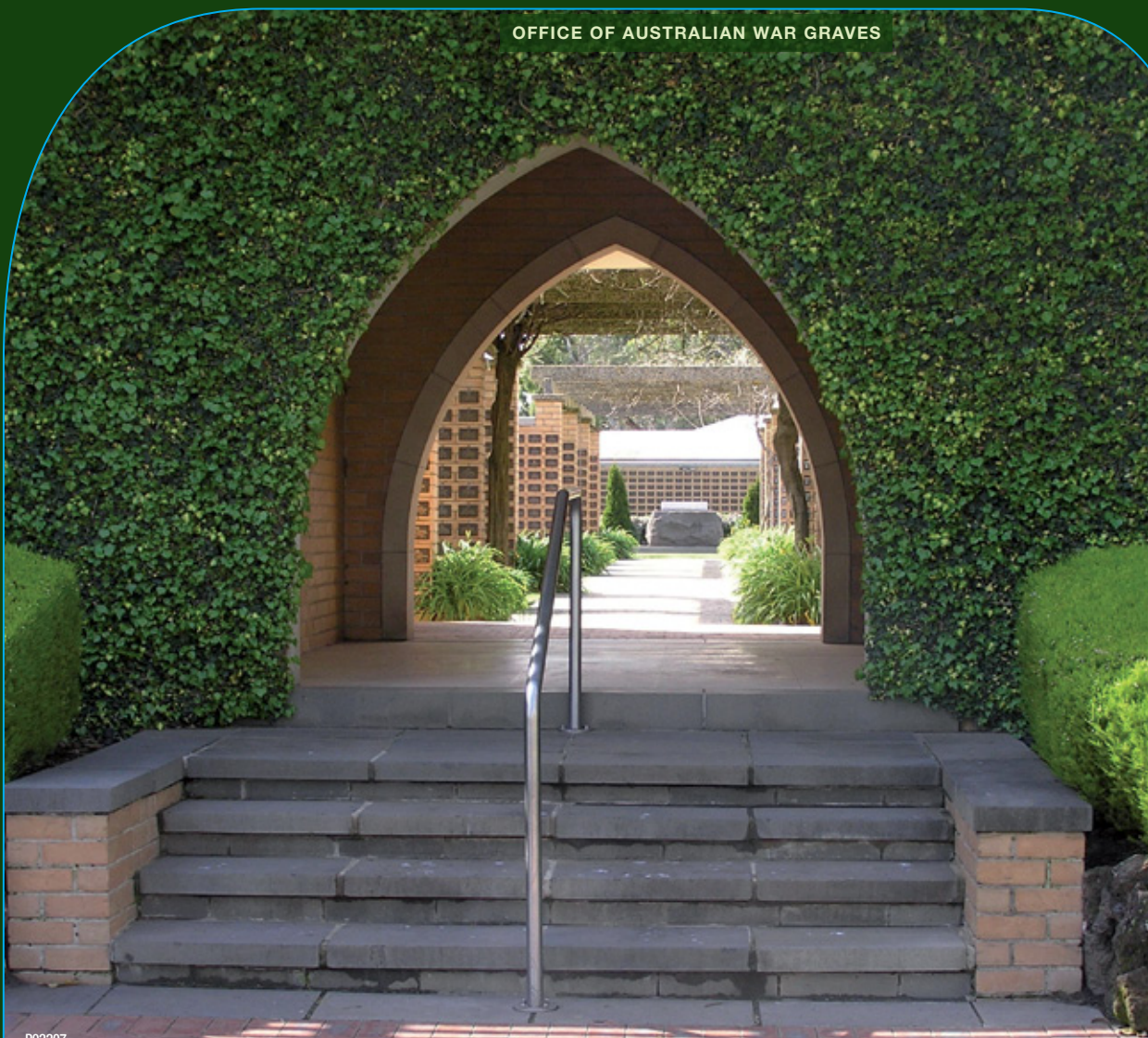




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GARDENS OF REMEMBRANCE

OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES



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Australia, as a member nation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission conferred official commemoration upon Service personnel who died during the two World Wars. Official commemoration is also provided for Service personnel who die in subsequent conflicts and those whose post-war deaths are determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to have been related to war service. Official commemoration can be provided at an interment site, crematorium niche or in a Garden of Remembrance.

Gardens of Remembrance are an alternative and distinctively Australian way of official commemoration. There are ten Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) Gardens of Remembrance, one in every Australian capital city as well as Townsville and Launceston. Containing almost 200,000 commemorations, they are often located near the major war cemeteries and are maintained in perpetuity by OAWG staff.

Tranquil, green sanctuaries, the Gardens have been designed and landscaped with commemoration in mind. The Gardens make it possible for families to commemorate loved ones with a private memorial at the interment site or to scatter their ashes privately. **There is no provision for placement of remains in these Gardens.** Individual plaques are placed on walls, amid flowers and plants that thrive in the area. Shelters and quiet places to sit encourage loved ones and friends to stay to reflect and remember.

Eligible veterans are commemorated in the company of those with whom they served, and at a place of beauty and peace that is under constant care.

OAWG is available, during normal office hours, to assist and advise on any matters affecting the commemoration for a veteran. Please address all enquiries to:

Office of Australian War Graves
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Regional callers: 1800 555 254

Information regarding Garden of Remembrance maps and directions are available at the Office of Australian War Graves website. Please visit:
http://www.dva.gov.au/commems_oawg/oawg/Pages/index.aspx



NEW SOUTH WALES GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The New South Wales Garden of Remembrance is situated adjacent to the Sydney War Cemetery, within the Rookwood Necropolis, Memorial Drive, Rookwood and has capacity for 100,000 plaques. The original Garden was built in the 1960s but after being completely rebuilt in 1988, was rededicated on 18 October 1991. Throughout spring, summer and autumn the Gardens bloom with roses and rosemary – flowers that symbolise remembrance. The main entrance building houses register books, listing the wall and panel number of each individual plaque.



VICTORIA GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Victoria Garden of Remembrance is situated within the Springvale Botanical Cemetery in Melbourne. The original Garden was opened in the early 1960s and was extended in 1988 and now has a plaque capacity of 70,000. As you proceed along the Garden, you first walk through the European Sunken Garden which is bounded by a covered pergola, then to an Australian Dry Creek Bed, and finally through to the Asian Garden. The European and Asian Gardens symbolise the main theatres of war in which Australians served during the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.



QUEENSLAND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Queensland Garden of Remembrance is situated within the Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery at Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane and has capacity for 35,000 plaques. A feature of the Garden is a large fig tree around which the plaque walls radiate. To the right of the entrance there are columns bearing the emblems of the three services. Beyond the columns lies a cascading water feature. Seating areas are provided under the fig tree and inside the covered pergola at the top of the water feature.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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The South Australian Garden of Remembrance is situated within the Centennial Park Cemetery in Adelaide and has a plaque capacity of 30,000. On the approach road to the Garden, and adjacent to the car park, are located replicas of an aeroplane propeller, a ship's wheel and a gun carriage wheel. These represent the three services – Air Force, Navy and Army. The Reflection Pool and a large dedication plaque will be seen after passing through the entry building. In the centre of the Garden, a large contemplation area is located where visitors can rest.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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The Western Australian Garden of Remembrance is situated adjacent to the Perth War Cemetery at Smyth Road, Nedlands. The Garden was officially opened on 23 October 1966, but was extensively renovated and rededicated on 14 November 1997. The Garden has a plaque capacity of 25,000. From the main entrance a central pathway leads to a gazebo where seats have been placed for visitors' comfort. From the gazebo a feature wall may be seen, upon which a plaque has been placed with the inscription "Their Name Liveth For Evermore".



HOBART GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Built in the early 1960s, there are two Gardens of Remembrance in Tasmania, one at Hobart, situated within the Cornelian Bay Cemetery and the other located in Launceston, within the Carr Villa Cemetery.

The Hobart Garden of Remembrance is accessed through an archway in the entry building and has a total plaque capacity of 5,900. The plaque walls are located on each side of a grassed area and during spring, summer and autumn the entry to the Garden is ablaze with colour from the carefully maintained flower beds.



LAUNCESTON GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Launceston Garden of Remembrance, which has a plaque capacity of 4,700, is accessed through a path adjacent to the Carr Villa War Cemetery, via a ramp or steps. A path leads through the Garden with walls either side. A feature wall displaying the Navy, Army and Air Force Badges is located at the entrance to the Garden. The Garden was extensively renovated in 2008.



NORTH QUEENSLAND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The North Queensland Garden of Remembrance is situated within Anzac Park, The Strand, Townsville and was officially opened on 23 March 2005. The Garden has a capacity for 5,000 plaques. At the Garden entrance, by the entry plinth, a register of plaque locations and a plan of the Garden are provided. The central path curves around large trees leading to a visitors' shelter where a water feature and small pool of reflection are located.



NORTHERN TERRITORY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Northern Territory Garden of Remembrance is situated within the Thorak Regional Cemetery, Deloraine Road, Berrimah. The Garden was officially opened on 19 February 2002 and has a capacity for 2,000 plaques. From the main entrance a pathway encompasses a central water feature and visitors' shelter where seating has been placed for visitors' comfort. Within the shelter is a wall mounted display featuring the history of Darwin during the Second World War.



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Australian Capital Territory Garden of Remembrance is situated within the Woden Public Cemetery, Justinian Street, Phillip. The Garden was officially opened on 9 November 2005 and has a capacity of 10,000 plaques. In addition to the bronze plaques and commemorative walls, the Garden features a visitors' pavilion, seating and symbolic artwork in a picturesque setting, surrounded by mature Chinese Elms.