**How to find a Grave**

There are over 460,000 burials and 250,000 cremations recorded at Rookwood. The first burials took place in 1867. Older monuments have since been moved to Rookwood from earlier burial grounds resumed elsewhere in Sydney. Cremations date from 1925 but did not become a significant proportion of the services held at Rookwood until around 1955.

If you are looking for a memorial and you don't know where to start, there are some helpful steps to take:

1. It is useful if you know the year of death, whether the deceased was cremated or buried and if buried, what denominational cemetery the deceased was most likely to have been interred.

Records of all burials and cremations are held in the respective offices. The offices located at Rookwood are:

- Anglican & General
- Roman Catholic
- Independent
- Independent (includes Uniting, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutherans, Mennonites, and Greek Orthodox)
- Rookwood Memorial Gardens
- Muslim and Jewishcemetry records are held off-site.

If you think the deceased may have been cremated, start enquiries at the Rookwood Memorial Gardens if the death occurred after 1925, otherwise start your enquiry in the most likely denominational office.

Once you have found the correct office, the staff will be able to help you find the grave in the cemetery.

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**The Heritage Values of Rookwood Necropolis**

- **Historical**
- **Archaeological**
- **Genealogical**
- **Social**
- **Artistic**
- **Architectural**
- **Creative/Technical**
- **Religious**
- **Urban Setting**
- **Landscape Design**
- **Scientific**

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**TRUST/MANAGED AREAS**

- To help you find your way, the background colours used in this map are similar to the colour-coding used for all directional signage throughout the Necropolis.

**ANGLICAN**
- GENERAL
- CREMATORIUM
- JEWISH
- INDEPENDENT
- MUSLIM
- WAR GRAVES

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**CHAPELS**

- St Michael the Archangel
- Sacred Heart Chapel
- Crematorium Chapel
- Chinese Koo Fook Tong and Was Pavilion
- All Souls Chapel
- Chapel of Eternal Rest
- Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel & Crematorium