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### Overview:

The Tambellup Cemetery is a formal, structured style of cemetery, constructed and maintained to be neat and tidy.

### Introduction:

Cemeteries are an important part of the fabric of any community. The monuments of our ancestors provide a history of the growth and an insight into the development of the district.

Cemeteries have a deep historical connection to the local community. They bring residents closer to an understanding of the past and help to provide insights into how people within the area used to live. By looking at the headstones and reading details about those that have passed, we can gain information on the importance of individuals to the community at the time and the jobs and social connections they had during their life.

Many cemeteries provide examples of formal garden design with landscape elements seldom seen outside of public gardens. Unusual examples of art and craft are also found in the design of many headstones or monuments which portray views of death often quite different from current customs. Older sections of cemeteries also provide valuable social ‘documents’ of history and changes in taste, custom and design.

Cemeteries are a place of serene remembrance; they allow us to enjoy time with loved ones to simply sit quietly and remember those that have passed. Cemeteries can also hold deep significance for families with loved ones buried in the area, helping to bring comfort to families as they struggle with their grief while remembering loved ones. Beyond their functional value as an area in which to place people after they’ve passed, cemeteries also act as a place of memorial. They can become the host of ritual events for families and post-funeral events, allowing the family to give their loved one a respectful and dignified burial process at the end of their life.

Cemeteries hold great significance to communities across the country, and it’s important to remember their value throughout our lives. The state of a cemetery and the level of care and maintenance provided to it are therefore a good barometer of the health of the community itself.

It is suggested that the Tambellup Cemetery can be considerably improved to better reflect the important place that it holds in the community. This plan is the first step in identifying possible improvements that can be undertaken by the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup and setting a timeline to achieve such improvements.

This plan will be reviewed and updated every two (2) years, commencing in 2025.

### Current Issues Identified:

The Senior Management Team of the Shire have identified the following **issues** currently affecting the operation and enjoyment of the Tambellup Cemetery:

1. The Tambellup Cemetery is located on a sand hill and is therefore subject to wind erosion and both vehicles and pedestrians getting ‘bogged’;
2. Some areas and facilities looking tired;
3. Lack of basic facilities such as water, seating, shade and toilets;
4. Accurate surveying of lots is required to improve operations;
5. Roadways beginning to encroach on grave sites in some sections;
6. No water available for gardens and/or visitors for drinking;
7. No pedestrian access from the town site;
8. Trees in centre roadway causing issues;
9. No “works” area out-of-sight from public during burials (i.e. framework, sand, machinery, etc);
10. No directions or map on-site; and
11. Retaining around old Niche Wall past used by date, unattractive and potentially dangerous (see photo below).



## Suggested Improvements / 5 Year Plan:

It is proposed that the following initiatives and upgrades be undertaken, in the year indicated, to address the eleven (11) issues identified on the previous page:

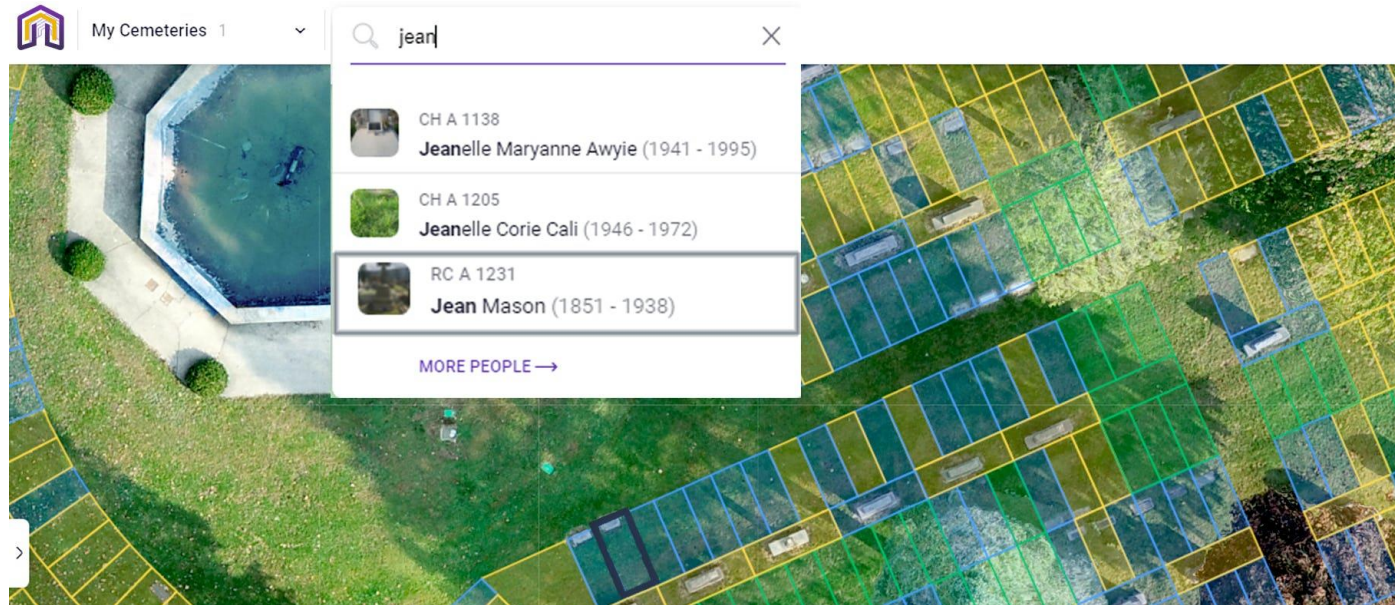
	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>1. Directions / Map:</b>					
a. Purchase on-line Cemetery database for use by staff and the public (for all 3 Shire BT cemeteries)	x				
b. Sign at the entrance showing cemetery map and QR code to on-line cemetery database		x			
c. Wayfinding markers in cemetery to show row numbers/sections			x		
<b>2. Grounds:</b>					
a. Mulch around graves to stop erosion and sand blasting		x			
b. Plant attractive native trees around the perimeter of the cemetery			x	x	x
c. Additional park benches	x				
d. Survey entire cemetery & better definition on-site.	x				
e. Remove all sugar gums in centre road access way and replace with more appropriate variety, possibly in the centre of the laneway (see also 4(c) – to be designed following survey of the site)		x		x	
f. Establish a works storage area (small space screened by either colourbond fencing or shade cloth fencing) to hide operational items from view			x		
g. Bollards on corners to restrict vehicles cutting corners.	x				
<b>3. Buildings/Infrastructure:</b>					
a. Centre Access Road - Re-surface and review design to incorporate trees and disabled/elderly parking following survey of cemetery site (2d)		x			
b. Make trafficable areas a gravelled surface		x			
c. Remove old niche wall and defunct sleeper retainer wall. Replace with native plantings & mulch.	x				
d. Footpath from town via memorial avenue of trees into cemetery to enable safe pedestrian access					x
e. Installation of new wrought iron entry and a drive through gazebo / shelter with seating on each side (to be further designed in conjunction with the community)				x	
<b>4. Other:</b>					
a. Non-potable water to be available for use		x			
b. Better define Car Parking area (straight edges and restrict access to bush)	x				
c. Elderly & disabled parking inside cemetery (possibly western end or centre of roadway between street trees - see also 2(e) – to be designed following survey of the site). Install a sign at the entry gate to encourage “No vehicles (except elderly/disabled) beyond this point”.		x			
d. Rubbish Bins at front gate only (to enable rubbish truck access)	x				



**Pictorial Examples:**

To assist to illustrate some of the initiatives proposed on the previous page, the following pictures are provided by way of example only:

**Item 1(a) - on-line Cemetery database:**



**Item 1(c) – Wayfinding markers & 2(g) – Bollards on Corners**



**Item 3(e) - Wrought iron entry and a drive through gazebo / shelter**



**Item 2(b) - Plant trees around the perimeter of the cemetery:**



*Eucalyptus cladocalyx Vintage Red*



*Hakeas*



*Acacia Saligna*



*Acacia acuminata*

**POSSIBLY Item 4(c) – Trees & disabled/elderly parking in centre of main access road?**  
 (This requires a survey to be completed to see the available space for the centre roadway. Detailed designs and alternative options will be completed and included in the first revision of this plan.)





Plan 1 – Tambellup Cemetery (Aerial Photo of Site)





Plan 2 – Pedestrian Linkages with Town



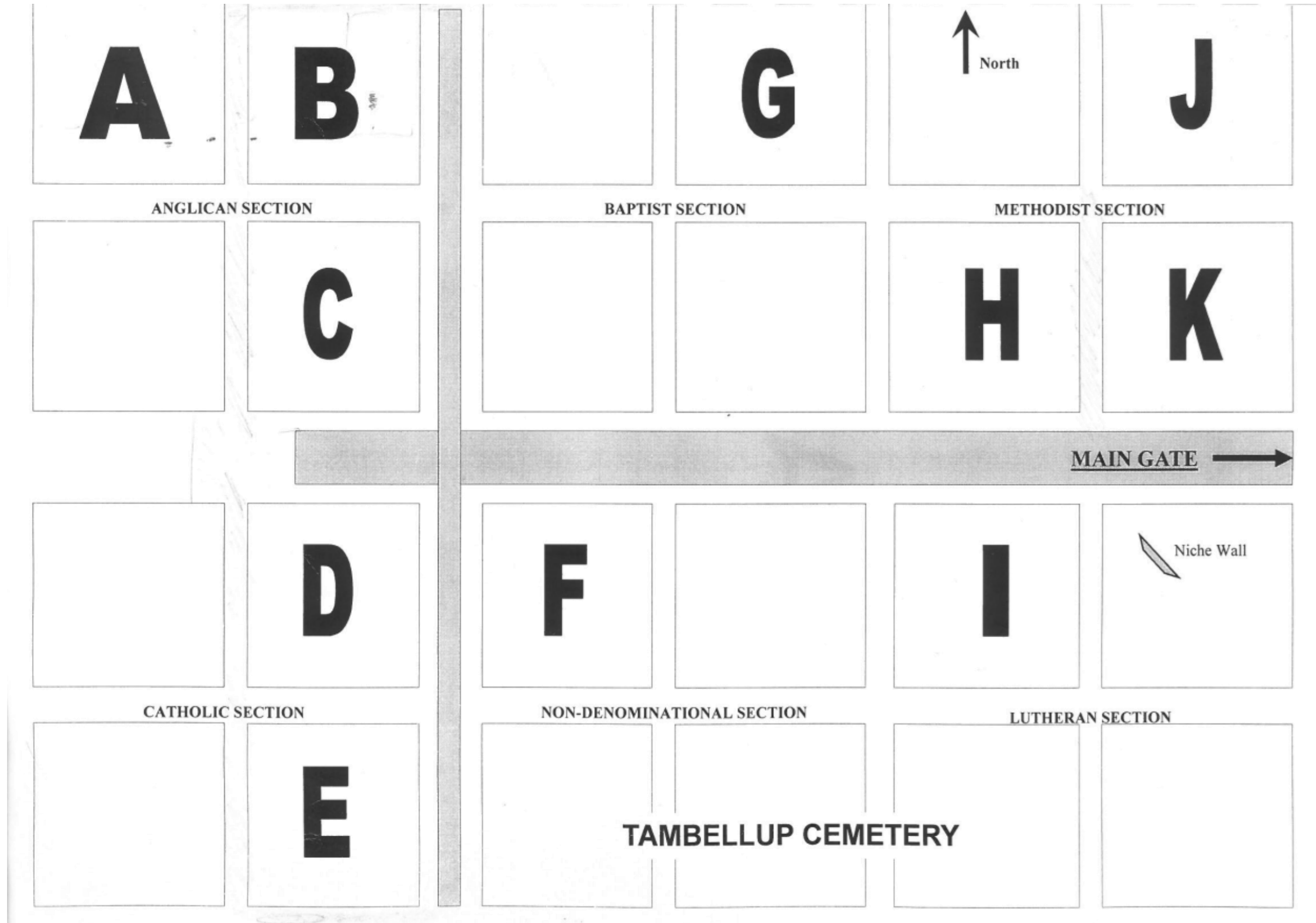


Plan 3 – Tambellup Cemetery (Aerial Photo)





Plan 4 – Current Cemetery Layout





Plan 5 – Overlay of Cemetery Layout & Aerial Photo





Plan 6 – Tambellup Cemetery (Showing Proposed Improvements)

