

Riverstone Cemetery

Ward 1 Property 1



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| PROPERTY NAME | Riverstone General Cemetery |
| ADDRESS | Garfield Road West, Riverstone. Lots 1-9 CLP 509-3000. Crown Reserve managed by Council. |
| DESCRIPTION | There are a number of early 20th century and late 19th century headstones. There are many descendants of the early settlers in the Riverstone area. |
| HISTORICAL CONTEXT | Burial ground for European pioneers of the district. |
| LISTINGS | Blacktown City Council LEP |
| STRENGTHS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on major road • Active cemetery • Space available • Contains strong local history record • Areas set aside for new populations, eg, Muslim community and mosque on Richmond Road • Relatively easy to maintain • Public toilets on site • Relatively well fenced |
| WEAKNESSES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited uses available • Isolated site |
| OPPORTUNITIES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible development of columbarium/ Ha Ha (sunken interment wall for ashes) • Continued use as active cemetery |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential open space • Cemetery tours/heritage trail/link to Riverstone Heritage area |
| THREATS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential vandalism • Potential for inadequate maintenance • Conflicts in juxtaposition between past, current and future burial practices • Use of inappropriate materials in cemetery which detract from the rural atmosphere of the cemetery |
| CONCLUSION | Cemetery is active and is used and maintained at an appropriate level |
| RECOMMENDATIONS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue use as general cemetery 2. Review use as active cemetery every five (5) years or as recommended by mini-Conservation Management Plan when completed 3. Investigate use of materials such as hard stand crushed granite or other alternative for any roads in the cemetery to assist in preserving the rural atmosphere of the cemetery 4. Consider greater security (lighting/fencing/alarms) if necessary |
| REFERENCES | SHI1140090 Jonathan Falk Planning Consultants P/L et.al. <i>Blacktown Heritage Study</i> , 1988. |

| Minimum Budgetary Estimates | | | | | | | |
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| Property | Ward | Proposed Purpose | Project | Priority | Reason for priority | Date | Estimated Cost (\$) |
| Riverstone Cemetery | 1 | Cemetery | Review cemetery use and function every 5 years or as per mini CMP when developed | 4 | ensure sympathetic use | | \$6 000 |
| Riverstone Cemetery | 1 | Cemetery | Maintain security and maintenance activity on site | 2 | ensure ongoing maintenance and security | | \$9 000p.a |
| Riverstone Cemetery | 1 | Cemetery | Continue existing use | 3 | currently successful | 2005-2010 | 0 |
| Riverstone Cemetery | 1 | Cemetery Development | Review materials and ensure future development is sympathetic | 4 | ensure sympathetic development | 2005+ | 0 |
| Riverstone Cemetery | 1 | Cemetery | Consider increased security if necessary eg fencing and lighting | 5 | not currently a problem | 2005+ | 0 |

Recommended Use – retain as active cemetery

Minimum required budget

\$15 000

Recommended minimum non budgetary and optional budgetary items

\$0

Less AVAILABLE Funding

\$9 000 p.a

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED

\$6 000