

# ELAINE PUBLIC CEMETERY

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## NEW WEBSITE

You may have noticed the Elaine Cemetery Trust has revamped the old website. Information on our grave styles, our terms and conditions and the option to make online enquiries is now available.

The Cemetery Trust is working with Cemetery Software company, OpusXenta to have an integrated map search and deceased loved ones, search capability made available for families and future generations. We will keep you informed as to when this function of our website goes LIVE!

Look at our new website:

[www.elainecemeterytrust.org.au](http://www.elainecemeterytrust.org.au)

## ELAINE CEMETERY TRUST

After some time now, the Elaine Cemetery Trust has decided it is timely to reintroduce regular Newsletters at quarterly intervals. The Elaine Cemetery Trust (ECT) aims to keep the community informed as we enter a major development phase of the Elaine Public Cemetery. The Trust members and its contractors include:

Chairperson	Maruska Batakovic
Treasurer	Svetlana Jeremic
Member	Drago Platikapa
Member	Koj Poljak
Secretary	Cara Alessi
Cemetery Coordinator	Warrick Pitcher
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## Want to become a trust member and have a say on the future of the cemetery?

We are always looking for new Trust Members to join the team of Volunteers already working for the families of those laid to rest at Elaine Cemetery. If you would be interested in joining the Trust, please contact our secretary – Cara Alessi for more information 0457 285 989

## Calendar Reminders

### Upcoming Souls Day 2022

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The cemetery will be open from 8am to 6pm. Please use parking outside of the cemetery to avoid congestion or damage to monuments.



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*You can email us your suggestions or feedback! We would love to hear from you [elainecemeterytrust@hotmail.com](mailto:elainecemeterytrust@hotmail.com)*

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE CEMETERY

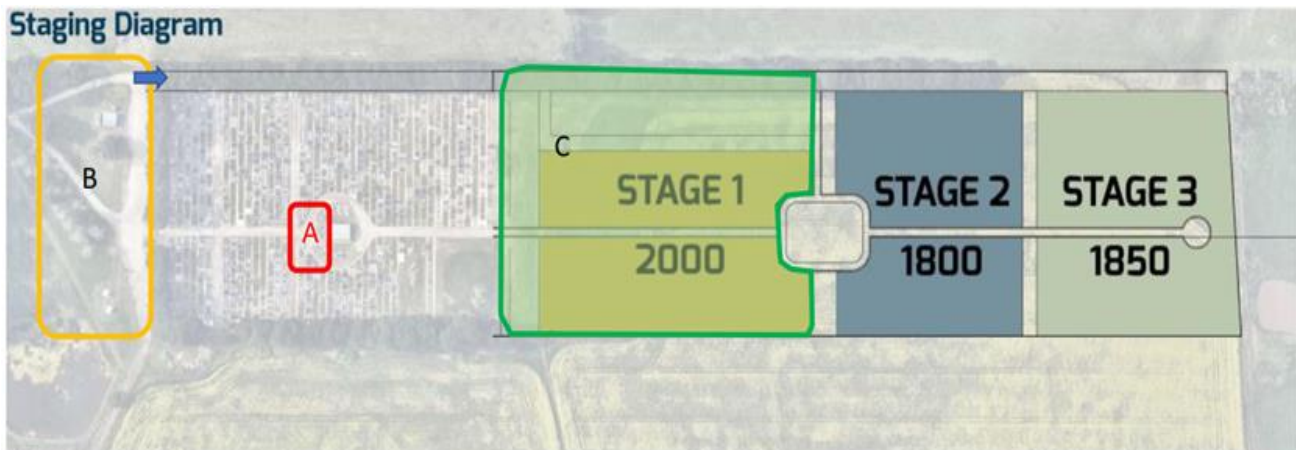
In recent months, the Trust has been working hard to have the grounds cleaned up. A working bee was held in May and members cleaned up the refectory, the grounds were given a tidy up, and the recent installation of Solar Panels, now gives visitors the use of electricity in the refectory.

The Trust has consulted an Arborist and Tree specialist to assess the large trees surrounding the cemetery and found they are in poor health and pose a threat to monuments and the safety of visitors. The Trees will be removed, and new trees planted over the coming weeks.

## LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Over the last 12 months the Trust has been working towards finalising the purchase of an additional 5 acres to extent the existing cemetery. A concept plan has been created for the development of land and an Architect has been appointed to create a concept and documentation for the construction of Stage 1 (area's A, B & C) which includes:

- Landscape works around the existing refectory (around the cross)
- Landscape works around the external carpark as you enter the cemetery
- Road Extension
- Sealed carpark
- Buffer Zone between the existing cemetery and Stage 1 (incl play area)
- Grave layout, incl seating, water points and plantings





## Contact Us

### Elaine Cemetery Trust

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- Driving vehicles over curbs onto cemetery plots
- Wilful damage to cemetery property
- Rubbish left without being disposed of in the bins provided

## A REMINDER ABOUT SAFETY IN THE CEMETERY

As a cemetery community, it is everyone's responsibility to maintain the tidiness and safety of their families grave sites, when visiting. A recent OH&S audit revealed a number of unsecure items left at graves that are not permitted.

The following items **ARE** permitted:

Flower containers and candle boxes (fireproof only) are permitted if approved by the Trust. These items must be always fixed to the monuments. Note that artificial flowers may be removed at the discretion of the Trust.

The following items are **NOT** permitted:

- Figurines and statues
- Obstacles placed on the footpath or roads
- Tables and chairs permanently installed without written permission or left on cemetery premises
- Planting of trees or plants of any sort
- Glassware of any sort (e.g., glass jars as flower vases, wine bottles)

**ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PERMITTED MUST BE REMOVED. THE CEMETERY TRUST WILL CONDUCT A FURTHER SAFETY AUDIT IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS AND ITEMS THAT ARE DEEMED AS NOT PERMITTED WILL BE REMOVED.**

## PAYMENTS AND ONLINE BANKING

The Elaine Cemetery Trust receives all payments via EFT. Please notify our secretary when making payments to ensure you receive a receipt and any other documentation such as a Right of Internment Certificate (ROI). Our banking details for Cemetery payments:

Elaine Cemetery Trust

BSB: 063 502

ACC: 10207261

Please include your name and grave number as reference when making payments.