

Historic Places Act 1993
 Resource Management Act 1991
 Building Act 1991
 Reserves Act 1977
 Asset Management Plan

8.3 Existing Services

Bolton Street Memorial Park is the original settlers' Bolton Street Cemetery, dating back to the earliest days of the city. The cemetery closed to burials in 1965. The only interments are of cremated remains that number a couple per year.

The Council's functioning cemeteries are Makara and Karori.

Karori cemetery was established in 1891 to replace the overcrowded Bolton Street Cemetery. Karori Cemetery filled quickly and by the 1950s had nearly reached maximum capacity.

Karori Cemetery's crematorium opened in 1909, and was New Zealand's first crematorium. It carries out about 450 cremations a year.

In 1940 the Board of Health required Council to locate another burial site for the Capital's population, as Karori Cemetery edged towards full capacity. Makara was the chosen location and the first burial occurred in 1965. The Cemetery is currently about one third full and has a large amount of undeveloped area available for future burials.

Burials	
Karori Cemetery	79,300
Makara Cemetery	8,700
Bolton Street	8,632
Cremations	
Karori Crematorium	68400

Table 11. Numbers of interments and cremations until 2001

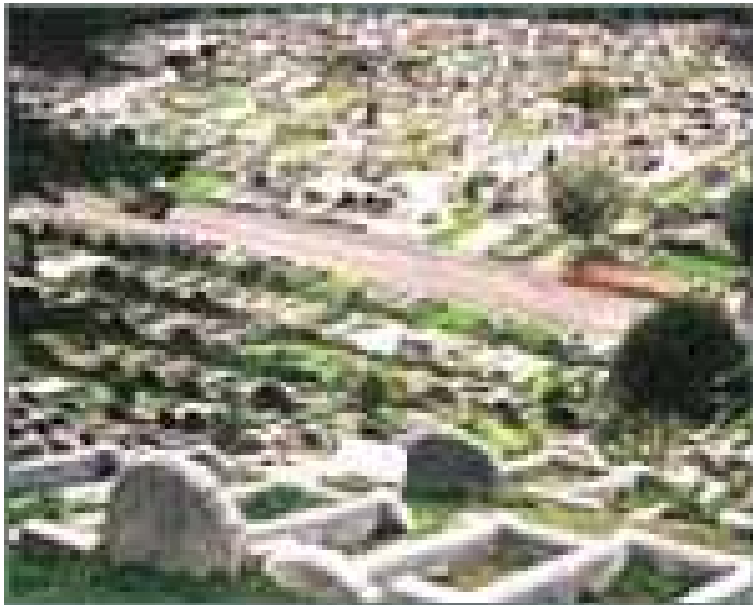
Burial records dating back to 1891 at Karori Cemetery, and 1965 at Makara Cemetery, are available for public viewing at the Karori Cemetery office. The office also holds records dating back to 1849 of interments at Bolton Street Memorial Park. The cemetery holds records for 151,409 people who have been interred or cremated. Historic take up rates for Bolton Street, Karori and Makara are shown in Table 11.

8.4 Issues

Makara Cemetery is one third full there is a need to begin thinking about planning for new areas in terms of planting, road access and services.

One key area that impacts on the level of service experienced by visitors to the Karori Cemetery, and possibly in the future for Makara, is gravesite maintenance. Under Council Bylaws, it is not Council's responsibility to maintain gravesites. This responsibility rests with either the person who has purchased a plot in advance, or representatives or successors in perpetuity of the person buried therein.

Unfortunately a combination of neither party (individuals or Council) carrying out their responsibilities to the necessary extent has led to difficulties with access and loss of gravesite integrity at Karori Cemetery. This is a cause for concern to the community.



Non-maintained vaults, headstones and gravesite structures can be removed by the Council. In situations where there is no 'next-of-kin' there is a gap in terms of maintenance responsibility. In this case the Council accept it has a role to play. It is not appropriate to allow the area to remain overgrown and regenerate to a more natural state.

8.5 Present Situation

All burials are carried out in accordance with the BCA 1964.

The Cemeteries must approve the casket before cremation. Caskets must be made of combustible material and the contents must comply with Crematorium guidelines to ensure safety and environmental responsibility.

Karori cemetery