

# Goulburn District Cemeteries

## Finding Grave Locations



Cemeteries play an important role when researching family history. Whether it be finding a recently departed loved one, or reaching out to a long forgotten ancestor, they are a great way to feel connected to our past. Headstones can provide lots of information for historians. Starting with the basics such as birth and death dates, they may also list the names of parents, siblings and children. Inscriptions can provide a rare insight into the deceased as individuals; linking us even more deeply to our ancestors and the past.

There are many cemeteries in the Goulburn District, both active and inactive. The main cemeteries are:

**Active:**

Goulburn General Cemetery: 1903 –

Kenmore/ St. Patrick's: 1890 –

Tallong: 1910 –

Tarago: 1888 –

**Inactive:**

St. Saviour's: 1830 - 1937

Mortis Street: 1830 – 1903

Jewish: 1844 - 1890

Kenmore Hospital Cemetery: 1895 - 1942

The Library has information about grave locations from the 1830s up until 1999. Our online indexes cover up until 1990. The oldest cemetery is St. Saviour's, situated adjacent to the Goulburn Correctional Centre. St. Saviour's was in use from 1830-1937. Mortis St. Cemetery was established in the 1830s and was in use until 1903. It has sections for Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Baptist. Goulburn General Cemetery opened in 1903 and covers all denominations including non-sectarian, pauper burials, the Lawn and Soldiers' Memorial sections.

There are many more cemeteries within the Goulburn district. More information can be found in the 2012 Cemetery Plan of Management, available online on our ['Cemeteries'](#) section of the [Local Studies Webpage](#). Other useful items held in the Local Studies collection include:

- *Learning how to 'read' the secrets of our cemeteries: Old St. Saviour's Cemetery, Goulburn, Daphne Penalver, HISSOC929.5LEA*
- *Goulburn Mulwaree archaeological Plan, Volume 1, 2 & 3, LS363.69GOU*
- Vertical Files – *Cemeteries*. Ask staff for assistance.

## Starting out

The two main questions to ask when looking for grave locations are:

Where is the deceased buried? And when was this?

The answers, if you have them, will determine which resources to begin with! If you don't, there are suggestions for places to look for this information in 'Online Resources'.

## Where to look first

[Cemetery Indexes](#) are available online from our [Local Studies Webpage](#).

Indexes are kept on the "Cemeteries" shelf in Local Studies. You may need to check one, or more:

- *Burials in County of Argyle NSW 1856 – 1918, LS929.3BUR*
- *Burial Registers: Goulburn General Cemetery, Goulburn NSW, 1904 – 1999, LS929.39BUR*
  1. Consolidated Index
  2. Name Index
- *Goulburn Pioneer Cemeteries: St. Saviour's, Mortis Street, Towrang Stockade, Jewish and St. Patrick's College, LS929.5GOU*
- *Goulburn and District Cemetery Transcriptions Index, HISSOC929.5GOU vol. 1 & 2*
- *Kenmore Hospital Cemetery 1895 – 1942, LS929.5KEN*
- *Monumental Inscriptions, St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kenmore, Goulburn, LS929.5MON*

## Cemetery Maps / Plans

Maps and plans of the cemeteries can be found [online](#) and in the Local Studies Section, Map Cabinet 1. You can use these to locate the actual grave locations, once you have the section and plot numbers.

## Online Resources

If you don't know the 'where' and 'when', there are online resources that can often provide this information. Obituaries and funeral notices may give the burial location. You may also find photos, and names of other family member graves alongside. The New South Wales Births Deaths and Marriages website does have some date restrictions, but death certificates, if obtained, are a great source of information. Not all of the information can be found in these resources, but it is definitely worth a try. Please ask if you would like a demonstration of any or all of them.

- [NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages](#)
- [The Ryerson Index](#)
- [Trove](#) – Digitised Newspapers & Gazettes
- [Ancestry](#)
- [FindmyPast](#)

There are links to these from the [Local Studies Webpage](#).

## Need more help?

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