

## Burials

Esperance Funeral Services are currently the only licensed Funeral Service within the Shire of Esperance. Esperance Funeral Services can be contacted on 9071 3245.

Each grave has room for two interments, meaning two people can be buried in the one grave. Ashes can also be interred under the plinth of an existing grave if requested.

At the time of burial a concrete plinth is placed at the head of the grave to allow a monument to be erected at a later time. A plot or grave number is attached to the plinth which matches the records held at the Shire.

## Reserved Plots

Under the Cemeteries Act, a person is able to reserve a plot for themselves and/or their family. The Cemeteries Act states this is for a period of 25 years. The Shire of Esperance, however, is not enforcing this policy at present given the amount of land available for use by the cemetery.

When reserving a gravesite, payment for the plot is required and a "Right of Burial" is issued to you confirming your right to that plot.

The Right of Burial is issued in one name, however can have two people buried in that plot. If the person who is issued the Right of Burial passes away first, a new Right of Burial is issued to the surviving party.

## Memorial Plaques

All memorial plaques within the Esperance Cemetery must be made of bronze, and there are certain size restrictions placed on different memorial sections.

Please contact the Shire Office or Heather James at Esperance Funeral Services on 0419 929 980 for clarification on these requirements.

## Monuments and Headstones

There are no restrictions on monuments within the older burial sections of the Cemetery.

Under current by-laws all monuments in the Lawn Section must be made of natural stone and placed upon a base of natural stone and comply with certain specifications.

A bronze memorial plaque may be attached to the monument.

## Cemetery Fees and Charges

*As at 1st July 2011*

Standard Plot Fee	\$450.00
Child/Perinatal (including plaque)	\$230.00
Standard Interment	\$660.00
Stillborn/Perinatal Interment within the Lawn Section	\$ 65.00
Stillborn/Perinatal Interment within the Infant Section	\$200.00
Monument Permit Fee	\$ 75.00
Placement of Ashes in Burial area	\$ 70.00
Placement of Ashes in Niche Wall or Memorial Garden	\$280.00

For any additional information on the Esperance Cemetery, please contact the Shire Office on 9071 0666.



# Esperance Cemetery Information



## Pioneer Graves

The first registered burial in the Pioneer Section of the Esperance Public Cemetery is dated at 1896. Considering the town of Esperance was founded in 1792, you can only imagine how many pioneers lives are unaccounted for.

The Shire of Esperance now keeps all burials on a data base, which is utilised when friends and relatives are looking for details or locations of graves within the cemetery. The data base is updated after every burial to ensure accuracy of details.



## Locating Existing Graves

The Shire of Esperance has a comprehensive register of interments in the Esperance, Grass Patch and Salmon Gums Cemeteries.

By visiting the Shire Office, gravesites can be located and a map provided for your convenience.

The Esperance Genealogical Society also keeps records of interments in the Esperance Cemetery.

Numerous options are available within the Cemetery. Burials are the most popular as the Shire of Esperance does not have a crematorium, however if cremated, options for interment of ashes are available.

## Old Section

The original denominational areas of the Cemetery are still available for new burials and second interments when requested, subject to available space in that area.



## Lawn Section

The Lawn Section, opened in 1983, is the most popular area of the Cemetery. Graves are situated in neatly aligned rows on green manicured lawn. Many plots are available with work continually being done to further expand the section.

In 2005 a new Gazebo was erected, and with its drive through set up, provides a lovely sheltered area for funerals to be held at the Cemetery.

The Gazebo was built as a joint venture between the Shire of Esperance and Rotary International.

## Garden of Remembrance and Memorial Garden

This section is available to those who wish to be cremated. The whole section of the Rose Garden has been paved and a bench seat is placed opposite on the lawn for those who wish to sit quietly.



## Niche Wall

The Niche Wall sits behind the Rose Garden of Remembrance. This is available for the interment of ashes, but only has the capacity for one interment. Spaces on the Niche Wall can be reserved in order to allow friends and relatives to be interred alongside loved ones.

## Infant Memorial Section

A relatively new section of the Cemetery, this area is available for children from birth to 3 years of age. The section is paved with a feature of a dolphin in the centre.

