



BRUNY ISLAND CEMETERY AND CHAPEL ASSOCIATION (BARNES BAY) INC trading as:

## **BARNES BAY CHAPEL AND CEMETERY ASSN.**

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### **MINUTES of Meeting held Sunday 28 September 2025**

Meeting opened: 11:25am

Present: Di Jodlowska (in the Chair), Alan Bottomley, Yvonne Bottomley, Perri Bottomley, Ralph Bottomley, Garth Denne, David Goodrick, Tanzi Lewis, Carolyn Martyn, Ella Martyn, Tim and Jo Brown.

Apologies: Zanna Jodlowska, Jillian Allie, Christine Churchill, David Young.

Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting: Di read out the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved: Carolyn, seconded: Ella, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

#### Business Arising: -

- Ownership of the bell, the bell tower, the church pew (ex the Historical Society) and the foundation stone are now the responsibility of our association. (Alan tabled emails from Suzanne Smythe and Kathy Duncombe).
- The main "Business Arising" was that we conducted a very successful **Open Day** on the Saturday, (6 days after the meeting). This event was attended by about 40 people who came from far and wide. A write-up and a suite of photos can be found on our website: <https://barnesbaychapel.aaybee.au/Meetings.html>
- See also the **Open Day Booklet:**  
<https://barnesbaychapel.aaybee.au/Documents/Open%20Day%20Booklet.pdf>
- Approximately 23 of the graves in the cemetery had **QR tags** affixed, which linked to biographies of the people buried there. Many of the visitors used their phones to scan the codes and avail themselves of this innovative feature of our cemetery.
- A large display titled "**These are Our Ancestors**" was presented at the meeting. This display contained details of all the approximately 130 people buried at our cemetery.

#### General Business:

Recent burials in our Cemetery:

1. 27 April 2025: **Ron Hearn** in plot E-27 (Plot E-28 is reserved for Hariklia, Ron's wife),
2. 27 April 2025: **Spyros and Zephir Kokkinos (ashes)** in plot E-29 (Parents of Hariklia Hearn-Kokkinos).
3. 8 August 2025: **Irene Marjorie Allston** in plot C-11
4. 22 August 2025: **Tony Kennedy** in plot A-33

Carolyn Martyn, who helped with all these funerals, reported about them to the meeting.

In particular the interment of Irene Allston was a "natural burial" in a Peace Pod.

Heretofore all the burials in our cemetery have been through a Funeral Director, who looks after all the legal requirements. However, for natural burials we need to know our responsibilities. It was suggested that we should invite Bec Lyons (who is now a professional Death Doula) to come and address us.

Ella, Di and Carolyn were elected to organise a meeting with Bec.

**Garth Denne** asked if there is any additional fee where a plaque is placed on top of a pre-existing grave.?

The meeting decided that once a plot has been purchased then additional plaques, ashes etc can be added without incurring any additional fees. (Although an additional **coffin** incurs an extra fee of \$300).

### **Headstone-only Memorials:**

It was noted that many modern cemeteries insist on headstone-only memorials, like this: -



This layout makes the cemetery much easier to maintain in a tidy condition. Also, the concrete curbs that surround many of our existing gravesites can look quite unsightly, particularly because our cemetery is on sloping ground.

**MOTION:** It was moved: Carolyn, seconded: Jake, that for all future reservations we encourage headstone-only memorials. It was suggested that we also advertise this in the Bruny News.

### **New Contact Form**

Alan reported that he has established a new, easy to use, Contact Form on our website. It can be found on the "About Us" page.

### **Heat Pump:**

The idea of a heat pump in the Chapel has been mooted for some time. The Chapel can be very cold in the Winter months meaning that nobody wants to hire the Chapel at this time, and this year we had 3 funerals during the colder months.

Prior to the meeting **Elite Heat** provided an indicative quote for a heat pump. The estimate was around **\$5,000**.

There was some discussion along the lines of whether we could really afford this, but eventually it was decided to seek donations from perhaps the CWA, the Cork Club and perhaps BICA (Bruny Island Community Assn).

Also, we should seek at least 2 quotes. Carolyn offered to help with getting the quotes. (Wayne Pedder and Elite Heat were suggested).

### **Catering:**

The "About Us" page of our website suggests contacting the CWA for any catering requirements.

The traditional contact person was always Christa Sell, but this should now be changed to Margaret Bartho (0429 772 989).

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Siobhan Gaskell requested a formal letter to acknowledge her plot reservations (K25 and K26).

K26 is for her and her husband, Michael Mackey (\$1,000 paid). K25 is for their sons but has not been paid for yet.

**Next Meeting:** To be confirmed.

**Meeting Closed:** 12:42pm (The AGM meeting and a Working Bee followed).