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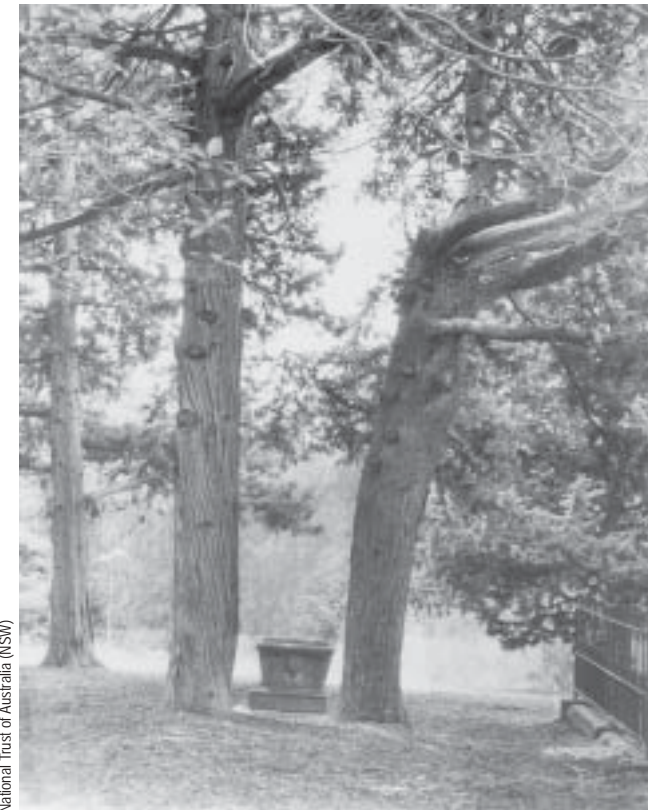
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The Chairs of all technical committees and members of the Board sit on the Conservation Committee which makes recommendations to the Board.

The Cemeteries Conservation Committee

The National Trust is involved in identifying and conserving cemeteries and historic graves throughout New South Wales. The term 'cemetery' is used to include lone graves, churchyards and family burial grounds as well as large general cemeteries.

The Cemeteries Conservation Committee covers various fields including archaeology, architecture, cemetery management, landscape design, art history, genealogy, materials conservation, stone masonry and town planning. The Committee meets regularly to consider specific issues and to assess the cultural significance of burial grounds. For some years it has conducted regular inspections of cemeteries as part of a state wide survey under a grant from the NSW Heritage Office.

The Committee aims to:

- promote recognition, protection and conservation of cemeteries in New South Wales;
- identify, document and assess the significance of the more than 3,000 cemeteries in New South Wales;
- recommend appropriate cemeteries for inclusion in the National Trust Register, Local Environment Plans and the State Heritage Register as appropriate;
- provide expert technical advice and assistance on matters relating to cemetery conservation and management.

Cemeteries Conservation

Cemeteries are an important part of Australia's past. The monuments of our ancestors provide a history of the nation's growth and a valuable insight into its development. Cemeteries may be the only place where a person's life is recorded.

Many cemeteries are examples of formal garden design with landscape elements seldom seen outside public gardens. Unusual examples of art and craft are also found in the design of many monuments which portray views of death often quite different from current customs.

Recent sections of old cemeteries and even burial grounds with no 'old' monuments also provide valuable social documents of history and changes in taste, custom and design.



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Springwood General Cemetery

All cemeteries have social and historic value and potential cultural significance. A cemetery is generally considered to be of cultural significance if it has historic, social, artistic, religious, genealogical, creative/ technological, landscape, botanical or representative significance. Some cemeteries are significant to the nation at large, some to a religious or ethnic group or a region, some mainly to a single family.

Conservation of cemeteries means retaining this significance.



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Rookwood Necropolis, Anglican Section



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Manly General Cemetery