



West Coast Council

Proposal for West Coast Cemeteries Strategy Planning Report

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Executive summary

Cemeteries are not only resting places for the deceased. Like open air museums they can provide a perspective of the lives and deaths of the people who developed the history of a region. They combine elements of monumental art, garden design, and cultural and regional history, often with surrounding landscapes that offer visual amenity.

Throughout Tasmania's West Coast, and within the West Coast Council area, a number of cemeteries offering insights into the history of the people living throughout the region, from its 19th century pioneers to current community members, are decaying due to a lack of maintenance.

While a lack of funds has been identified as a key obstacle to improving these cemeteries, it is possible to leverage their embedded values to secure potential funding through grants, and to support local commercial activity associated with the historic and cultural values of the cemeteries.

GHD has been engaged to prepare a master plan that will guide development and ongoing management of eight cemeteries throughout the West Coast Council Local Government Area.

Meetings between key members of GHD's project team, and members of the West Coast community and Council were conducted in conjunction with visits to each cemetery site. These meetings were followed by desktop reviews investigating the historic background of each cemetery, and an assessment of the relevant planning provisions which will shape the potential to develop each site.

Consideration of the desires of members of Council and the West Coast community, and the opportunities and obstacles presented by topographical features and planning regulation, have guided the development of recommendations presented in this report.

Each location possesses attributes that can be leveraged to assist in securing funding that will improve these assets. Community and heritage values are a primary consideration that in-turn provide a point of interest attractive to tourists wishing to learn more about the region, it's people, and its history.

Each of the eight cemeteries is located in an environment unique within the West Coast and Tasmania alike. An assessment of each cemetery site is provided with recommendations for ongoing developments, which include:

- Redevelopment of pathways and tracks;
- Redevelopment of vehicle access and parking;
- Replacement or rectification of failing infrastructure and furniture;
- Construction of viewing decks in key locations;
- Installation of directional signage outside and within each cemetery; and
- Installation of interpretative signage and fixtures throughout each cemetery.

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1. Background

In recent years members of the West Coast community, including heritage interest groups, have raised concerns over the state of cemeteries throughout the West Coast region.

Attempts to improve these cemeteries have included clearing pathways and gravesites of overgrown vegetation at Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery, and improving access to Tullah Pioneer Cemetery.

The federal government's Work for the Dole program has been utilised to provide labour for some of these activities. However, a lack of available funds has been identified as an obstacle to continuing improvements for all cemeteries.

The cemeteries identified in this report each possess attributes that can be leveraged to help secure funding that would in-turn be used to improve each cemetery site.

These attributes relate primarily to historic and heritage values, community values, and amenity associated with unique natural surroundings at each site.

Eight (8) cemeteries are identified for redevelopment throughout the West Coast region, in the towns of Gormanston, Queenstown, Rosebery, Strahan, Tullah and Zeehan. Four (4) 'general' cemeteries

are open, with burial plots and niche walls available for future use. Four (4) 'pioneer' cemeteries are closed and plots or niche wall spaces are no longer available.

Table 1: Number of burials in General Cemeteries in past two years

Burials	2016-2017	2017-2018
Queenstown General Cemetery	8	8
Strahan General Cemetery	1	1
Zeehan General Cemetery	1	0
Rosebery General Cemetery	1	2

The general cemeteries are typically in fair condition, with a limited number of grave sites overgrown with vegetation and broken gravestones or fencing in need of rectification. Almost all burial plots in the pioneer cemeteries are overgrown with vegetation, and many headstones are broken.

While none of the cemeteries are listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register all cemeteries hold significant cultural and heritage values, providing a link to the region's history and point of interest for members of the community and visitors alike.

Community consultation has been reviewed for the purpose of this report. Members of the West Coast community have expressed a desire to see the management of these cemeteries improved, and for the pioneer cemeteries to be redeveloped to uncover plots lost to the overgrowth of vegetation; to improve access to the various sites; and to introduce war memorials and ancillary facilities, such as seating areas to certain sites.

Each site possess unique views to its surrounding natural landscape, which range from the forested and steep sloping site of Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery to the unobstructed views of the West Coast Range from Gormanston Pioneer Cemetery. These aesthetic qualities provide an added point of interest to each site.

2. Assessment of Cemeteries

GHD planners, architects and engineers visited each cemetery site on the 4th and 5th July 2018. The assessments of each cemetery in this report are based on observations made during those visits, and through a desktop review of relevant source materials.

An assessment of the condition of road, footpath and service infrastructure was conducted, and an indicative condition rating has been applied to each cemetery. These ratings are based on a visual inspection only, and do not assess infrastructure at the individual asset or component level.

The simple site infrastructure condition rating criteria adopted for this project is detailed in Table 2 **Error! Reference source not found.**, and a condition rating is included with the assessment of each cemetery in sections 1.2 to 1.9 of this report.

An assessment of the planning requirements for each site has been conducted, which considers various aspects of progressing planning permit applications for development of each site where

necessary. The planning assessment is provided in section 3 of this report.

Table 2: Site Infrastructure Condition Rating Criteria

Rating	Description of Condition	Degree of Replacement	Maintenance
1	Very Good - New or excellent condition	0%	Normal preventative maintenance
2	Good - Minor defects only	5%	Minor corrective maintenance
3	Fair - Moderate deterioration	10 to 20%	Major corrective maintenance
4	Poor - Significant deterioration	20 to 50%	Rehabilitation if possible
5	Very Poor - Virtually unserviceable	50 to 100%	Replace

2.1 Gormanston Pioneer Cemetery

Gormanston Pioneer Cemetery is within a parcel of land approximately 3.3ha in area, located south of the Lyell Highway approximately 1km east of the town of Gormanston (2.7km by road). The site is under the authority of West Coast Council and is within the Rural Resource Zone.

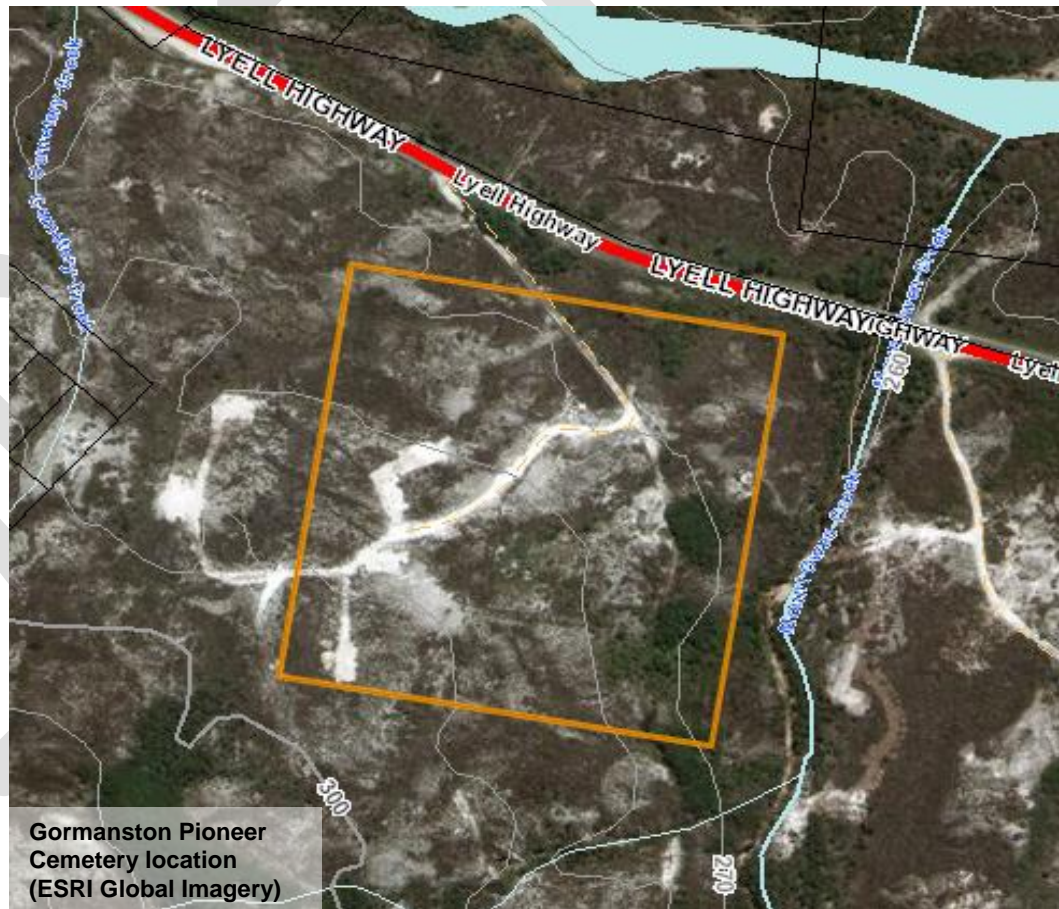
The site has an average gradient of approximately 1:6.5, falling towards the north-east. Land south-west of the subject site rises towards Gormanston and is dominated by button grass.

Vegetation across the site consists of scrub/heathland, which is overgrown throughout the cemetery and limits access and visibility to the gravesites.

Access to the site is limited, as a four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to traverse the heavily scoured loose gravel surface of the access road, which is approximately 250m in length and is not maintained.

The access road enters the Lyell Highway at an acute angle, which limits sight distance to the east when exiting the site.

Access and parking facilities are considered to be in poor condition, being subject to significant deterioration.



2.2 Queenstown General Cemetery

Queenstown General (Lyell) Cemetery is located within a reserve of approximately 14ha under the authority of West Coast Council and is within the Rural Resource Zone. The site is approximately 2.1 km south-west of the Queenstown Central Business District (2.7km by road).

The site is dominated by dense forest, with the cemetery forming the south-eastern portion. A south-flowing stream transects the site, running adjacent the western side of the cemetery.

While the cemetery is located on level ground, land to the north-east and west of the cemetery rises steeply and is subject to low and medium risk landslip hazard. The West Coast Wilderness Railway runs parallel to the southern boundary of the site.

Access to the site is via Lynchford Road, and parking is available within the cemetery grounds. Access throughout the site is provided via unsealed walkways.

Access roads, parking areas, and pathways are considered to be in good condition with minor defects only. Services and structures within the site, which include reticulated water and a small storage shed, are also considered to be in good condition.

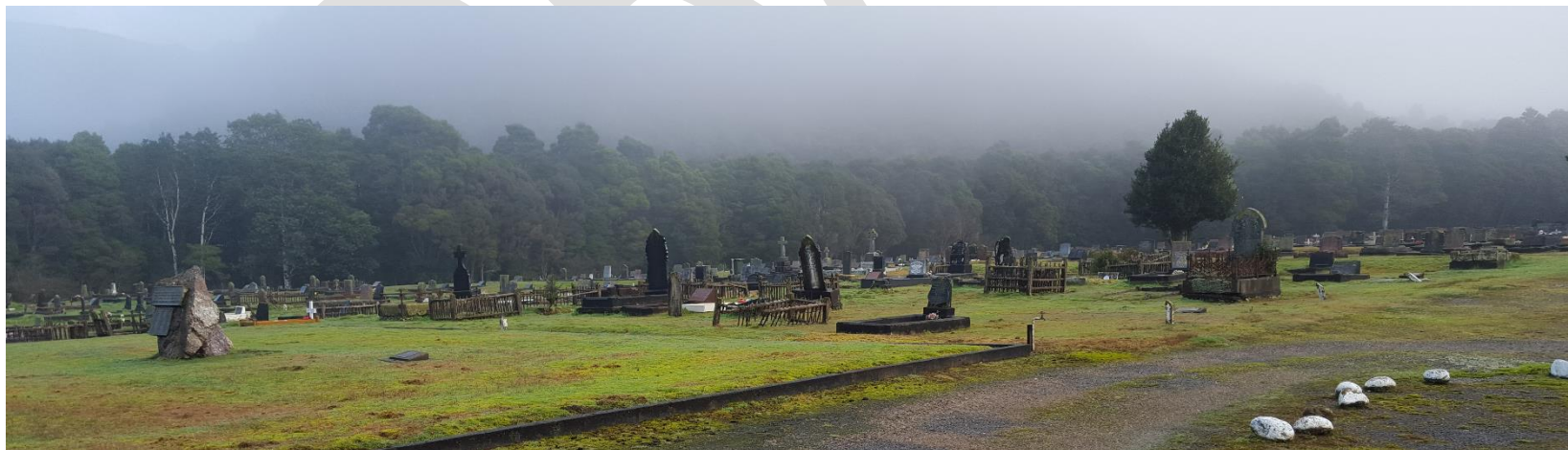


Drainage infrastructure on the site, which comprises a network of open drains, and culverts is considered to be in fair condition, with moderate deterioration.

Gravesites are typically in fair condition, however older gravesites are affected by vegetation overgrowth and contain partially collapsed grave fences and gravestones.



Queenstown General (Lyell) Cemetery access road and parking area.



2.3 Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery

Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery is located within the north-western portion of a property of approximately 2ha, which is under the authority of Crown Land Services. The site is accessed via Conlan Street approximately 750m south of Queenstown Central Business District. The cemetery is within the General Residential Zone and is subject to a Crown Lease, which applies to approximately 1.24ha of land within the site.

Vegetation on the site is dense, consisting of *leptospermum scoparium* - *acacia mucronata* forest. Many of the gravesites are overgrown, which limits access and visibility. Vegetative growth has contributed to the partial collapse of grave fences and gravestones. Some gravestones are damaged and in need of repair.

The site is steep, with the peak of a hill within the approximate centre of the property. The cemetery is located on land with an average gradient of 1:2.5 and is affected by low and medium risk landslip hazard.

The cemetery is accessed via a short, steep pathway in the north-western extent of the site, and dedicated parking is not available. However, general parking is available along Conlan Street.

The condition of the internal pathways are considered to be very poor and virtually unserviceable.



Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery location (ESRI Global Imagery)

2.4 Rosebery General Cemetery

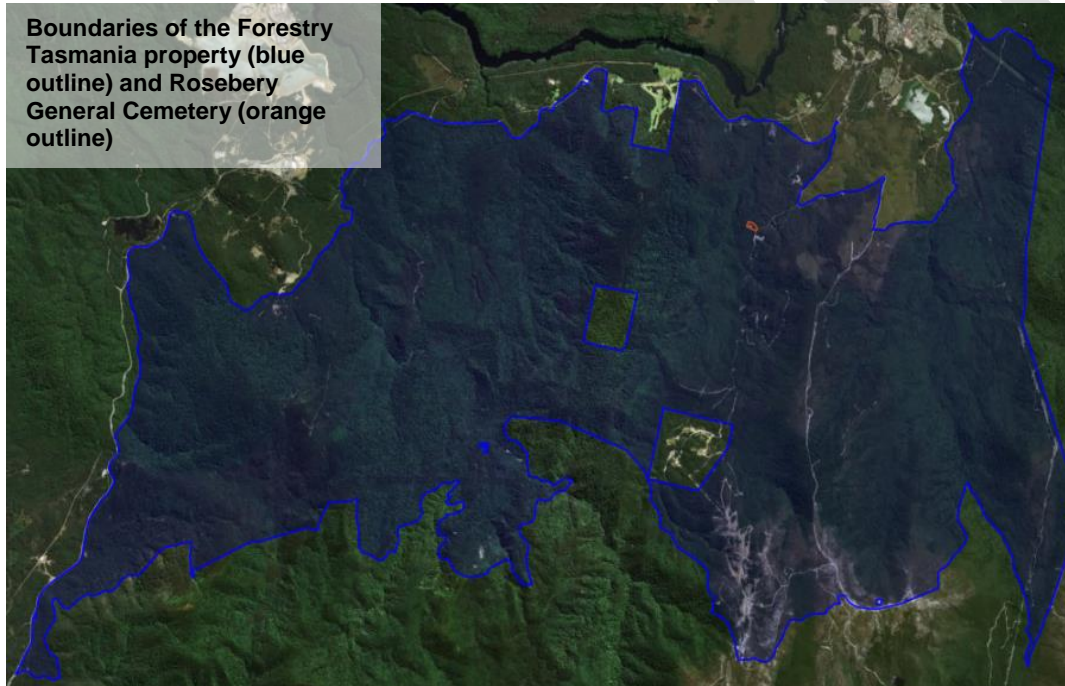
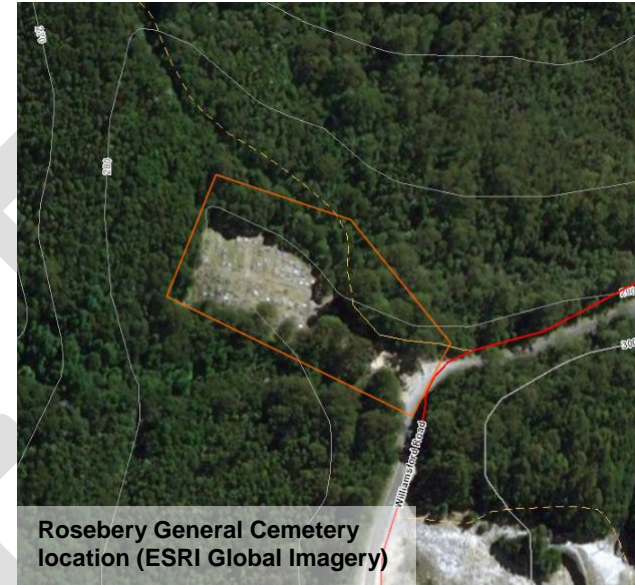
Rosebery General Cemetery is located off Williamsford Road approximately 3km south-west of the town centre of Rosebery (3.9km by road). The cemetery of approximately 8,700m² is within a timber plantation reserve of 6,099ha under the authority of Forestry Tasmania.

The site is located on a narrow ridge and has an average gradient of approximately 1:17 falling to the north-west, towards Natone Creek, which provides good drainage. While the cemetery is not directly

affected by landslip hazards, much of the land surrounding the cemetery is.

Gravesites are typically in good condition and the site is open to new burials.

Access to the site and parking is via a gravel road and parking area adjacent. Access within the cemetery is via unsealed and informal pathways. Both access and parking infrastructure are considered to be in fair condition, showing moderate deterioration.



2.5 Strahan General Cemetery

Strahan General Cemetery is located at Regatta Point approximately 2.1km by road from Strahan Town Centre. The site is approximately 1.85ha in area, is bound to the south and west by the West Coast Wilderness Railway, and to the north by Green Street.

The site is under the authority of Crown land and is within the Rural Resource Zone.

The portion of the site containing the cemetery has a very gentle slope, falling towards the west, and providing poor drainage. The slope increases in the north-western portion of the site with steep gradients between 1:6 and 1:4.

Vegetation consists of dry eucalypt woodland over the western and northern portions of the lot, and maintained lawn

throughout the cemetery over the eastern half of the site.

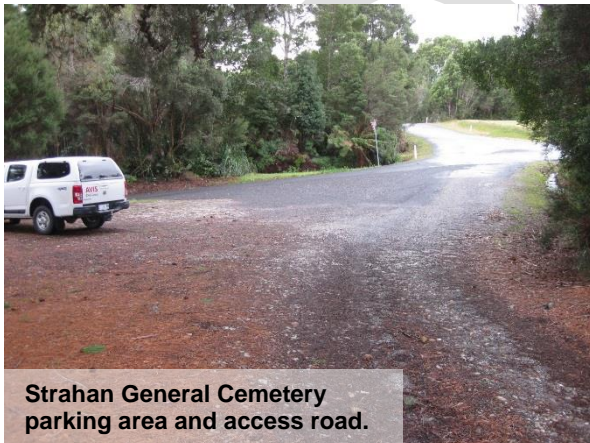
Access to the cemetery is via a gravel access road from Green Street at the north-western boundary of the site. The parking area also has a gravel surface, and both access and parking infrastructure is considered to be in good condition, with minor defects only.

Internal pathways are considered to be in fair condition, showing signs of moderate deterioration. A small shelter consisting of a timber frame and corrugated steel walls located near the entrance to the cemetery is considered to be in poor condition, showing signs of significant deterioration.

Gravesites are typically in good condition, however older grave sites and timber grave fences show signs of deterioration.



Strahan General Cemetery location (ESRI Global Imagery)



Strahan General Cemetery parking area and access road.



2.6 Tullah Pioneer Cemetery

Tullah Pioneer Cemetery was established by 1903 and functioned until 1937. According to research provided by the Tullah Progress Association the cemetery contains 40 known burial plots. However, surveying may be required to determine whether more burial plots are present as the site is heavily overgrown with vegetation.

The cemetery is located approximately 350m south of the township of Tullah. The surrounding habitat consists of buttongrass moorland and the land falls to the north-east, north, and north-west, towards Lake Rosebery, with an average gradient of approximately 1:30. A minor tributary, Central Creek, within 80m east of the cemetery flows northward towards the lake and separates the subject site from nearby roads.

Access to the site is via a gravel surfaced walking trail approximately 350m in length from Romulus Street north-east of the cemetery, and relies on a narrow wooden bridge to cross Central Creek.

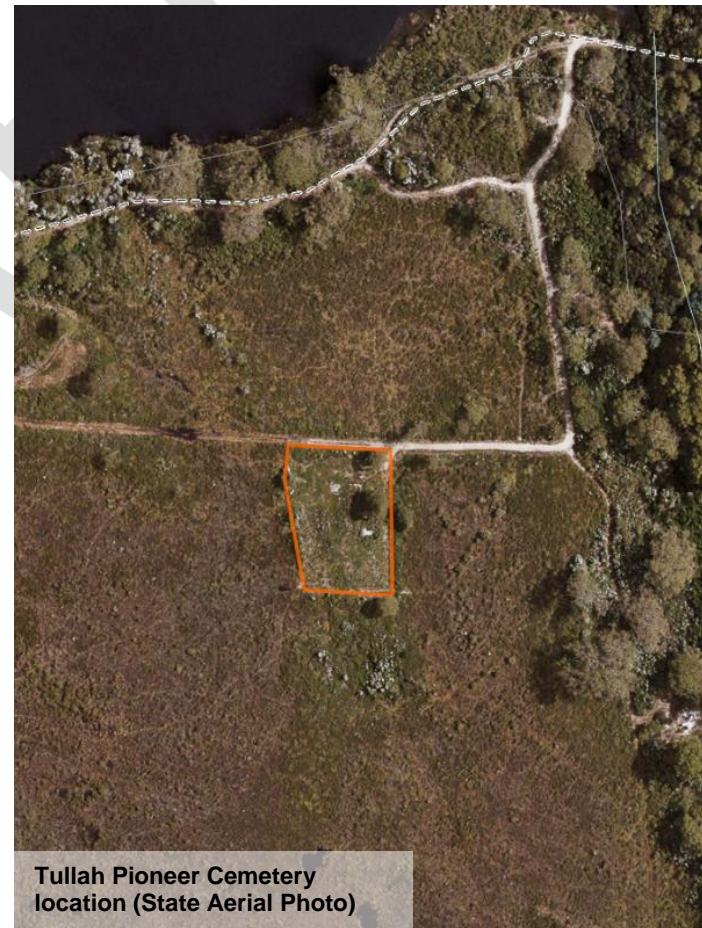
The first 50m of path is understood to have been constructed in June 2018, and was in good condition when the site was visited. The following 100m of path to Central Creek is narrow and generally unformed



across riparian reserve, adjacent to Lake Rosebery. The final 200m of path is well formed and surfaced to the cemetery.

While the cemetery comprises an area of approximately 855m² it is within a property approximately 1,079ha in area. The property is under the authority of the Hydro Electric Corporation, and comprises the majority of Lake Rosebery and portions of tributaries flowing into the lake.

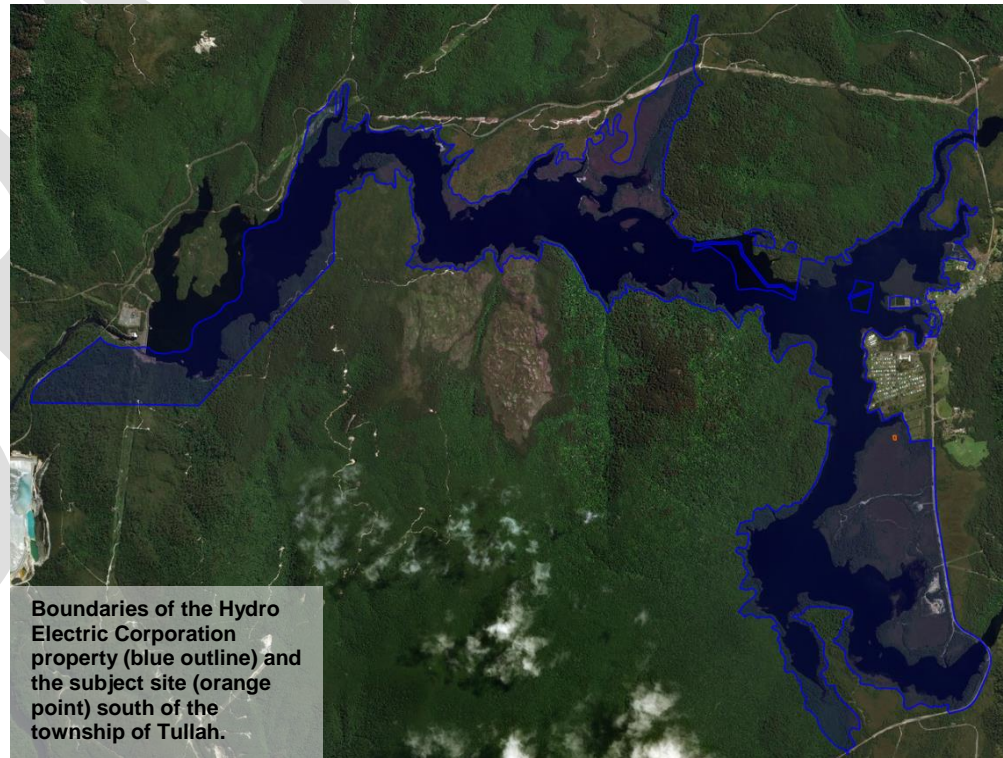
Access to the site passes through two other properties, including a Council-owned reserve and a privately-owned title (CT100219/230).



Tullah Pioneer Cemetery location (State Aerial Photo)

Tullah Progress Association have made the following suggestions with respect to the future development of the site:

- Upgrade the bridge spanning Central Creek and improve access for persons with mobility problems;
 - Fence the cemetery reserve;
 - Survey for grave sites;
 - Manage/clear vegetation;
 - Incorporate war memorial site within the cemetery;
- Establish signage on main roads directing patrons to the site.



Boundaries of the Hydro Electric Corporation property (blue outline) and the subject site (orange point) south of the township of Tullah.

2.7 Zeehan General Cemetery

Zeehan General Cemetery is located approximately 1.6km north-west of Zeehan town centre (1.9km by road). The cemetery is within a 3ha Crown Lease site, which itself is within the 2,841ha Cotty Ridge Regional Reserve under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Services.

Vegetation consists of non-eucalypt forest throughout, with a section of rainforest scrub along the south-eastern boundary. The site slopes towards the east with the forested western portion of the site having a gradient of approximately 1:2.5. The

gravesites are within a less steeply sloping portion of the site.

The steeper slopes in the west of the site are subject to landslip hazard, as is land along the eastern boundary.

Access via a gravel road off Trial Harbour Road crosses a tributary that transects the northern and eastern portions of the site, and flows to Silver Lead Creek south of the subject site. Access to and within the site, and parking infrastructure are considered to be in good condition (minor defects only). A small steel framed and clad shelter on a concrete slab is located near the centre of

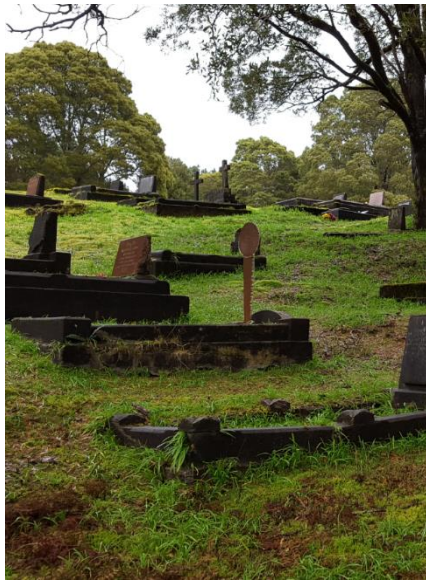
the site. It is also in good condition (minor defects only).

Gravesites are typically in good condition, and the cemetery is open for future interments and burials.

Members of the community have made the following suggestions:

- Install signage to indicate the location of cemetery;
- Seal the surfaces of the road and parking area;
- Upgrade footpaths for less mobile visitors;
- Install a location board for historical research and easier wayfinding;
- Install seating where appropriate;
- Wash/clean headstones;
- Plant flowers in green spaces throughout, and manage landscaping;
- Relocate the rubbish bin from adjacent the interment wall to the parking lot, and replace it with an urn and small pillar;
- Re-paint and clean (or replace) the existing shelter adjacent the interment wall;





Boundaries of the Parks and Wildlife Service property (blue outline) and the subject site (orange outline) north-west of the town of Zeehan.

2.8 Zeehan Pioneer Cemetery

Zeehan Pioneer Cemetery is located approximately 900m south-east of Zeehan town centre off Henty Road and is accessed via a gravel driveway approximately 35m in length.

The undulating terrain includes gradients ranging between 1:6 and 1:22, with higher elevations extending from Henty Road at the western boundary into the southern half of the property. Burial plots are located on this elevated land, on either side of an informal/unsealed access road approximately 300m in length.

Uncleared vegetation consists primarily of buttongrass interspersed with gorse, and a smaller area of wet eucalypt woodland adjacent Henty Road. A minor stream transects the northern portion of the site, and flows towards the east.

The eastern boundary of the site is shared with a property containing water treatment ponds under the authority of TasWater.

A significant portion of the site, including the burial plots, is within an informal reserve that extends to include the neighbouring treatment ponds.

Access is regarded as being in fair condition (moderate deterioration) and parking is considered to be in good condition (minor defects only). Internal

access infrastructure is considered to be in very poor condition (virtually unserviceable) as there are no formal internal access roads or paths and the informal access track is not maintained.



3. Community and stakeholder aspirations, priorities and needs

An assessment of community stakeholder aspirations and priorities was undertaken through the review of the West Coast Community Strategy 2025 and communication with West Coast Council, who provided feedback from various community groups.

3.1 West Coast Community Plan 2025

Community feedback from the West Coast Community Plan 2025 demonstrates a strong sense of community and identifies a number of desires and opportunities that accord with the initiatives of the Cemeteries Strategic Plan, especially tourism and the beautification of West Coast towns.

	We Love	Our Focus	Our Opportunities
Gormanston	Our Location & Scenery, Our Safety, Our Serenity	Increased Tourism, Through Opportunities Associated with Lake Burbury	Increased Tourism, Beautification of Our Town, More Events and Festivals
Queenstown	Our Sense of Community, Our People, Our Location & Scenery	Build Economic Diversity with Less Reliance on the Mining Sector.	Diversify Industry, Increase Tourism, Increase Employment, Opportunities
Rosebery	Our Sense of Community, Our Scenery, Our People	Business Attraction	Beautification of our Town, More Shops, Adventure Tourism
Strahan	Our Sense of Community, Our People, Our Location & Scenery	Innovation in Tourism and Product Development	Innovation in Tourism and Product Development
Tullah	Our Natural Environment, Our People, Our Location	Tourism Opportunities: Becoming the Gateway for the West Coast	Tourism Opportunities, Improved Communications, Mining Opportunities
Zeehan	Our Sense of Community, Quietness, Our People	Increased Tourism, Opportunities	Increased Tourism, More Employment Opportunities, Strengthen Mining Industry

A number of more specific initiatives were identified, which the Cemeteries Strategy can support. These include:

- Develop and implement a West Coast Beautification Program and associated Signage Strategy for the Region.
- Support education, history, and heritage throughout the region.
- Create and maintain community spaces.
- Foster and support participation in community organisations that benefit and promote inter community cooperation.
- Improve access to cultural activities.
- Encourage and recognise volunteering which supports community cultural activities.
- Plan and provide appropriate infrastructure and services to support tourism.
- Identify product gaps and opportunities to diversify and strengthen the tourism offerings of the West Coast Region.
- Support the identification and preservation of the cultural heritage of the West Coast.
- Foster strong Community Engagement through the development of a Council

community engagement strategy and associated policy.

- The outcomes and strategies of the West Coast Community Plan 2025 are implemented through Council's adopted Corporate (Business) Plan and Operational Plans.

4. Planning

Each cemetery site is within the West Coast Local Government Area and any development will be assessed against the provisions of the *West Coast Interim Planning Scheme 2013*.

4.1 Use Class and Use Status

Cemeteries fall within the Crematoria and Cemeteries use class, which is defined in Table 8.2 of the Scheme as “use of land for the burial or cremation of human or animal remains, and if land is so used, the use includes a funeral chapel”.

Each cemetery is within either the Rural Resource Zone, the Environmental Management Zone, or the General Residential Zone. The Crematoria and Cemeteries use class is discretionary within the Rural Resource Zone and is prohibited within the Environmental Management and General Residential Zones. However, each cemetery qualifies as an Existing Non-conforming Use, or an Existing Discretionary Use under Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of the Scheme.

Within the Environmental Management and General Residential Zones the planning authority may approve changes to an existing non-conforming use for a minor

development, where there is no detrimental impact on adjoining land uses or amenity of the locality; no substantial intensification of the use; and the development is otherwise consistent with the purpose and provisions of the Zone and any applicable Codes.

Within the Rural Resource Zone development for existing discretionary uses must be considered as having a permitted status, where the proposal for development does not establish a new use, or substantially intensify the use.

4.2 General and Limited Exemptions

Certain proposed development options may be exempt under Sections 5.0 and 6.0 of the Scheme.

4.2.1 General Exemptions

- Section 5.4 Maintenance and Repair of Linear and Minor Utilities and Infrastructure, which includes minor infrastructure such as footpaths and cycle paths, seating and shelters, rubbish bins, public art, and the like on public land.
- Section 5.5 Maintenance and Repair of Buildings, which includes re-cladding and re-roofing whether using similar or different materials provided this does

not contravene a condition of an existing permit which applies to a site.

- Section 5.9 Demolition of Exempt Buildings, which includes whole or in part of a building, the erection of which would be exempt under the Scheme.
- Section 5.11 Vehicle Crossings, Junctions and Level Crossings, which includes roads or railways by, or in accordance with the written consent of the relevant road or rail authority.

4.2.2 Limited Exemptions

- Section 6.1 Minor Structures and Outbuildings, which includes existing shelter structures.
- Section 6.2 Provision and Upgrades of Linear and Minor Utilities and Infrastructure, which includes provision or minor upgrades on public land for developments including stormwater infrastructure, footpaths and cycle paths, seating and shelters, and rubbish bins.
- 6.3 Vegetation Planting, Clearing or Modification, which may be required on sites in which surrounding vegetation has encroached on sections of the cemeteries.

- 6.4 Fences, which includes fences consistent with the required dimensions and setbacks of the Scheme.

Note that exemptions are not granted if the proposed development is within 30m of a wetland or watercourse, requires the removal of threatened vegetation, or requires excavation in landslip hazard area.

4.3 Zone Provisions

Three (3) Zones apply to the eight (8) cemetery sites identified in this report. The respective Zone for each cemetery is as follows:

Cemetery	Zone
Gormanston Pioneer	Rural Resource
Queenstown General (Lyell)	Rural Resource
Queenstown Pioneer	General Residential
Rosebery General	Rural Resource
Strahan General	Rural Resource
Tullah Pioneer	Rural Resource
Zeehan General	Environmental Management
Zeehan Pioneer	Rural Resource

4.3.1 Environmental Management Zone

As the 'crematoria and cemeteries use' is otherwise prohibited in the Environmental Management Zone any proposed developments within the Zeehan General Cemetery must be consistent with Section 9.1 of the Scheme 'Changes to an Existing Non-conforming Use' and not have a detrimental impact on adjoining land uses or amenity of the locality, must not intensify the use, and be consistent with the purpose and provisions of the Zone.

The proposed developments for the Zeehan General Cemetery site are consistent with the Zone Purpose Statements, Local Area Objectives, and Desired Future Character Statements of the Zone as they will not encroach further onto land outside of the boundaries of the existing cemetery, or will provide minor upgrades to existing access road, parking facilities, and pathways associated with the site.

It is noted that the cemetery site does not have boundaries defined by a cadastral parcel, rather it is within a substantial conservation area associated with the Crotty Ridge Regional Reserve.

4.3.2 General Residential Zone

As the 'crematoria and cemeteries use' is otherwise prohibited in the General

Residential Zone any proposed developments within the Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery must be consistent with Section 9.1 of the Scheme 'Changes to an Existing Non-conforming Use' and not have a detrimental impact on adjoining land uses or amenity of the locality, must not intensify the use, and be consistent with the purpose and provisions of the Zone.

The proposed developments for the Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery site are consistent with the Zone Purpose Statements, Local Area Objectives, and Desired Future Character Statements of the Zone as they will not encroach further onto land outside of the boundaries of the existing site, including minor upgrades to pathways associated with the site.

4.3.3 Rural Resource Zone

As the 'crematoria and cemeteries use' is otherwise discretionary in the Rural Resource Zone any proposed developments within a cemetery must be consistent with Section 9.2 of the Scheme 'Existing Discretionary Use' and must be considered as having a permitted status, where the proposal for development does not establish a new use, or substantially intensify the use.

As the cemeteries are existing uses it is not expected that any of the proposed developments within any site will be

inconsistent with the Zone Purpose Statements, Local Area Objectives, and Desired Future Character Statements of the Zone. Nonetheless any proposed development will need to be consistent with provisions of the Zone. Relevant considerations may include access and amenity for neighbouring properties.

4.4 Codes

4.4.1 Bushfire-Prone Areas Code

Being for a 'crematoria and cemeteries use' the proposed developments should be exempt from the Bushfire-Prone Areas Code as the use is neither vulnerable nor hazardous. However, potential new buildings may require assessment if nearby vegetation is considered a bushfire hazard.

4.4.2 Clearing and Conservation Code

This Code may apply at Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery and Zeehan General Cemetery if a proposed development requires the removal of native vegetation within 30m of a watercourse.

4.4.3 Change in Ground Level Code

This Code may apply if excavation associated with proposed development, including for potential drainage, access

road, or parking area maintenance, requires soil removed to a depth greater than 1m, is within a watercourse, or involves an area greater than 200m².

4.4.4 Sign Code

While the Sign Code applies to all signage, a significant number of exemptions to this Code are possible depending on the kind and location of signage proposed.

4.4.5 Traffic Generating Use Code

The Traffic Generating Use Code applies to all development. However, the nature of the developments proposed for the eight (8) cemeteries are likely to be consistent with the provisions of the Code.

4.4.6 Water and Waterways Code

This Code will apply to any proposed development that occurs within 30m of a watercourse, which may apply to Queenstown General (Lyell) Cemetery, and Zeehan General Cemetery.

4.5 External Authorities

Development associated with certain cemeteries identified in this report will require coordination with external authorities, including obtaining Crown consent to make an application for

development within Crown Land, or consent from State Growth for development that might affect roads under the authority of State Growth. The following cemetery sites are within land under the authority of the Crown:

Cemetery	Authority	Lease	Notes
Gormanston Pioneer	West Coast Council	N/A	While Gormanston Pioneer Cemetery is under the authority of the West Coast Council the site is accessed via the Lyell Highway, which is under the authority of State Growth. Signage and access associated with the Lyell Highway will require consent from State Growth.
Queenstown General (Lyell)	West Coast Council	N/A	Queenstown General (Lyell) Cemetery is accessed from Lynchford Road via an unnamed access road, which is under the authority of Crown Land through DPIPWE.
Queenstown Pioneer	Crown Land (DPIPWE)	West Coast Council	The entirety of Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery is a public reserve under the authority of Crown Land Services through DPIPWE, and the western half of the site is also under a Crown Lease.
Rosebery General	Crown Land (Forestry Tasmania)	N/A	Rosebery General Cemetery is within a substantial permanent timber production zone under the authority of Forestry Tasmania.
Strahan General	Crown Land (DPIPWE)	West Coast Council is the ratepayer for the subject site	Strahan Cemetery is within a public reserve under the authority of Crown Land.
Tullah Pioneer	Crown Land (Hydro Electric Corporation)	West Coast Council	Tullah Pioneer Cemetery is within a substantial area under the authority of Hydro Electric Corporation that encases Lake Rosebery.
Zeehan General	Crown Land (Parks & Wildlife)	N/A	Zeehan General Cemetery is within the Crotty Ridge Regional Reserve. While this reserve is not subject to a management plan it is nonetheless under the authority of the Parks and Wildlife Services.
Zeehan Pioneer	West Coast Council	N/A	Zeehan Pioneer Cemetery is under the authority of West Coast Council, but is accessed via Henty Road, which is under the authority of State Growth.

5. Funding Options and Tourism Potential

Financing the recommended developments for each of the cemeteries can be assisted through a number of grants and may be secured through association with cultural heritage, military/veterans, and tourism grants.

5.1 Tourism Potential

Growing interest in the cultural and heritage values embodied in cemeteries throughout the world has seen a rise in associated tourism. Indeed, Penguin General Cemetery is listed on Tourism Tasmania's website, and local community groups and businesses have begun to provide services, such as historian guided tours and café stops.

Subsets of the tourism industry, "tombstone tourism" and "genealogy tourism" are built around exploration of regional cultural heritage through the personal stories gleaned from tombstone and plaque inscriptions.

Queenstown's story is told in this intriguing cemetery with more than

500 graves and some fascinating inscriptions on the crumbling headstones. – Lonely Planet

The setting of cemeteries can build on such tourist attraction, with many cemeteries offering vistas over the surrounding landscape or access to bushwalking trails.

Each of the West Coast cemeteries identified in this master plan possess a number of features that draw on the interests of tombstone and genealogy tourists.

For example; Gormanston Pioneer Cemetery is mentioned alongside the town of Linda in travel guides promoting exploration of Tasmania's "ghost towns". The site also offers expansive vistas to Mount Lyell and the North Owen Peak. The steep and densely forested setting of Queenstown Pioneer Cemetery is unique, while Queenstown General Cemetery includes a large number of grave sites, and memorials to local victims of war, and of the 1912 Mt Lyell Mine Disaster.

Further to this, community involvement in the maintenance and preservation efforts at these cemeteries have contributed to the development of intriguing stories that provide insight into past events, such as a smallpox outbreak affecting many infants in the early 1900s.

Building on these features opportunities exist to leverage finances to contribute to maintenance and recommended developments.

5.2 Funding Grants

5.2.1 Community Infrastructure Fund

The State Government's Community Infrastructure Fund supports community infrastructure initiatives that enhance the liveability and cohesion of communities. It is open to not for profit organisations (incorporated or registered under company law) local councils (including council-owned businesses) and private sector businesses to assist with capital costs associated with the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrading of existing infrastructure that will benefit the community.

A small component of the Community Infrastructure Fund is available for planning/feasibility activities that demonstrate strong community benefit. Such applications will be assessed separately from other applications.

Community Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to:

- community parks, lands and gardens
- township beautification works and street furniture

- footpaths and cycle ways
- walking trails and public pathways
- interpretive signage
- lookouts
- car parking areas (non-commercial)
- tourism infrastructure development.

Funds received through the CIF range from \$10,408 to \$50,000 with median funding at \$42,980.

5.2.2 Tasmanian Community Fund

The Tasmanian Community Fund allocates approximately \$6m each year through two major funding rounds for projects that provide:

- benefit to the Tasmanian community;
- innovation and proactivity;
- an integrated and collaborative approach, avoiding duplication;
- value for money;
- community support for the project, particularly from any partners;
- high levels of other financial or in-kind contributions;
- the ability to build and strengthen community capacity;

- good prospects for successful implementation; and
- volunteer and community involvement with the project.

Seven (7) targeted funding rounds are also held throughout the year, which include but are not limited to:

- Tasmanian Cultural Heritage; and
- Community Infrastructure.

Round 38, which opens 02/02/2019 will make available funds of up to \$20,000 for small grants, and funds between \$20,000 and \$70,000 available for medium grants. Approximately half of all grants are allocated to the small grant program.

Round 39, which opens on 13 July 2019 will include grants for large infrastructure, equipment and assets up to \$300,000

Projects should have a focus on one or more of the following areas:

- Increasing the number of young people in employment, education and training;
- Improving linkages between employment, education and training;
- Increasing participation rates in education, training and lifelong learning that lead to increased workforce participation;

- Increasing life aspirations and attainment;
- Increasing functional literacy and numeracy (including financial and digital literacy);
- Improving language skills for Tasmanians for whom English as a second language is a barrier to participation; and
- Increasing capacity to transition through life stages.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the TCF the applicant entity must be:

- not for profit;
- incorporated or be a not-for-profit legal entity, or sponsored by an incorporated organisation or a not-for-profit legal entity; and
- based in Tasmania, or proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania.

Eligible not for profit organisations include Councils and State Government Departments.

Funding has been received to upgrade footpaths to public restrooms, to replace roofing on community buildings, and to construct new sheds for Men's Shed groups.

Under Grant Round 36 the Friends of Evandale Catholic Cemetery received \$11,980 for “Reconnecting the community and Evandale’s historic Catholic Cemetery”.

Under Grant Round 30 the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc received \$14,800 for the restoration of 23 headstones from View Rd Cemetery.

5.2.3 National Trusts Partnership Programme

The National Trusts Partnership Programme provides on-going funding to the Australian Council of National Trusts to support activities that increase public awareness, understanding and appreciation of Australia’s cultural heritage, and enhance and promote its conservation and assist the Trusts to advocate and work for the

preservation and enhancement of Australia’s cultural heritage.

The Australian Council of National Trusts will coordinate activities under the program with National Trust offices in each State and Territory to deliver strategic outcomes agreed to by the Department.

The programme is not open to the public and enquiries will need to be directed to the Australian Council of National Trusts.

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Appendix A

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