

APPLICATION TO BECOME A MEMBER

Date: / / 2008 (Please print clearly)

I, _____ (Name)

of _____ (Address)

_____ (State) _____ (Postcode)

desire to become a member of the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. (A0050136N). In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

_____ (Signature of Applicant)

_____ (Email Address)

Annual membership to 30 June 2008

- Individual \$A 5.00
 Corporate \$A 25.00

Donation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please return together with your cheque or money order to:
Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc.

**PO Box 2958
 CHELTENHAM VIC 3192**

For your convenience, cash payment may be made in person at the Cheltenham Memorial Park office.

AIMS OF THE COMMITTEE

The aims of the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. are:

- ☞ To raise awareness by promoting the conservation and appreciation of the Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries as places of local, state and national importance
- ☞ To actively research and preserve the history of the Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries
- ☞ To collate, share and publish stories of persons interred in the Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries
- ☞ To facilitate the restoration of monuments through close links with interested organisations, descendants and other stakeholders
- ☞ Do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them.

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FRIENDS OF CHELTENHAM AND REGIONALS CEMETERIES INC.

...promoting the
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 Cheltenham and Regional
 Cemeteries

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ABOUT THE CHELTENHAM CEMETERIES

Opened on 3 October 1864, the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery was the first general cemetery established in Melbourne's bayside and coincided with the demise of the Beaumaris Methodist Churchyard Cemetery (1855-65).

Originally named the South Moorabbin and Mordialloc General Cemetery, eight acres of land fronting Charman Road was reserved. Initially just half of the area was used. A portion of the Cemetery was later excised in the 1880s for the railway line to Mordialloc.

On 14 February 1933, the Cheltenham Memorial Park opened in Holloway (Wangara) Road with 21.9 acres, later extended to 40 acres over a number of stages between the 1940s and '80s. Land was set aside for a crematorium which was never built. The first interment occurred on 27 March with the burial of Mary Ellen Payne. There have since been over 55,000 interments.

Both the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery and Cheltenham Memorial Park are the final resting places of many local pioneers and identities and are places of local, state and national importance.

DID YOU KNOW? ➤ There are three indigenous Australians buried within the cemeteries? ➤ Over 22 persons lie interred who are Knights of the British Empire? ➤ Land was excised at one of the cemeteries to make way for a railway line? ➤ Victims of some of the biggest crimes and tragic stories are interred within the burial grounds, including the Caulfield Railway disaster (1926), the Westgate Bridge collapse (1970), the Hoddle Street massacre (1987) and the HMAS *Westralia* disaster (1998)? ➤ The oldest recorded death dates back to 1852? ➤ The four burial grounds cover over 375 acres and 150,000 interments?

*Conditions apply.

NOTABLE INTERMENTS

Many famous and infamous persons lie buried at the Cheltenham cemeteries. Amongst some of the notable burials are:

William Calder—Chairman of the Country Roads Board.

Ron Casey—Television and sporting personality.

Bill Williamson—Champion jockey.

Sir George Jones—Chief of Air Staff and WWI fighter ace.

Walter Rose—Founder of W D Rose Funeral Directors.

Frank Benvenuto—Victim of the gangland wars.

Sir William Fry—Local identity, soldier and politician.

Clarice Beckett—A natural gifted realist artist.

James Legge—Commander of the AIF during WWI.

Trevor Barker—Champion Australian rules footballer.

Sir Matthew Davies—Notorious land boomer.

Vera Brown—Pioneer of infant maternal health.



“RESEARCH, RESTORE, REMEMBER”

Formed in May 2007, the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. is a not-for-profit community group which aims to raise the profile of the Cheltenham cemeteries. Our motto is “research, restore, remember”. We do this by:

- *Researching* the lives of those interred and sharing this information for the benefit of future generations
- *Restoring* gravesites by raising funds through close links with interested parties and other stakeholders
- *Remembering* the contribution of those from our past by running regular walking tours.

Need help searching for a gravesite...? Then why not submit your research request on our website? This free* service is designed to assist the public who are seeking an extract from the register, a map showing the location and photo of the gravesite. Requests can be submitted via our website www.focrc.org/locategrave.htm.

Make a lasting contribution today... We believe that every life is unique and worth remembering. By taking the time to share with us information on a person buried you will make a lasting contribution for future generations.