

Cemeteries of Toodyay



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Publicly accessible cemeteries

Toodyay (previously Newcastle) Public Cemetery

Telegraph Road, West Toodyay

In 1866 James Drummond Jnr offered an acre of land for a public cemetery.

In 1939 the Toodyay Cemeteries Bill saw land being used for burials and held by the churches revert to Crown ownership for the same purpose.

1940 saw the Lands Department advise the Toodyay Road Board that the Toodyay General Cemetery had been reverted to His Majesty and would be gazetted as a reserve for the purpose of a public cemetery.

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St Philips Anglican Church

Bindi Bindi Road, Culham

Located 12 km north of Toodyay. Culham Church is the second oldest active Anglican church in the state and was the first Anglican church in the district.

In 1860 Newton Augustus Phillips, 2 year old son of Samuel and Sophia Phillips (of Culham) was the first person buried here.

In 1926 the churchyard and cemetery were consecrated by Dr Charles Owen Leaver Riley, Archbishop of Perth.

Special permission is required to be buried at Culham Cemetery. A person must be a descendant of someone already interred.

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Nardie Cemetery

Nardie Drive, Dumbarton

Nardie (may mean “riverbank” in local Noongar language)

The historic Nardie Cemetery is accessed from Nardie Drive on the Toodyay – Northam Road. It is at the rear of the Industrial Extracts Estate and is alongside the Avon River.

Charles Harper buried his infant daughter Isabella (born 1839) here in either 1839 or 1840. This is the earliest burial at the site, which was not gazetted as a cemetery until 1856.

In 1858 blacksmith Alexander Ferguson was the first person buried in Nardie Cemetery after it was gazetted. The Bishop of Perth consecrated the burial ground at Nardie on 4th June 1867.

In 1980 Nardie Cemetery was vested to the Toodyay Shire in trust as a cemetery.

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Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery

Cobbler Pool Road, Jimperding

In 1930 the first burial occurred here. The land had been donated by Thomas John and Esther Strahan.

In 1969 the Adventist Church requested the cemetery at Jimperding be declared a Public Cemetery. Later that year the Shire received Government approval to take control of the cemetery as a public cemetery.

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Aboriginal (Noongar) Cemetery Toodyay Street (near Showgrounds)

The area was established as a burial area in pre-colonial times. In 1909 human remains were uncovered during construction of the railway line.

In 1915/1916 contemporary accounts estimated approximately 100 people were buried in this location. In 1916 an Aboriginal cemetery was formally gazetted.

In the 1920s, during the post WW1 reconstruction program, private properties adjacent to the small showground and the Aboriginal cemetery (including the Donegan and Parkers houses) were purchased to expand the show and sports area.

In 1947 it was proposed to purchase or relocate the Aboriginal Cemetery. In 1953 the area was declared a reserve.

By 1967 boundaries of the reserve were not demarcated and a hockey ground was established over part of the area. In 1979 The Aboriginal Lands Trust negotiated with the Toodyay Shire Council that in return for a portion of the reserve land, the Council would fence the reserve, install a memorial plaque and maintain and re vegetate the area. In 1982/83 the Shire landscaped and placed a plaque in the Aboriginal Reserve.

In 1991 the Toodyay Hockey Oval was upgraded (grassed and reticulated). In 2013 the Shire ceased all recreational activities encroaching onto the burial ground area.



Cemeteries on private property not publicly accessible

West Toodyay (original site of Toodyay)

In 1849 provision was made for a general cemetery which is probably located on land that is now known as Cemetery Hill, West Toodyay. In 1856, ticket of leave man Michael Barry was buried there after drowning. Little is known of the number of burials here. The site was deemed to be too rocky and a new public cemetery for the district was established at Newcastle (now Toodyay) on land donated by James Drummond in 1866.

In 1857 a second location, 4 hectares, was set aside for Roman Catholic use. In early 1859 the Chapel of Santa Maria was completed and blessed by Bishop Serra. It served an increasing Catholic congregation until the new St John the Baptist Church was constructed at Newcastle (now Toodyay) a few miles upriver in 1863. Uphill from the chapel was a burial site that was still in evidence in the 1920s but is no longer visible.

Unfortunately there is little historical information currently known about both sites which are now on private land.

Old Roman Catholic Cemetery

Duke Street, Toodyay

(near the rear of the old Toodyay Hospital)

Burials at this site commenced after the completion of the St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in 1863.

In 1945 the wooden headboards were destroyed in a bushfire.

Hawthornden Family Cemetery

Coondle

There is also a private family cemetery at the Hawthornden property at Coondle. This is set in fields away from the house and enclosed by bush timber fencing.



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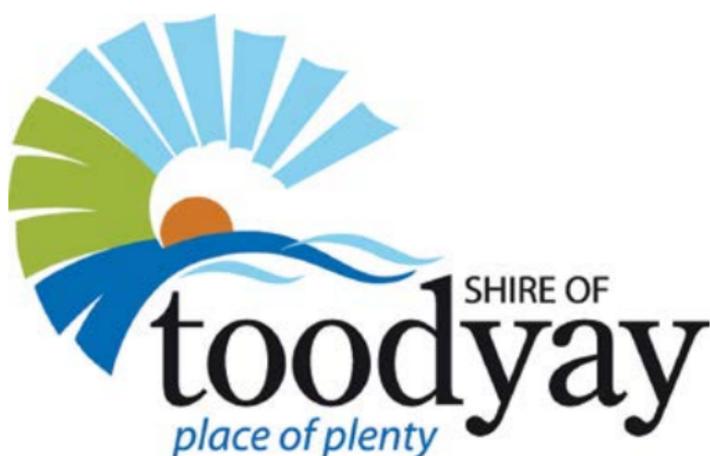
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