MINUTES



FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Held Thursday, 24 March 2016 Room 2, Civic Centre 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South Commencing 6.03pm

1. PRESENT

Cr Karin Orpen (Chair)
Cr Tony Holland
Cr John Mortimore
Tricia Kirk
Kevin Knox
Heather Kleesh

2. INVITEES

Carrie Bruce Marshall Kellaher

3. APOLOGIES

Fleur Cousins David Munn

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held 2 December 2015 (see attached).

MOVED: K. KNOX SECONDED: T. KIRK

That the Minutes of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust Special Committee meeting held on 2 December 2015 be accepted.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: H. KLEESH SECONDED: J. MORTIMORE

That Item 7.1 be brought forward for discussion at Item 6.1

CARRIED

6.1 Request to Remove Tree – Lutheran Denominational Section

The Trust received a request to remove a large tree in Lutheran Denominational Section, Row 2 (plots 17 and 18) due to the debris it leaves on the requestor's gravesite.

Staff met Council's Arborist onsite to discuss the health of the tree and any perceived risks. The Arborist advised that the tree is in good health and suggested that the removal of dead wood would reduce the level of debris.

Knox City Council Work Health & Safety (WHS) Advisors, Terri-Lee Morris and Emil Turudia inspected the area to determine whether the tree was creating an unacceptable risk with regard to health and safety. The inspection involved assessing the surrounding environment including, pavements and grave sites to determine whether lifting pavement from the tree root system or tree debris (leaf litter and sticks) was creating a slip and trip hazard. Inspection of the pedestrian access areas between graves (i.e. narrow paths used to access grave sites) showed that some tree debris was present within the area which may perhaps pose a slight slip hazard, particularly in wet conditions. Stick and leaf litter had accumulated beneath the tree and was present on the horizontal surfaces of the graves.

The hazards identified can be readily controlled through pruning / maintaining the tree; sweeping of the concrete areas between the grave sites and collection of fallen sticks. Accumulation of tree debris on horizontal grave surfaces can be readily removed with a dust pan and brush or similar device. The inspection confirmed that the root system was not impacting the pavement areas and no significant lifting or cracking of the concrete was observed. It was concluded that the debris can be mitigated through implementing the aforementioned controls and the tree does not pose an unacceptable risk to health and safety.

Staff recommended that the tree not be removed and that pruning and maintenance be undertaken to clean up the site and mitigate any risk to health and safety.

The Committee agreed with the staff recommendation and noted the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the meeting be adjourned by the Chair at 6:10pm and resumed at 6:11pm

6.2 Cemetery Entrance and Fencing

At the Trust meeting held on 2 December 2015 the Committee were presented with a number of fencing options for consideration. The Committee identified the galvanised steel fencing as the preferred fencing option for replacement of the existing perimeter fencing (excluding the foothills).

The Committee also discussed the replacement of the entrance gates at the roundabout on Forest Road. It was requested that the Chairperson, Cr Orpen and Cemetery Administrator, Ms Bruce meet with key Council staff to discuss possible designs for the entrance way with a view to bringing these back to the Committee at its next meeting. A meeting was held onsite with Council's landscape architects to discuss the Committee's vision for the entrance. Following this, two separate meetings were held with Chairperson Cr Orpen to discuss the design concepts.

As the fencing will be potentially impacted by the design of the entrance, the fencing will be progressed once the Committee has determined their preferred design concept for the entrance.

Mr Marshall Kelaher, Coordinator Open Space and Landscape Design, joined the meeting for discussion on this item. Mr Kelaher provided an overview of the brief and the broader vision of what the design team were trying to achieve. Mr Kelaher presented the Committee with five design concepts for the consideration. The design concepts were received well and provided a range of options with respect to style, use of materials and custom artwork. The Committee expressed their preference for the design concepts in option five with some modifications. A subsequent informal meeting the was scheduled with Mr Kelaher who would arranged for the modified artwork to be presented to the Committee.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Mr Kelaher and the graphic artist who prepared the design concepts.

6.3 Update on Annual Works Plan 2015/2016

For the 2015/2016 year the following schedule of works were endorsed by the Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust Special Committee at the 9 September 2015 meeting:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DUE DATE
1.	Continue the review of the current administrative and maintenance operations of the Cemetery to inform the Governance Service Planning analysis as it relates to the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.	Review complete and listed for discussion on the Agenda.	February 2016
2.	Review of fee structure in advance of 2016 fee application to the Department of Health and Human Services (to be conducted in conjunction with the review of item 1 above).	Review completed. Current fees are consistent with Class B trusts of a similar size and operation with a few minor exceptions (eg; plaques and grave probe). The DHHS has advised the CPI increase effective 1 July 2016 is 1.9%.	February 2016
3.	Ongoing activities including burial and ashes interments and bookings, liaison with clients regarding memorial options, quarterly reporting, customer service, search of records, Annual Report and liaison with the Department of Health, support to the Cemetery Trust Special Committee and training.		Ongoing
4.	Replacement/new signage	Quotations sought. Replacement not yet commenced due to other competing priorities.	30 June 2016
5.	Obtain cost estimates for the replacement/repair/modifications to the perimeter fencing, main entrance gates and raised brick garden beds	Quotations sought for fencing. Fencing replacement on hold pending review of front entrance. Listed for discussion on the Agenda.	30 June 2016

The works report was noted by the Committee.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Service Planning Update

Since the Committee meeting held on 2 December 2015, staff have continued to progress the service analysis for the Governance Service which includes the Ferntree Gully Cemetery as a component. A key question in the service analysis relates to the role Council plays in delivering the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Council most recently reviewed its role in relation to the Ferntree Gully Cemetery in September 2012. As part of the review, Council was asked to consider its role in the management of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery. The following three options were explored by Council with the Special Committee recommending Option 2:

- Option 1 Consider expansion of the cemetery
- Option 2 Maintain the status quo
- Option 3 Seek incorporation in a regional cemetery trust

Council resolved at its meeting on 25 September 2012 to continue its role as Trustee, and maintain the current operating environment with a number of recommendations regarding its future. These included:

- conducting an audit of costs of the Cemetery in order to establish the most effective cost structure for the future operations of the Cemetery, without compromising the standard of service;
- examine all means of optimising revenue, including grants, for the Cemetery;
- consider developing a further ashes interment area at the south side of the Foothills area; and
- pursue the resumption of unexercised gravesites for resale in accordance with relevant legislation.

Since this resolution a number of the above recommendations have been progressed by the Special Committee and Council staff including:

- installation of The Grove Niche Walls adding an additional 360 ashes interment sites
- receipt of grant funding from the Department of Health and Human Services for training and grave covers
- investigation of unexercised graves for resumption (note; no graves currently meet the criteria for resumption)

It was determined, in consultation with the Special Committee, that Service Planning would be the most appropriate medium to undertake an audit of costs to establish the most effective cost structure moving forward.

The key challenge facing the ongoing management of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery is its capacity to generate sufficient income to continue to fund its operations in the longer term. Availability of graves is exhausted and there is limited opportunity to secure additional land at the current site for additional burial positions. There are also limited ashes interment positions available, and limited scope for further capital works onsite to increase stock to generate additional income. The cemetery's income is generated primarily through the sale of ashes positions, interment fees, plaque fees and investment income.

A review of the Cemetery's projected financial position over the next 10 years is contained in confidential Appendix A. The service analysis identifies 3 options for the role of Council in the Ferntree Gully Cemetery which are presented in confidential Appendix B for discussion and feedback.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOVED: K. KNOX SECONDED: T. HOLLAND

That the meeting be moved in camera for further discussion and resolution.

CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6.50PM

MOVED: T. KIRK SECONDED: J. KLEESH

That the meeting be re-opened to the Public.

CARRIED

THE MEETING RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 7.15PM

7.2 Fee Increase – Effective 1 July 2016

In accordance with section 43 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is to be applied to all cemetery fees of \$50 and above. The Trust received notification from the Department of Health & Human Services that the CPI increase effective from 1 July 2016 is 1.9%.

Refer Appendix D - Scale of Fees - Effective 1 July 2016

The report was noted by the Committee.

7.3 Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2015 (Appendices E & F)

MOVED: H. KLEESH SECONDED: T. HOLLAND

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015 (Appendix E) and 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 (Appendix F) be accepted.

CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Request to Relocate Position

Staff advised that they had recently been contacted by a client of the cemetery requesting to relocate a family member's ashes to another position in the wall of remembrance at no cost.

Staff provided an overview of the circumstances surrounding the request, including the original receipt of purchase when the ashes were interred at the Cemetery.

It was noted by the Committee that fees have been set by the Trust for removal and relocation of ashes within the cemetery and given the documentation the Committee was satisfied that the fee should apply.

MOVED: K. KNOX SECONDED: T. HOLLAND

That the applicant be required to pay the relevant fee if they choose to proceed with the relocation of the ashes within the cemetery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 Next Meeting

 To be confirmed at the Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

Meeting closed at 7.5	57pm
Chairperson	



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Ms Carrie Bruce **Responsible Officer Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust** 511 Burwood Highway **WANTIRNA SOUTH VIC 3152**

CPI INCREASE TO CEMETERY TRUST FEES

Dear Ms Bruce

In accordance with section 43 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase is to be applied to all cemetery fees of \$50 and above.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics 2015 'All Groups' CPI increase, (December quarter) for Melbourne was 1.9 percent. This increase will be automatically applied by the Department of Health and Human Services and come into effect from 1 July 2016.

Your trust's CPI adjusted fee schedule is attached listing the existing fee amount and proposed new fee amount, which includes the 1.9 percent increase.

Please note that fees increased by CPI are rounded up or down to the nearest \$5, so a fee of \$323 will be rounded up to \$325 and a fee of \$322 rounded down to \$320.

If the trust decides not to have the CPI increase applied to any of its fee items the department must be notified by 10 June 2016 otherwise the CPI increase will be applied.

If the proposed fee schedule contains any errors, please make corrections and return the revised fee schedule to Stephen Minicz via fax (9096 9186), or email Cemeteries@dhhs.vic.gov.au or by letter to

Cemeteries & Crematoria Regulation Unit Department of Health and Human Services GPO Box 4057 MELBOURNE 3001.

If you have any queries please contact Stephen on Freecall 1800 034 280.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Crampton

Manager

Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation Unit



Proposed scale of fees for

FERNTREE GULLY

Description	Current Fee	CPI Increase	Proposed Fee
	Amount \$	2016	Amount \$
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Grave testing	55	1.9	55
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment administration	130	1.9	130
- Ashes and/or plaque installation - Family present			
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment administration	55	1.9	55
- Removal of plaque and ashes			
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment out of standard	1225	1.9	1250
hours - Bodily remains: Subject to staff availability (not	,		
available Christmas Day or Good Friday)			
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment out of standard	610	1.9	620
hours - Cremated remains: Subject to staff availability (not			
available Christmas Day or Good Friday)	•		
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment administration	310	1.9	315
- Additional operating hours for activity - Interment or			
cremation			
Interment Services Exhumation	2705	1.9	2755
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - First	1350	1.9	1375
interment - Lawn			
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - First	670	1.9 ·	685
interment - Lawn (pre 2002 purchase)	,		
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - First	1525	1.9	1555
interment - Monumental			
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - First	755	1.9	770
interment - Monumental (pre 2002 pruchase)			1
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult -	1350	1.9	1375
Second interment - Lawn			,
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult -	1525	1.9	1555
Second interment - Monumental			
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - Third	300	1.9	305
interment - Additional depth			B.
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment	270	1.9	275
in grave		Ì	
Interment Services Lift and Reposition	2705	1.9	2755
Interment Services Oversized Grave	235	1.9	240
Interment Services Re Opening Grave - Without cover - Lawn	1350	1.9	1375
Interment Services Re Opening Grave - With cover -	1525	1.9	1555
Monumental			
Interment Services Removal of ledger - Monumental	300	1.9	305
Interment Services Removal of ledger - Removal and	520	1.9	530
replacement of concrete chip top			
Memorial permit fees Installation - Affixing bronze externally	55	1.9	55
supplied plaque and or granite panel or other base by			

cemetery - Affixing or installation or placement fee - No family present			
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base	135	1.9	140
with existing foundation - Single Grave	155	1.9	140
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base	145	1.0	450
without existing foundation - Single Grave	145	1.9	150
Memorial permit fees Installation - New monument with	50		
-	60	1.9	60
existing foundation - Each additional grave forming the same		•	
Memorial permit fees Installation - New monument with	470	10	
existing foundation - Single Grave	170	1.9	175
Memorial permit fees Installation - New monument without	75	10	7.
existing foundation - Each additional grave forming the same	75	1.9	75
monument			
Memorial permit fees Installation - New monument without	185	10	
existing foundation - Single Grave	185	1.9	190
Memorial permit fees Renovation - Additional Inscription	7r	10	
<u> </u>	75	1.9	75
Memorial permit fees Renovation - Major - Single Grave	145	1.9	150
Memorial permit fees Renovation - Minor - Single Grave	115	1.9	115
Right of interment bodily remains At Need - Adult - First	3655	1.9	3725
interment - Lawn / Monumental		 	
Right of interment bodily remains At Need - Adult - First	7310	1.9	7450
interment - Vault			<u> </u>
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Double - 25	1865	1.9	1900
year tenure - Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Double -	3730	1.9	3800
Perpetual tenure - Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Single - 25 year	910	1.9	925
tenure - Ashes	<u> </u>		
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Single - 25 year	935	1.9	955
tenure - Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Single -	1805	1.9	1840
Perpetual tenure - Ashes			
Right of interment cremated remains At Need - Single -	1865	1.9	1900
Perpetual tenure - Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	3730	1.9	3800
Conversion - 25yr to perpetual tenure - Double Vault			<u> </u>
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	1865	1.9	1900
Conversion - 25yr to perpetual tenure - Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	1805	1.9	1840
Conversion - 25yr to perpetual tenure			
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	1270	1.9	1295
Conversion - Perpetual to 25yr tenure - Ashes			
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	2620	1.9	2670
Conversion - Perpetual to 25yr tenure - Double Vault			
Right of interment cremated remains Conversion or Extension -	1310	1.9	1335
Conversion - Perpetual to 25yr tenure - Vault			,
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment administration	105	1.9	105
- Ashes and/or plaque installation - Family not present		Ì	
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment	55	1.9	55
in memorial - Ashes - Family not present			
Memorialisation - Base - Supply of concrete or granite	0	1.9	0
mounting block for plaque - cost + 50%			
Right of interment Surrender - Maintenance as per DH scale -	0	1.9	0
Excluding administration costs			,

Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Interment administration - Transfer of right of interment	48	1.9	48 .
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Search of cemetery records - Basic search with certificate	48	1.9	48
Administration Fees Miscellaneous - Search of cemetery records - Per hour	48	1.9	48
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base with existing foundation - Each additional grave forming the same monument	48	1.9	48
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base without existing foundation - Each additional grave forming the same monument	48	1.9	48 -
Memorial permit fees Renovation - Major - Each additional grave forming the same monument	48	1.9	. 48
Memorialisation - Plaque - Cost + 30%	0	1.9	0

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FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

		September 2015	June 2015
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Plot sales	1(d)	16,732	80,235
Burial fees	1(d)	11,777	46,270
Monument fees	1(d)	565	5,943
Plaque fees	1(d)	4,952	26,762
Grant	1(d)	-	-
Investment income	1(d)	7,148	28,799
Total income		41,174	188,009
Expenses			
Management fees		24,125	93,290
Plaques		3,427	14,923
Operating costs	2	2,323	46,291
Utilities	3	540	2,034
Total expenses		29,875	156,538
Profit/(loss) for the year		11,299	31,471
Total comprehensive result		11,299	31,471

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Assets	Note	September 2015 \$	June 2015 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(e),4	260,640	225,528
Trade and other receivables	1(f),5	11,386	8,319
Other financial assets	1(g),6	800,000	800,000
Total current assets		1,072,026	1,033,847
Non-current assets Land and improvements Total non-current assets Total assets	1(h),7	554,721 554,721 1,626,747	554,721 554,721 1,588,568
Liabilities			1,544,544
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	27,244	364
Total current liabilities		27,244	364
Total liabilities		27,244	364
Net assets		1,599,503	1,588,204
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		1,599,503	1,588,204
Total equity		1,599,503	1,588,204

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Accumulated surplus		
	September 2015 \$	June 2015 \$	
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,588,204	1,556,733	
Comprehensive result	11,299	31,471	
Balance at end of the financial year	1,599,503	1,588,204	

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	September 2015 Inflows/ (Outflows)	June 2015 Inflows/ (Outflows)
Note	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts		
Plot sales	16,682	82,135
Burial fees	12,955	50,897
Plaque fees	5,447	29,438
Monument fees	565	5,943
Interest received	1,047	27,463
Grants	•	-
Net GST refund	4,312	3,605
	41,008	199,481
Payments		
Payments	(5,896)	(175,770)
	(5,896)	(175,770)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities 9	35,112	23,711
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of financial assets	<u>. </u>	(800,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	• :	(800,000)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	35,112	(776,289)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	225,528	1,001,817
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	260,640	225,528

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Introduction

The Trustee of Ferntree Gully Cemetery is Knox City Council. The sole purpose of the Trust is to administer the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Note 3 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting has been used in the preparation of these financial statements, whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The accounts are prepared under the convention of historical cost, and except where stated do not take in to account current valuations of non-current assets.

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

(b) Going concern

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees note that the ability of the entity to continue as a going concern in the long term is uncertain due to the lack of sustainable operating profits or cash flows from core business activities, particularly as all available burial plots and vaults have been sold. The Trustees approved the additional installation of niche walls in 2012-2013 which was completed in the 2013-14 financial year, enhancing the medium term financial viability of the Cemetery.

(c) Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies from the previous period.

(d) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the Trust obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Trust, and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

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Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

(f) Trade and other receivables

Receivables are carried at cost. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment has occurred.

(g) Other financial assets

Financial assets including investments such as term deposits are held to maturity and measured at amortised cost.

(h) Land and improvements

The Ferntree Gully Cemetery was extended in 2002 to include land at 2 Clematis Avenue, Ferntree Gully and 8 The Glade, Ferntree Gully. The land was acquired during the 2002 year. The Trustees have determined that it is appropriate to carry the value of the land in the accounts at cost.

(i) Repairs and maintenance

Routine maintenance, repair costs and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred.

(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are reognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are discosed as operating cash flows.

(k) Pending accounting standards

Certain new AAS's have been issued that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2015 reporting period. The Trust has assessed these pending standards and has identified that no material impact will flow from the application of these standards in future reporting periods.

(l) Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar. Figures in the financial statement may not equate due to rounding.

		September 2015 \$	June 2015 \$
Note 2	Operating costs		
	Audit fee	-	1,450
	Refund pre-purchased plots	868	4,958
	Maintenance	31	37,412
	The Grove Niche Wall	-	-
	Other operating costs	1,455	2,471
		2,323	46,291
Note 3	Utilities		
	Telephone	<u> </u>	2,034
		-	2,034
Note 4	Cash and cash equivalents		
(1012)	Cash at Bank	23,783	24,718
	Cash at Call	236,857	200,810
		260,640	225,528
Note 5	Trade and other receivables		
,,,,,,,,,	Plot debtors	805	755
	Accrued interest	9,353	3,252
	Net GST receivable	1,228	4,312
		11,386	8,319
Note 6	Other financial assets		
	Term deposits	800,000	800,000
		800,000	800,000
		-	
Note 7	Land and improvements Land at cost	198,365	198,365
	Construction costs of development of new Foothills section	356,356	356,356
	Constituction costs of development of new Footinis section	554,721	554,721
Note 8	Trade and other payables	27.244	364
	Trade payables	27,244	364
		27,244	364

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	September 2015 \$	June 2015 \$
Note 9 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to profit/(I	oss)	
Profit/(loss) for the year	11,299	31,471
Change in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(3,067)	(3,686)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	26,880	(4,074)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	35,112	23,711

Note 10 Commitments

The Trustee does not have any outstanding commitments in relation to the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Note 11 Number of graves, ashes and interment positions available

	2016	2015
Description	No.	No.
Foothills graves	1	1
Foothills vaults	-	-
Rose garden	2	020
Ashes vaults - double	•	2.51
Ashes vault - single	-	
Wall of Remembrance - Plots returned	×	540
Pioneer Beam	-	-
Memorial Rose Garden	-	1
Lawn F	1	1
Church of England Section A	-	-
Church of England Section B	*	30
Methodist Section B	1	1
Presbyterian Section B	-	-
Roman Catholic Section C	1	1
The Grove Niche Walls*	195	204
	199	208

^{*} The installation of an additional 385 ashes vaults was completed in 2013-14. The cost was expensed during the 2013-14 financial year. 136 vaults were sold during the 2013-14 financial year, while a further 45 vaults were sold during the 2014-15 financial year.

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Note 12 Related party transactions

Trustee

The Trustee of Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust is Knox City Council.

The Councillors of Knox City Council during the year were:

Councillor Karin Orpen

Councillor Adam Gill

Councillor Joe Cossari

Councillor Darren Pearce (Mayor to 12th November 2014)

Councillor John Mortimore

Councillor David Cooper (Councillor up to 15th January 2015)

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FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEE

In the opinion of the Trustee of the Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust:

(a) The accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results and the state of affairs of the Trust at 30 June 2016; and

(b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with AASB Accounting Standards.

Dated at Wantirna South this day of 2016

Mayor

Councillor

Councillor

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

		December 2015	June 2015
Income	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Plot sales	1(d)	63,992	80,235
Burial fees	1(d)	28,177	46,270
Monument fees	1(d)	2,087	5,943
Plaque fees	1(d)	11,378	26,762
Grant	1(d)	-	-
Investment income	1(d)	14,434	28,799
Total income		120,068	188,009
Expenses			
Management fees		48,250	93,290
Plaques		8,587	14,923
Operating costs	2	5,882	46,291
Utilities	3	157	2,034
Total expenses		62,876	156,538
Profit/(loss) for the year		57,192	31,471
Total comprehensive result		57,192	31,471

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

Assets	Note	December 2015 \$	June 2015 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(e),4	279,342	225,528
Trade and other receivables	1(f), 5	12,513	8,319
Other financial assets	1(g), 6	800,000	800,000
Total current assets		1,091,855	1,033,847
No.			
Non-current assets	4/53.7	EE 4 704	FF 4 7704
Land and improvements Total non-current assets	1(h), 7	554,721	554,721
i otal non-current assets		554,721	554,721
Total assets		1,646,576	1,588,568
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	1,180	364
Total current liabilities		1,180	364
Total liabilities		1,180	364
Net assets		1,645,396	1,588,204
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		1,645,396	1,588,204
Total equity		1,645,396	1,588,204

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Accumu	Accumulated surplus	
	December 2015 \$	June 2015 \$	
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,588,204	1,556,733	
Comprehensive result	57,192	31,471	
Balance at end of the financial year	1,645,396	1,588,204	

FERNTREE GULLY CEMETERY TRUST STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		December 2015 Inflows/ (Outflows)	June 2015 Inflows/ (Outflows)
	Note	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts			
Plot sales		63,942	82,135
Burial fees		30,995	50,897
Plaque fees		12,516	29,438
Monument fees		2,087	5,943
Interest received		6,679	27,463
Grants		-	-
Net GST refund		5,540	3,605
		121,759	199,481
Payments			
Payments		(67,945)	(175,770)
		(67,945)	(175,770)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	9	53,814	23,711
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of financial assets		<u>-</u>	(800,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		5	(800,000)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		53,814	(776,289)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		225,528	1,001,817
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		279,342	225,528

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Introduction

The Trustee of Ferntree Gully Cemetery is Knox City Council. The sole purpose of the Trust is to administer the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting has been used in the preparation of these financial statements, whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The accounts are prepared under the convention of historical cost, and except where stated do not take in to account current valuations of non-current assets.

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

(b) Going concern

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees note that the ability of the entity to continue as a going concern in the long term is uncertain due to the lack of sustainable operating profits or cash flows from core business activities, particularly as all available burial plots and vaults have been sold. The Trustees approved the additional installation of niche walls in 2012-2013 which was completed in the 2013-14 financial year, enhancing the medium term financial viability of the Cemetery.

(c) Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies from the previous period.

(d) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the Trust obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Trust, and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

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Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

(f) Trade and other receivables

Receivables are carried at cost. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment has occurred.

(g) Other financial assets

Financial assets including investments such as term deposits are held to maturity and measured at amortised cost.

(h) Land and improvements

The Ferntree Gully Cemetery was extended in 2002 to include land at 2 Clematis Avenue, Ferntree Gully and 8 The Glade, Ferntree Gully. The land was acquired during the 2002 year. The Trustees have determined that it is appropriate to carry the value of the land in the accounts at cost.

(i) Repairs and maintenance

Routine maintenance, repair costs and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred.

(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are reognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are discosed as operating cash flows.

(k) Pending accounting standards

Certain new AAS's have been issued that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2015 reporting period. The Trust has assessed these pending standards and has identified that no material impact will flow from the application of these standards in future reporting periods.

(I) Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar. Figures in the financial statement may not equate due to rounding.

		December 2015	June 2015
		\$	\$
Note 2	Operating costs		
	Audit fee	2	1,450
	Refund pre-purchased plots	3,966	4,958
	Maintenance	5	37,412
	The Grove Niche Wall	-	-
	Other operating costs	1,916	2,471
		5,882	46,291
Note 3	Utilities		
	Telephone	157	2,034
		157	2,034
Note 4	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at Bank	21,290	24,718
	Cash at Call	258,052	200,810
		279,342	225,528
Note 5	Trade and other receivables		
	Plot debtors	805	755
	Accrued interest	11,007	3,252
	Net GST receivable	701	4,312
		12,513	8,319
Note 6	Other financial assets		
	Term deposits	800,000	800,000
		800,000	800,000
Note 7	Land and improvements		
	Land at cost	198,365	198,365
	Construction costs of development of new Foothills section	356,356	356,356
		554,721	554,721
Note 8	Trade and other payables		
	Trade payables	1,180	364
		1,180	364

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

		December 2015	June 2015
		\$	\$
Note 9	Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to pr	OTIT/(IOSS)	
	Profit/(loss) for the year	57,192	31,471
	Change in assets and liabilities		
	(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(4,194)	(3,686)
	Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	816	(4,074)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	53,814	23,711

Note 10 Commitments

The Trustee does not have any outstanding commitments in relation to the Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Note 11 Number of graves, ashes and interment positions available

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^{*} The installation of an additional 385 ashes vaults was completed in 2013-14. The cost was expensed during the 2013-14 financial year. 136 vaults were sold during the 2013-14 financial year, while a further 45 vaults were sold during the 2014-15 financial year.

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Note 12 Related party transactions

Trustee

The Trustee of Ferntree Gully Cemetery Trust is Knox City Council.

The Councillors of Knox City Council during the year were:

Councillor Karin Orpen

Councillor Adam Gill

Councillor Joe Cossari

Councillor Darren Pearce (Mayor to 12th November 2014)

Councillor John Mortimore

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