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Fact Sheet

The Burial Space Crisis:

Why does
Sydney urgently
need more
burial space?

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Greater Sydney is facing a crisis for equitable, sustainable and accessible burial space, which has major implications for NSW and its residents.

Over 50% of deaths in Greater Sydney require land for interment - either through burial or ash-interment.

66% of people who were buried or buried a loved one at Rookwood in the past two years were from within 10kms of the location. This shows strong demand for local burial services.

Providing burial space

Metropolitan Memorial Parks (MMP) manages eight memorial parks across Sydney and Newcastle, spanning over 400ha of Crown land. As a Category 1 Crown cemetery manager operating under NSW legislation as a self-funding entity, MMP is responsible for providing accessible and affordable interment services, addressing market gaps, and ensuring equitable access for everyone in the community.

Better use of exiting cemeteries

MMP is doing everything to 'squeeze' extra supply from existing cemeteries. However, land optimisation strategies are insufficient to address the long-term challenges.

MMP's analysis highlights the need for a comprehensive, integrated approach to secure land for future development and ensure long-term community needs are met.

A growing multicultural community

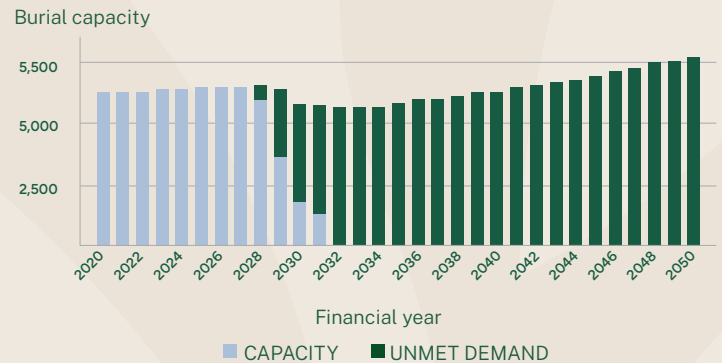
A new Crown cemetery has not been built in the heart of Sydney in more than 80 years, despite significant population growth, increases in demand, and changes in cultural diversity.

NSW is one of Australia's most culturally diverse communities, with people from 307 ancestries practicing 46 religions and speaking more than 215 languages. MMP must ensure that interment space is provided to meet the needs of all faith and cultural groups.

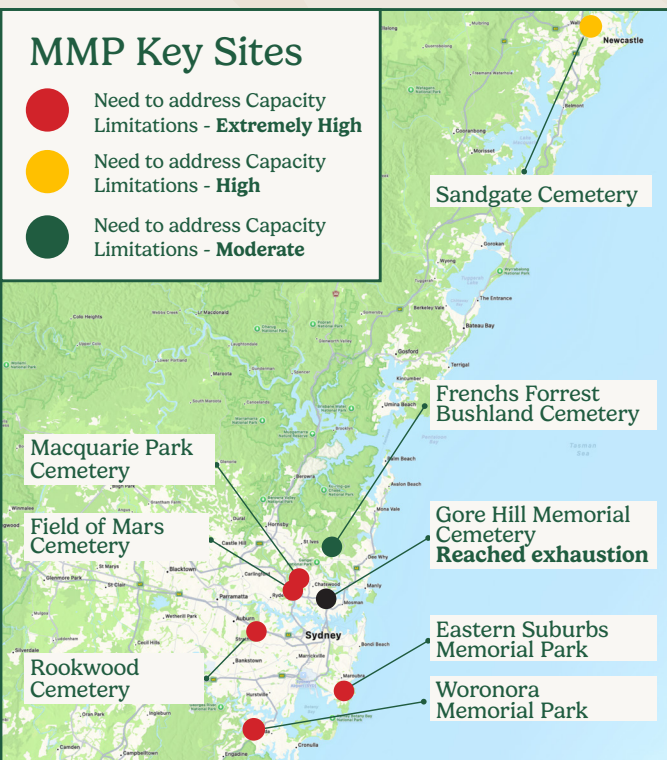
Burial space is running out

Cemeteries across Sydney are running out of space, with estimates that they will need to begin turning away some faith groups in less than two years.

Crown demand versus supply analysis



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