

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.

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