

# Preston Cemetery

## Cemeteries & Crematoriums

Preston Cemetery is located approximately 10km north of Melbourne and opened in December 1864. The cemetery was originally known as the Strathallan Cemetery and this name is still reflected near the northern boundary . In 1931 a fire destroyed a small timber church on the site, together with all the cemetery's records. At that time there had been between 500 and 600 burials at the cemetery.

### Burial options

Currently only those who have pre-purchased graves have access to burial options at Preston Cemetery.

In 2015, the GMCT will be developing a small parcel of land along the Eastern boundary (with La Trobe University). This development will feature almost 600 new monumental graves, the first such release of new graves at Preston for almost 20 years. Due to the scarcity of land around the Preston Cemetery, this release in late 2015/early 2016 will likely be the last at this site. Registrations are now being accepted for the pre-purchase of graves later this year. To register your interest please email us today.

### Mausoleum

In 1996 the first stage of the Preston Mausoleum was completed, with capacity of 768 crypt spaces. This was followed by Stage 2 in 1999 which added 3,048 crypt spaces and a Chapel for funeral and other services. In 2005 the Mausoleum was again expanded into Stage 3 which added a further 4400 crypt spaces, making it the largest Mausoleum in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Memorial options

A limited number of the following memorial options are available at Preston Cemetery:

Rose Memorials

Niche Walls

### Visiting Hours

7.30am - 5.30pm

7.30am - 7.30m (during daylight savings)

Office hours

9.00am - 4.00pm (Monday - Friday)

By appointment (Saturday)

Vehicle access is available during visiting hours.