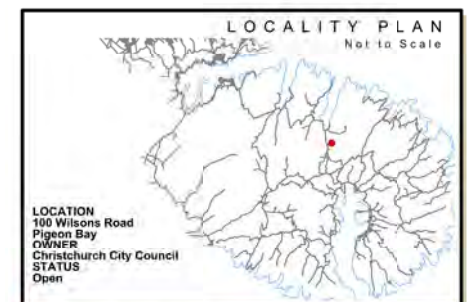
- Grazing to be removed
- Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Burial Area
- Existing entrance to be enhanced including wood gates and signage but may require relocation after negotiation with adjacent land owner
- Informal car park area in cemetery land to be surrounded with a post and chain fence

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



## 10.22 Ruru Lawn Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Ruru Lawn Cemetery opened in 1941 and although approaching capacity it is still open for full burials.

The cemetery is open and park-like in appearance. Granite and bronze plaques are set either in the lawn or on concrete beams surrounded in loose crushed greywacke chip.

There is a large Services section and a small Muslim burial area on the eastern side. The 1947 Ballantynes Fire Memorial is located in the cemetery and was destroyed by the earthquakes. The Ballantynes Department Store in Colombo Street was the scene of one of New Zealand's most disastrous fires late in the afternoon of 18 November 1947. A total of 41 people died. All those who died were members of the staff of about 300.

The cemetery is adjacent to an industrial area and Cypress Garden Reserve. There is a mix of native and exotic tree, including conifers and broadleaves.

### Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Continue with the programme to construct kerb areas for plaque placement.
- Transfer the 1.8027 ha of Ruru Lawn Cemetery on north side of Ruru Road to the certificate of title containing Memorial Park Cemetery.

### Actions

- Enhance entrance including signage.
- Sextons House and grounds to be refurbished (in line with heritage principles) for use by the Council and City Care as a secure working yard. All other sheds or buildings to be removed.
- Close Raymond Road entrance to public vehicles and provide signage at both entrances.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing including the removal of pine, macrocarpa and eucalypts on the eastern boundary.
- Rebuild the Ballantynes Fire Memorial including enhancement work as required.













Existing Ruru Lawn Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 63 Ruru Road  
**OWNER:** Bromley  
**LAND AREA:** 159,764m<sup>2</sup>  
 (15,5764 Hectares)  
**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)  
**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)  
**STATUS:** Open



**FEATURES**

- 1** Vehicle entrance and steel gates with separate open paved pedestrian access either side of the road (note : signage is missing)
- 2** Secondary vehicle entrance with stone fence and wrought iron entrance gates
- 3** Internal access road
- 4** Internal pedestrian path
- 5** Public toilet
- 6** Original Halswell stone Sextons House and outbuildings (currently rented)
- 7** City Care yard
- 8** Ashes area
- 9** Services area
- 10** RSA flagpole
- 11** Ballantynes Fire Memorial – A formally laid out memorial to the victims of the Ballantynes fire with stone walled seating area and overhead timber pergola at rear with bronze plaques set on formed concrete nibs (damaged in earthquakes)
- 12** Muslim burial area
- 13** Graves and Headstones – Granite and bronze plaques set on concrete 'beams' surrounded in loose crushed greywacke chip
- 14** Graves and Headstones – Granite and bronze plaques set in lawn
- 15** Concrete post and chain fence
- 16** Corrugated iron fence
- 17** Wood paling fence
- 18** Post and rail fence
- 19** Wire mesh fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins





# 10.23 Rutherford Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Rutherford Street Cemetery also known as Woolston Cemetery opened in 1866 and is now closed. The cemetery is located within an industrial area adjacent to a busy arterial road and factories.

The cemetery was established midway between three adjacent Anglican parishes – Opawa, Woolston and Heathcote. The latter two prior to their division were known as Lower Heathcote. The cemetery was administered jointly by these three parishes prior to it becoming the responsibility of the Council in 1983. A funeral chapel was located in the cemetery, it was designed by R.W England Junior and constructed in 1888. The chapel was relocated to Jubilee Home in 1949, and then relocated to its current home at the City Mission in 1991. The foundations of the chapel remain and a garden was established on the foundations.

Arranged in the traditional monumental style of a late Victorian cemetery, the graves are laid out in a formal grid pattern. They are close together and are separated by narrow grass paths.

Well established deciduous trees including many notable trees provide a pleasant enclosed woodland feel to the cemetery, however there are still views towards the Port Hills.

## Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery and the sites historic context.
- All work is to be carried out according to accepted best practice guidelines for historic cemeteries.

## Actions

- Enhance pedestrian entrances including signage. Rebuild brick wall on Connal Street to a lower level to improve visibility into the cemetery.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric should be removed including the removal of heritage/ notable trees if required for health and safety reasons.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing and the removal of Maytenus trees along the north west boundary.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.













Existing Rutherford Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Pedestrian entrance
- 2 Compacted chip path
- 3 Concrete post and chain fence
- 4 Brick wall
- 5 Concrete foundations of the old funeral chapel constructed around 1888 and currently located off site (including interpretation panel)
- 6 Graves and headstones
- 7 Corrugated iron fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 76 Rutherford Street  
Woolston

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 8,135m<sup>2</sup>  
(0.8135 Hectares)

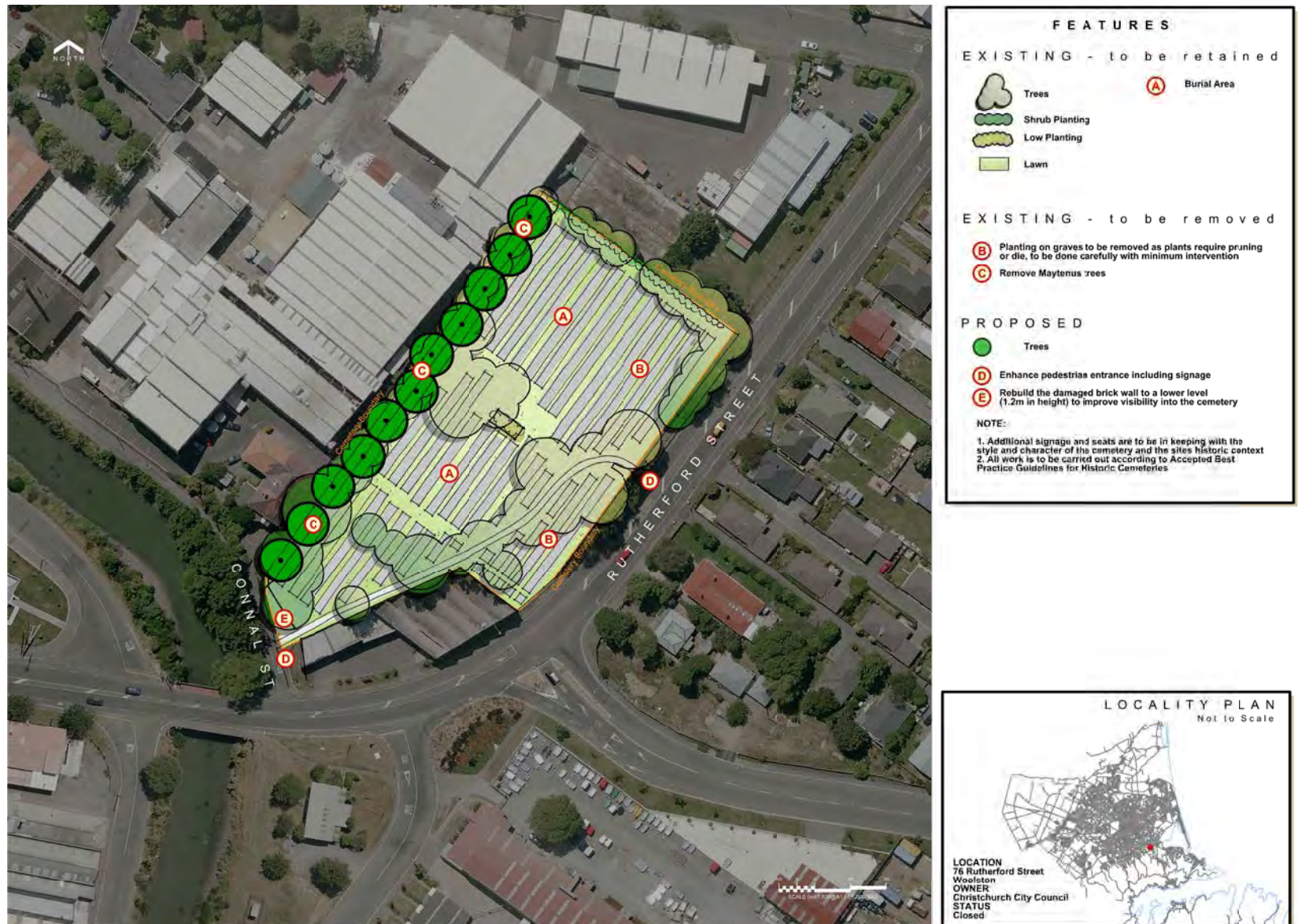
**ZONING:** Conservation 2 (Historic and Garden City Parks)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object  
Heritage or notable trees  
(under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Closed







## 10.24 Sydenham Cemetery

### Cemetery Character

Sydenham Cemetery opened in 1896 and although approaching capacity it is still open for full burials in the summer months. Situated alongside Somerfield Park the cemetery is typical of a traditional monumental cemetery with large stone memorials and plots with concrete covers, however it also has standard upright modern memorials and plaques in the newer area. In the older area graves are laid out in formal planned rows, the newer area is much less formal.

There is an open roofed shelter located on the site where the Sextons House was once located. There are no toilet facilities at the cemetery, however there are public toilet facilities at the adjacent Somerfield Park.

### Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

### Actions

- The open ground adjacent to Somerfield Park currently used as part of the park along the southern side of the cemetery is to be rezoned for park use due to the high water table. Survey, classify, gazette, and zone Open Space 2.
- Define the edge of the cemetery and Somerfield Park with low planting and a post and chain fence.
- Enhance car park area including planting and interpretation outlining the original Sexton's House location. Remove reference to Somerfield Residents Association from existing interpretation.
- Remove planting in raised ashes area and replant.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing including the Lombardy Poplar trees along the eastern boundary and the Silver Birch trees along the northern boundary.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.













Existing Sydenham Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Low Planting
-  Lawn

- 1 Main vehicle and pedestrian entrance including a wall with 'SYDENHAM CEMETERY' signage and gates
- 2 Internal access road
- 3 Car park
- 4 Sealed pedestrian footpath / cycleway with lighting
- 5 Open roofed shelter
- 6 Original location of Sextons House
- 7 Raised concrete ashes area
- 8 Extensive drainage problems in this area of the cemetery, remaining plots in this area may be unusable
- 9 Area of Somerfield Park still zoned for cemetery purposes
- 10 Public toilet in adjacent Somerfield Park
- 11 Graves and headstones (traditional and memorial style - many graves unmarked)
- 12 Graves and headstones
- 13 Corrugated iron fence
- 14 Wood paling fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 34 Roker Street  
Spreydes

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 54,232m<sup>2</sup>  
(5.4232 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Conservation 2  
(Historic and Garden City Parks)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open










**FEATURES**




**EXISTING - to be retained**



	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Open roofed structure
	Lawn		

**EXISTING - to be removed**

-  Low planting in raised beds to be removed
-  Planting on graves to be removed as plants require pruning or die, to be done carefully with minimum intervention
-  Remove poplar trees
-  Remove birch trees

**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Shrub Planting
	Low Planting

-  Post and chain fence
-  Enhance car park area (including planting)
-  Replant the raised concrete ashes area with rose species
-  Rezone section of cemetery (due to high water table)
-  Interpretation outlining the original sextons house and location

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION:**  
34 Roker Street  
Spreydon

**OWNER:**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS:**  
Open



# 10.25 Waimairi Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Waimairi Cemetery opened in 1909 and is approaching capacity. The cemetery is only available for ash interments or burials in pre-purchased plots or second interments. The cemetery is divided into three distinct areas which are separated by the internal road. The older traditional monument style area with upright graves and the mausoleum at the front of the cemetery is defined by large mature flowering cherries and conifers. The memorial park style section in the middle of the cemetery has predominantly lower upright memorial style headstones. The lawn area at the rear of the cemetery is the newest area and has reclining ground level plaques on concrete beams.

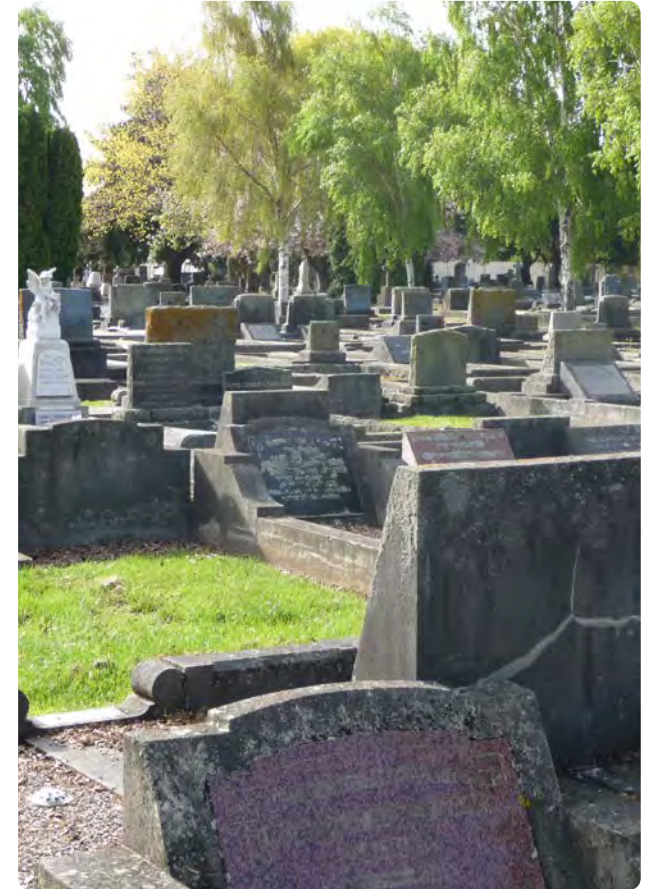
A public toilet located adjacent to the Grahams Road frontage is partially screened from the road by dense planting.

## Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Enhance entrance including signage and removal of any inappropriate planting.
- Overgrown shrubs and trees that are growing around the toilet block are to be lifted to improve visibility and safety, and comply with CPTED principles.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing of trees in the transmission line corridor.














### FEATURES

-  Trees
-  Shrub
-  Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance
- 2 Internal sealed access road
- 3 Public car park on Grahams Road outside the cemetery
- 4 Public toilet
- 5 Low wall the length of the Grahams Road frontage with breaks in the wall for both pedestrian and vehicle access
- 6 Ashes beam
- 7 Graves and headstones – Traditional monumental style headstones
- 8 Graves and headstones – Memorial style headstones
- 9 Graves and headstones – Recumbant style headstones
- 10 Boundary fence - a mix of wood palling and corrugated iron
- 11 Transmission pylon

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 195a Grahams Road  
Burnside

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 48,441m<sup>2</sup>  
(4.8441 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object  
The cemetery contains heritage or notable trees  
The cemetery is traversed by or is adjacent to high tension overhead power lines and pylons (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

	Trees		Burial Area
	Shrub Planting		Public toilet
	Lawn		Transmission pylon

**EXISTING - to be removed**


	Shrubs around public toilet to be removed
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**PROPOSED**

	Trees
	Shrub Planting
	Low Planting
	Enhance entrance including signage

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale



**LOCATION**  
195a Grahams Road  
Burnside  
**OWNER**  
Christchurch City Council  
**STATUS**  
Open

# 10.26 Wainui Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Wainui Cemetery is located several kilometres from the Wainui settlement. It opened in 1890 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery has a rural feel and is located on a hill with panoramic views over Akaroa Harbour and out to the Akaroa Heads. There is little in the way of trees and amenity planting within the cemetery, with the exception of a stand of Birch and Oaks to the northwest of the site and scattered areas of regenerating native vegetation.

The cemetery has a unique layout with double rows of plots laid head to toe with an east/ west orientation. The headstones are all positioned facing towards the east and distinctive family groups seem to dominate. The cemetery has a variety of headstones from older Victorian style plots and more recent modern upright memorial headstones. Most of the headstones and covers are in good condition.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

## Actions

- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Expand the working cemetery out to the east and west boundaries, including fencing.
- New vehicle access / driveway to be developed on the northern side of the working cemetery area including wood gates and signage.
- Enhance entrance (including any renovation required on the brick pillars and steel gates) and signage.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
















Existing Wainui Cemetery Plan June 2013



**FEATURES**

-  Trees
-  Shrub Planting
-  Lawn

-  Vehicle and pedestrian entrance with brick pillar and steel gate
-  Graves and headstones
-  Undeveloped area - grazed
-  Post and wire fence

**DATA**

**LOCATION:** 43 Cemetery Road  
Wainui

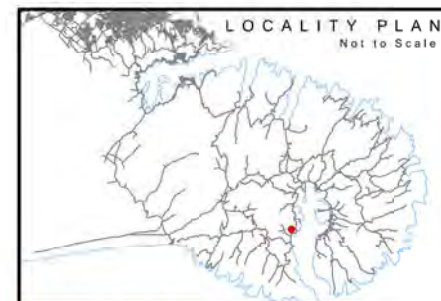
**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 11,434m<sup>2</sup>  
(1.1434 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Rural

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** For Cemetery Purposes  
(under the Banks Peninsula District Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Lawn
- Burial Area

**EXISTING - to be removed**

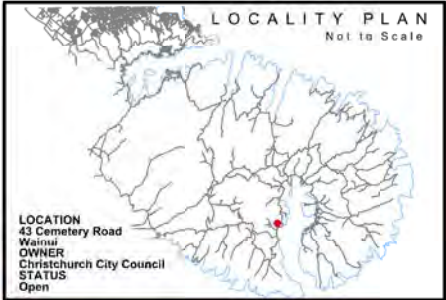
- Shrubs to be removed
- Post and wire fence to be removed

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Burial Area
- Post and chain fence
- Stock fence
- Enhance entrance (including any renovation required on the brick pillars and steel gates) and signage
- Additional entrance including gates, signage and a gravel driveway

**NOTE:**

1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery



# 10.27 Yaldhurst Cemetery

## Cemetery Character

Yaldhurst Cemetery opened in 1887 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is in a quiet rural setting on the western side of Christchurch adjacent to Rimu Park Scout Camp surrounded by mature (predominantly oak) trees. Part of the cemetery is fenced off and is grazed by a local farmer. The cemetery has an older area with upright memorials and also a newer area with memorial style headstones which is expanding rapidly.

There are no toilet facilities at the cemetery however there are toilets at the adjacent Rimu Park Scout Camp which are available for public use.

## Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- The area currently grazed is to be developed last.

## Actions

- Post and rail wood fence along the West Coast Road boundary.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Formalise lease agreement with the farmer to continue grazing the area of the cemetery where there are no headstones.









Existing Yaldhurst Cemetery Plan June 2013



### FEATURES

- Trees
- Shelter Belt
- Hedge
- Shrub Planting
- Lawn

- 1 Vehicle and pedestrian entrance and gates including 'YALDHURST CEMETERY' signage
- 2 Internal sealed access road
- 3 Asphalt footpath
- 4 Adjacent public toilet in the Rimu Scout Park Camp
- 5 Drainage swale
- 6 Area is currently grazed, there is a possibility of unmarked graves and pre-purchased plots in this area
- 7 Graves and Headstones, predominantly memorial style
- 8 Graves and Headstones, predominantly older style (note: full concrete covers are allowed in this area)
- 9 Undeveloped area
- 10 Post and rail wood fence
- 11 Post and wire fence

Note: additional features include seats, water taps and rubbish bins

### DATA

**LOCATION:** 272 West Coast Road  
Yaldhurst

**OWNER:** Christchurch City Council

**LAND AREA:** 41,745m<sup>2</sup>  
(4.1745 Hectares)

**ZONING:** Conservation 4 (Cemeteries)

**RELEVANT DESIGNATION:** The cemetery is a heritage building, place or object (under the Christchurch City Plan)

**STATUS:** Open







**FEATURES**

**EXISTING - to be retained**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Low Planting
- Lawn
- Burial Area

**PROPOSED**

- Trees
- Shrub Planting
- Low Planting
- Burial Area
- Post and rail wood fence
- Informal car parking along road

**NOTE:**  
1. Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery

**LOCALITY PLAN**  
Not to Scale

**LOCATION:**  
272 West Coast Road  
Yaldhurst

**OWNER:**  
Christchurch City Council

**STATUS:**  
Open

# 11.0 Appendices

## 11.1 Appendix 1: The Council owned or administered cemeteries within the Christchurch District

Area Ha	Place Name	Legal	Open / Closed	Year Closed	Cemetery Remaining Life	First Burial	Land Owner	Admin Org.	Rsa Area
2.0287	Addington Cemetery	Pt Rs 66 Ct 380/104	Closed	1980	N/A	1858	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
1.8412	Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	Res 56 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1857	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
0.8903	Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	Res 116 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1863	Roman Catholic	Christchurch City Council	
0.4945	Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	Res 4997 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1873	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
0.1189	Akaroa French Cemetery	Pt Res 108; 0.1012 Ha; Ct 404/68	Closed	1926	N/A	1842	Roman Catholic	Christchurch City Council	
5.5296	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Lot 3 Dp 26791 Lot 1 Dp 354923	Open	N/A	2015/16	1983	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
3.0713	Barbadoes Street Cemetery	Res 43 Dist Canterbu, Res 43 Dist Canterbu, Lot 1 Dp 7933, Lot 6 Dp 52797, Pt Res 20 Dist Canterbu	Closed	1931	N/A	1851	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
2.0234	Belfast Cemetery	Rs 42108 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	Full – Only Orthodox Russian, Second Interments or Pre Purchased	1904	Crown	Christchurch City Council	
10.4445	Bromley Cemetery	Lot 1 Dp 8825	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1918	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	Scattered
1.1805	Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	Local Purpose Cemetery Lot11 Dp 304811	Open	N/A	2057/2157	2003	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	0.0099
1.6775	Duvauchelle Cemetery	Pt Res 4877 ;0.4036 Ha; Res 3038; 0.8701 Ha; So 5725	Open	N/A	2057/2157	1881	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
0.1027	Kaituna Valley Cemetery	Lot 2 Dp 10339	Open	N/A	2057/2062	1940	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
2.5571	Le Bons Bay Cemetery	Res 800; 2.5571 Ha; So 2903	Open	N/A	2300	1862	Christchurch City Council	Private	
9.6857	Linwood Cemetery	Part Pt Lot 1 Dp 8756; Ct 414/6	Open	N/A	Full, Jewish Area, Second Interment or Pre Purchased Only	1884	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	



Area Ha	Place Name	Legal	Open / Closed	Year Closed	Cemetery Remaining Life	First Burial	Land Owner	Admin Org.	Rsa Area
0.8094	Little River Cemetery	Res 3023 Dist Canterbury; 0.8094 Ha; So 4409	Open	N/A	2200	1878	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
1.2993	Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	Lot 1 Dp 11713; 1.2993 Ha; Ct 464/288	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1851	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
8.3000	Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	Res 46, Pt Res 45 Dist Canterbu; 0.4046 Ha; Ct 468/107; Cb420/16	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1873	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	0.0615
15.8055	Memorial Park Cemetery	Lot 1 Dp 53704, =Pt Rs 10269 Dist Canterbu, Pt Rs 4075 Dist Canterbu, Pt Rs 7469 Dist Canterbu, Rs 40281 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	2027/28	1956	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
0.2852	Mount Magdala Cemetery Of The Good Shepherd Sisters	Lot 323 Dp 423266; Ct 490510; 0.2958 Ha Lp Cemetery	Closed	1972	N/A	1888	Good Shepherd Convent Trust Board	Christchurch City Council	
2.0234	Okains Bay Cemetery	Res 148; 2.0234 Ha	Open	N/A	2057	1869	Crown	Private <sup>13</sup>	
0.8094	Pigeon Bay Cemetery	Res 624; 0.8093 Ha; So 2187	Open	N/A	2157	1871	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
17.2427	Ruru Lawn Cemetery	Lot 3 Dp 69736 Pt Lot 1 Dp 10009	Open	N/A	2057/60	1941	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	2.1000
1.2059	Rutherford Cemetery	Pt Rs 14; Ct 378/269; 1.1432 Ha	Closed	1989	N/A	1866	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
6.6169	Sydenham Cemetery	Pt Rs 154 Dist Canterbu 6.6169 Ha	Open	N/A	2015/16	1896	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
4.7677	Waimairi Cemetery	Lot 314 Dp 22922, Res 3740 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	Full, Second Interments or Pre Purchased Only	1911	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
1.0627	Wainui Cemetery	Rs 41892; 1.0627 Ha; So 16324	Open	N/A	2257	1890	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	
4.0696	Yaldhurst Cemetery	Res 2538 Dist Canterbu	Open	N/A	2027/28	1887	Christchurch City Council	Christchurch City Council	

<sup>13</sup>Investigations are currently underway to legalise the management of the cemetery by the appointment of local trustees.

## 11.2 Appendix 2: Cemeteries to be re-zoned on Banks Peninsula

The Council owned or administered cemeteries on Banks Peninsula (previously under the Banks Peninsula District Plan) require rezoning to align with the Christchurch City Plan 2005 (either Conservation 2 or Conservation 4). It is intended zoning changes will be implemented as part of the forthcoming City Plan Review.

### The relevant Christchurch City Plan Zones include:

#### Conservation 2 (Historic Cemeteries) Zone

This zone comprises a small group of public parks of city-wide significance which help provide the city with its unique scenery and character, such as historic cemeteries. The zone provisions provide a level of protection to the heritage values. The environmental results anticipated from this zone are the conservation and enhancement of heritage, landscape, botanical and spiritual values of the land and the city's identity with particular regard to heritage and garden city character.

#### Conservation 4 (Cemeteries) Zone

Cemeteries have special requirements and functions which differ from other open spaces around the city. However their value as open spaces are also important to both the surrounding community and family and friends of the people buried within them.

It is anticipated the zone provisions will maintain and enhance the open space and cultural values of these areas. Cemeteries are likely to have facilities and structures specific to their function. The list of facilities within the zone includes the following cemeteries: Avonhead Park Cemetery, Belfast Cemetery, Bromley Cemetery, Memorial Park Cemetery, Ruru Lawn Cemetery and Waimairi Cemetery.

Environmental results anticipated from this zone are:

- The permanent recognition and protection of land within the zone for its cultural and heritage value to the city, and as peaceful and undisturbed environments for commemorating both early settlement and subsequent occupation.
- The continued maintenance of cemeteries as peaceful areas of open space in and around the urban environment.
- The provision of adequate land, an attractive surroundings, to meet the community's need to provide for burials.



*Duvauchelle Cemetery*



**Cemeteries to be re-zoned:**

Cemetery	Current Zone	Proposed Zone	Legal
Akaroa Catholic Cemetery	Residential (recently changed)	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res116, CT 404/68; 0.8093 ha
Akaroa Anglican Cemetery	Residential (recently changed)	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 56; CT 404/85; 1.214 ha + Res 2546; 0.6272 ha
Akaroa Dissenters Cemetery	Residential (recently changed)	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 4997 (SO 9483); 0.4944 ha
Akaroa French Cemetery	Residential (recently changed)	Conservation 2 (Historic)	Pt Res 108; 0.1012 ha; CT 404/68
Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery	Recreation Reserve	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Lot 11 DP 304811; 1.1805 ha; CT 19087
Duvauchelle Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Pt Res 4877 ;0.4036 ha; Res 3038; 0.8701 ha; SO 5725
Kaituna Valley Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	LOT 2 DP 10339; 0.0938 ha; CT 443/203 + Pt LOT 1 DP 10339; CT 443/204; 0.1198 ha
Little River Cemetery	Conservation Reserve	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	RES 3023 DIST CANTERBURY; 0.8094 ha; SO 4409
Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery	Residential	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Lot 1 DP 11713; 1.2993 ha; CT 464/288
Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery	Residential	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 46; 0.4046 ha; CT 468/107
Pigeon Bay Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 624; 0.8093 ha; SO 2187
Wainui Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	RS 41892; 1.0627 ha; SO 16324
Le Bons Bay Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 800; 2.5571 ha; SO 2903
Okains Bay Cemetery	Rural	Conservation 4 (Cemetery)	Res 148; 2.0234 ha.

### 11.3 Appendix 3: City cemeteries requiring gazettal

Four of the Council cemeteries are proposed to be gazetted as closed with no further interments (either burial or ashes):

Cemetery	Current Zone	Proposed Zone	Legal
Mount Magdala Cemetery of the Good Shepherd Sisters	Business 1	Conservation 2	Lot 323; DP 423266; CT 490510; 0.2958 ha
Sydenham Cemetery (part)	Conservation 2	Open space 2	PT RS 154 DIST CANTERBURY; CT 23F/695
Addington Cemetery	Conservation 2	Conservation 2	Pt RS 66; CT 380/104; 2.0234 ha
Rutherford Cemetery	Conservation 2	Conservation 2	Pt RS 14; CT 378/269; 1.1432 ha



*Rutherford Cemetery*



## 11.4 Appendix 4: Other relevant planning documents

- Banks Peninsula Proposed District Plan, March 2006
- Burial and Cremations Act 1964 and any amendments
- Burial and Cremation (removal of Monuments and Tablets) Regulations 1967
- Christchurch Biodiversity Strategy
- Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Bylaw 2013
- Christchurch City Council Cemeteries Handbook 2013
- Christchurch City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2008
- Christchurch City Council Maintenance Contract for Urban Parks, 2012
- Christchurch City Council Operational Pest Plan
- Christchurch City Council Parks & Reserves Bylaw 2008
- Christchurch City Council Parks and Waterways Access Policy
- Christchurch City Council Sustainability Policy
- Christchurch City Plan
- Health Act 1956
- Historic Places Act 1993
- Local Government Act 2002
- Long Term Council Community Plan
- Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Safer Christchurch Strategy
- State of the Takiwā, Te Āhuetanga o Te Ihutai – Cultural Health Assessment of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary and its Catchment, July 2007, Craig Pauling (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu) et al.
- Te Whakatau Kaupapa, Ngāi Tahu Resource Management Strategy for the Canterbury Region
- The Reserves Act 1977
- Tiriti o Waitangi
- Water & Sanitary Services Assessment (p186);  
<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/WaterSanitaryServicesAssessment-wastewater.pdf>

See <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/> for additional information on legislation and each act relates to cemeteries;

[www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/communityservices/cemeteries/index.aspx](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/communityservices/cemeteries/index.aspx) for general cemeteries information on Christchurch City Council cemeteries.



*Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery*

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