

PARISH OF SOUTH DAREBIN – MEMORIAL GARDENS POLICY

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Each of the two churches that form the Parish of South Darebin have established Memorial Gardens. This policy governs the interment of ashes in the Memorial Gardens at All Saints Northcote and at St James Thornbury. It supersedes the policy adopted by the respective church vestries in August 2019.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Parish Council policy that the interment of cremated remains is allowable in either Memorial Garden on the following basis:

- the deceased person concerned had a pastoral connection with the Parish;
- the interment is to be in the context of Anglican liturgical rites;
- the ashes will be removed from any container and mingled with the earth; and that
- there will be no identifying marks to indicate where the ashes lie.

PROCEDURES

Fees: No charge will be levied but a donation for upkeep of the relevant Memorial Garden is acceptable.

Records: The deceased person's name will be recorded in the Parish Memorial Book.

Requests: All requests for interment shall be in writing and addressed to the Vicar.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Churchwarden: The churchwardens are to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Gardens.

Vicar: The Vicar shall be responsible for determining all requests for interment. The Vicar may consult with the Churchwardens before making a determination.

DATE OF APPROVAL / DATE OF REVIEW

26 February 2024 / 26 February 2027.