



Crown Cemeteries Advisory Committee

Meeting 01-10

Summary of proceedings

The inaugural meeting of the Crown Cemeteries Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 in the Rolleston Room in the LPMA Building, Queens Square, Sydney.

The meeting was chaired by the CCAC Chairperson, Graham Harding.

In attendance were:

- David Knoll
- Donna Bruce
- Jacqueline Watts
- Harold Sharp
- David Blake
- Richard d'Apice
- Peter Owens
- John Morrison
- Siobhan Lavelle
- George Gibbons
- Duncan MacLennan
- Graham Harding
- Stepan Kerkyasharian
- Pierre du Parte
- Maureen Rowatt

The following observers were also in attendance: Michael McMahon, John Desmond, Steven Kellaway, Ken Chapman and Graham Stewart.

Andrew McAnespie, Brian Hugo, Stephen Fenn and Julie Leach from the LPMA attended the meeting, as well as Michael O'Brien from the Minister's office.

An apology was received from Neil Shaw.

The meeting commenced with an address by the Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly MLC. The Minister congratulated Members on their appointment. The Minister asked the Committee to undertake further consultation with the public on the introduction of renewable and limited tenure in NSW. The Minister asked for a report on this option before the end of 2010.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its draft Charter and Standing Orders, and resolved that a final draft would be circulated to all members for their comment before it being officially adopted at the next CCAC meeting.

The Executive Officer provided a short presentation on renewable and limited tenure and the nature of burial rights in NSW.

The Committee discussed definitions of burials rights, and resolved to establish a subcommittee, consisting of Members Knoll, d'Apice, du Parte and Bruce to work with the Executive Officer in distilling a definition of a burial right in NSW and report back to the CCAC. The Executive Officer is to obtain from cemetery managers brochures and other documents which set out how burial rights are described to their customers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the Minister's request for a report on limited and renewable tenure. It was resolved that a subcommittee consisting of Members Blake, Lavelle, Kerkyasharian and Owens be established to work with the CCAC Executive officer in developing a Terms of Reference and brief to seek appropriate consultants to engage in a consultation process.

The Executive Officer updated the Committee on the content and progress of the proposed amendments to the *Crown Lands (General Reserves) By law 2006*.

Finally, the Committee elected Mr Richard D'Apice AM as Deputy Chairperson of the Crown Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

The next meeting of the CCAC will be held in the Rolleston Room, LPMA building, on Monday 10 May, commencing 2pm.

Stephen Fenn
Executive Officer