

**Annual Operator Activity Survey - 2017/18**

as at 30 June 2018

**1. Whole of NSW, burial and cremation volumes**

Service type	No. of services	Percentage
Total number of burials	18335	32.1%
Total number of cremations	38768	67.9%
<b>Total number of services</b>	<b>57103</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2. Whole of NSW, number of cemetery operators**

Type of Operator	No. of operators
Cemetery operators	281
Crematoria operators	44
	<b>325</b>

**3. Whole of NSW, number of cemeteries**

Cemeteries Status	No. of facilities
Operational cemeteries	962
Closed cemeteries	370
Under development	1
	<b>1333</b>

**4. Whole of NSW, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of Cemeteries (Operational & Closed)	% of Total Cemeteries	No. of Cemeteries (Operational)	% of Operational Cemeteries	No. of Cemeteries (Closed)	% of Closed Cemeteries	No. of Crematoria	% of Crematoria
Local Government	1015	76%	701	73%	314	85%	8	15%
Crown	21	2%	13	1%	8	2%	4	7%
Private	32	2%	32	3%	0	0%	43	78%
Church	255	19%	208	22%	47	13%	0	0%
Community	9	1%	8	1%	1	0.3%	0	0%
	<b>1332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5. Metropolitan Sydney, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of Cemeteries (Operational & Closed)	% of Total Cemeteries	No. of Cemeteries (Operational)	% of Operational Cemeteries	No. of Cemeteries (Closed)	% of Closed Cemeteries	No. of Crematoria	% of Crematoria
Local Government	57	37%	38	32%	19	51%	0	0%
Crown	9	6%	9	8%	0	0%	4	31%
Private	9	6%	9	8%	0	0%	9	69%
Church	79	51%	63	53%	16	43%	0	0
Community	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	0	0
	<b>155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>

**6. Whole of NSW, summary burial and cremation activity**

Planning Region	No. of burials	No. of cremations	No. of services	Cremation rate	No. of second or subsequent burials	Grave occupancy rate	No. of ash interments or scatterings	Ash disposition rate
Whole of NSW	18335	38768	57103	67.9%	5085	1.38	14050	36.24%
Metropolitan Sydney	9332	18601	27933	66.6%	2634	1.39	8276	44.49%
Rural and Regional NSW*	6002	9319	15321	60.8%	1618	1.37	2232	23.95%
Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra	2726	10516	13242	79.4%	747	1.38	3420	32.52%

\* ie, all planning regions other than Metropolitan Sydney, including Central Coast, Far West, Hunter, Illawarra.

### 7. Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by planning region

Planning Region	No. of cemeteries	No. of burials	% of NSW burials	No. of crematoria	No. of Cremations	Cremation rate %	% of NSW cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of NSW services
Central Coast	17	498	2.7%	2	2541	83.6%	6.6%	3039	5.3%
Far West	38	275	1.5%	2	332	54.7%	0.9%	607	1.1%
Hunter	166	1414	7.7%	6	5534	79.6%	14.3%	6948	12.2%
Illawarra-Shoalhaven	31	814	4.4%	4	2441	75.0%	6.3%	3255	5.7%
Metropolitan Sydney	120	9332	50.9%	13	18601	66.6%	48.0%	27933	48.9%
Riverina-Murray	114	1492	8.1%	6	2864	65.7%	7.4%	4356	7.6%
New England North West	96	909	5.0%	4	760	45.5%	2.0%	1669	2.9%
North Coast	106	1247	6.8%	10	3706	74.8%	9.6%	4953	8.7%
Central West and Orana	155	1404	7.7%	5	1139	44.8%	2.9%	2543	4.5%
South East and Tablelands	119	950	5.2%	3	850	47.2%	2.2%	1800	3.2%
	<b>962</b>	<b>18335</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38768</b>		100.0%	<b>57103</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 8. Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by Sydney sub-region

Metropolitan Sydney District	No. of cemeteries	No. of burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of crematoria	No. of Cremations	Cremation rate %	% of Sydney cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of total Sydney services
Central	19	827	8.9%	1	1272	60.6%	6.8%	2099	7.5%
West Central	15	4849	52.0%	4	5609	53.6%	30.2%	10458	37.4%
North	17	1421	15.2%	2	5143	78.4%	27.6%	6564	23.5%
West	36	346	3.7%	2	954	73.4%	5.1%	1300	4.7%
South West	26	1258	13.5%	2	3292	72.4%	17.7%	4550	16.3%
South	7	631	6.8%	2	2331	78.7%	12.5%	2962	10.6%
	<b>120</b>	<b>9332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18601</b>	<b>66.6%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27933</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 9. Whole of NSW, burials by type and cemetery operator sector

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites (one or more previous interments)	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms	Total No. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate*
Local Government	6010	2427	49	8486	46.3%	13.2%	1.41
Crown	4253	2326	0	6579	35.9%	12.7%	1.55
Private	2720	288	4	3012	16.4%	1.6%	1.11
Church	140	36	0	176	1.0%	0.2%	1.26
Community	74	8	0	82	0.4%	0.0%	1.11
	<b>13197</b>	<b>5085</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>18335</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>1.39</b>

\* Grave occupancy rate is an inferred ongoing rate for the no. of interments per grave plot, at the current rate of second interment. The figure is derived by dividing the number of burials completed in the term by the number of burials in new plots completed for the term. The figures must be used with caution, as at the cemetery-specific level, as a cemetery facility nears exhaustion of capacity, only second or subsequent interments may be completed, and the apparent occupancy rate may exceed 2 per grave. CCNSW considers that grave occupancy rate is of value at the regional level, where variations between facilities net out, and where facility-specific anomalies may be excluded from analysis. In specific cases where a single facility volume predominates, the apparent rate of grave occupancy may be deemed unreliable.

**10. Metropolitan Sydney, burials by type and cemetery operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites one or more previous interments	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms	Total No. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate*
Local Government	532	316	49	897	10%	3.4%	1.69
Crown	4114	2235	0	6349	68%	23.9%	1.54
Private	1915	62	4	1981	21%	0.7%	1.03
Church	61	21	0	82	1%	0.2%	1.34
Community	23	0	0	23	0%	0.0%	1.00
	<b>6645</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>1.40</b>

**11. Whole of NSW, cremations and ash interments by crematoria operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of cremations of bodily remains	% of total cremations	No. of interments of cremated remains*	No. of cremated remains scattered within grounds	No. of ash dispositions**	Ash disposition rate
Local Government	3010	7.8%	3171	62	3233	107.4%
Crown	5173	13.3%	3136	100	3236	62.6%
Private	30585	78.9%	6311	277	6588	21.5%
Church	0	0%	957	24	981	0.0%
Community	0	0%	12	0	12	0.0%
	<b>38768</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13587</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>14050</b>	<b>36.2%</b>

\* Generally below ground, or in a niche wall or columbarium\*\* ie, ashes interred or scattered within a cemetery

**12. Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of Burials	% of NSW burials	No. of Cremations	% of NSW cremations	Total No. of services	% of NSW total services
Local Government	8486	46.3%	3010	7.8%	11496	20.1%
Crown	6579	35.9%	5173	13.3%	11752	20.6%
Private	3012	16.4%	30585	78.9%	33597	58.8%
Church	176	1%	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community	82	0.4%	0	N/A	82	0.1%
	<b>18335</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38768</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57103</b>	<b>100%</b>

**13. Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by operator sector**

Operator sector	No. of Burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of Cremations	% of Sydney cremations	Total No. of services	% of total Sydney services
Local Government	897	9.6%	0	N/A	897	3.2%
Crown	6349	68.0%	5173	28%	11522	41.2%
Private	1981	21.2%	13428	72%	15409	55.2%
Church	82	0.9%	0	N/A	82	0.3%
Community	23	0.2%	0	N/A	23	0.1%
	<b>9332</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18601</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27933</b>	<b>100%</b>

**14. Whole of NSW, Local Government operated cemeteries, activity levels**

<b>LG Cemeteries</b>	<b>No. of facilities</b>
>10 burials per year	187
<10 burials per year	514
Closed	314
Average burials per cemetery	5.9