



## How is Waverley Cemetery managed and governed?

Waverley Cemetery is managed by Waverley Council as a fully commercial business competing within the NSW cemeteries and funeral industry.

There are two main documents which set the governance framework for the Cemetery:

- The Waverley community's strategic plan, Waverley Together 3, and
- The Waverley Cemetery statutory Plan of Management (POM).

**Waverley Together 3** provides direction for operation of the existing business and recognises its major contribution to achieving a sense of community in Waverley, particularly in terms of connections between generations and preservation of very valuable cultural and built heritage.

### WAVERLEY TOGETHER 3 – ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Direction	Strategy	Deliverable	Target
<b>C1</b> Waverley's cultural heritage and diversity is recognised protected and respected.	<b>C1a</b> Support programs that celebrate and strengthen our multiculturalism and indigenous culture and cultivate a sense of community appreciation of our cultural heritage and diversity.	<b>Waverley and South Head Cemeteries contribute to the preservation of our cultural heritage.</b>	The proportion of residents who agree there is a sense of community in Waverley is steady or increasing. The proportion of residents who volunteer to help in the community is increasing.
<b>C2</b> The community is welcoming and inclusive and people feel that they are connected and belong.	<b>C2a</b> Provide a broad range of relevant affordable and accessible facilities, spaces programs and activities that promote harmony, respect and togetherness.	<b>Accessible cemetery services for interments, memorials and associated ceremonial activities.</b>	

The **Plan of Management**, however, is the key document setting the governance and management framework for Waverley Cemetery. It is a powerful instrument setting out the community's values for the Cemetery and binding Council to operate on the site in accordance with those values.



## The POM lists the values of Waverley Cemetery as:

<b>CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>	The Cemetery is valued because it is rich in post European Australian living history which has significant local, regional, state, national and international (the Irish Martyrs Memorial) importance from the people buried and its architecture to its monuments and graves, and natural and planted vegetation. It is a national treasure. The Cemetery should also be valued as a place that recognises local Aboriginal significance.
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	The Cemetery is valued as being open, accessible and operational offering an important ongoing community service for all people as a place of interment, grieving, remembrance and reflection where the wishes of the dead are respected. Many people value it as a peaceful, spiritual and/or religious place. It is also valued because it supports South Head Cemetery.
<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	The Cemetery is valued as an accessible place where people can learn about local, regional, state and national post European Australian history, including in the areas of architecture, politics, the wars, genealogy, industry, the arts and culture including literature, theatre and stonemasonry, sport and the natural environment. It could become a valued place to learn about local Aboriginal history.
<b>AESTHETIC</b>	The Cemetery is valued for its uniqueness in location and size, and for its outstanding visual and aesthetic qualities from its scenic cliffs, natural heath and planted garden to its built features including its buildings, the entrance, the monuments and graves and its layout. It is also valued because it is a landmark and these qualities can be appreciated from both the inside the Cemetery looking out and from the outside looking in.
<b>NATURAL HERITAGE</b>	The Cemetery is valued for its indigenous species, dramatic and dynamic coastal landscape with its cliffs and valley, and its traditional garden design with exotic and other plants.
<b>RECREATION</b>	The Cemetery, and particularly the Coastal Walk, is valued as a place where people can undertake passive recreation such as walking. The passive recreation aspect of the Cemetery, particularly the Coastal Walk, and the quieter more contemplative features of the Cemetery can conflict. The two uses and areas need to work separately but to complement each other.

## Can Waverley Cemetery be sold?

No. Under the Plan of Management, adopted by Council in 2008, the Cemetery is classified as “community land” within the meaning of the Local Government Act. This means it can’t be sold. Council must adhere to the provisions of the LGA when considering leasing of components of cemetery operations.

## Doesn’t the Council sell graves?

No. The Cemetery sells rights to be interred in graves or other memorial options such as vaults or niches. It does not sell the land itself.

If you would like to purchase interment rights or learn more about how the Cemetery works, contact the Cemetery on 9665-4938 or visit the Cemetery website at [www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/cemetery/](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/cemetery/)