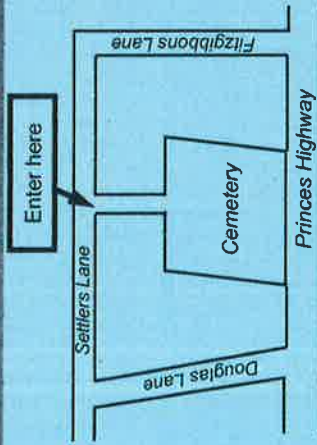


Location:

Tower Hill Cemetery is located near Kororoit, in South-West Victoria, on the north side of the Princes Highway between Port Fairy and Warrambbool.



Entry to the cemetery is via lanes either side of the cemetery from the highway, or Douglas Lane off Lake View Road which lead to the main entrance from the north.

Burials in the Tower Hill Cemetery commenced in 1856 and the cemetery is still being used. In the first 150 years of operation, there have been over 8,000 burials.

Facilities for visitors: there is a toilet and small shelter on the side of the shed near the entry. The nearby Tower Hill State Reserve has toilets, BBQ and picnic area. The township of Kororoit, a few minutes away, also caters for visitors, with shops, milk bar, coffee shops, excellent B&Bs, restaurants and hotels.

Headstone Transcriptions:

The headstones were transcribed in 1987 by members of the Portland Genealogical Group, Port Fairy Historical Society, Kororoit Historical Society and Warrambbool Family History Group (AIGS). Copies of these transcriptions with alphabetical index, are held by most local historical and genealogical groups and the Kororoit Library. Over the summer of 2005/6 the Kororoit & District Historical Society also photographed all the headstones and plaques.

Headstones were transcribed and recorded in tabulated form in 2002 by Ian Marr and are included on his DVD "Cemeteries of South West Victoria".

Please note that about 45% of burials are in unmarked graves.

Register:

The Secretary of the Tower Hill Cemetery Trust holds all the registers from 1856 to the present. Information includes name, age, burial date, and location of grave. The register has been indexed and microfilmed up to about 1987 and copies of these are held by most local historical and genealogical groups. The Kororoit & District Historical Society also hold a computerized index of the register and plan of graves.

Cemetery Plan:

Copies of a more detailed plan showing plot numbers are also held by the various societies, including the Kororoit Library.

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Kororoit, Victoria

Tower Hill Cemetery

Established in 1856



A Guide for Genealogists and Local Historians

Name

Date Buried

Age

Religion

Section

Grave No.

Locating a Headstone or Gravesite:

Note: Rows, sections and grave numbers are not marked at the Cemetery.

Sections:

The cemetery was originally laid out in a curved symmetrical pattern with a circular road near the outside, and a circular walking path inside, with four paths radiating out from the centre, dividing the various denominations into Wesleyan (Methodist), Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Church of England (Episcopalian) and Other Denominations.

Some of the original pathways do not exist, so this pattern is a little difficult to see when walking around the cemetery.

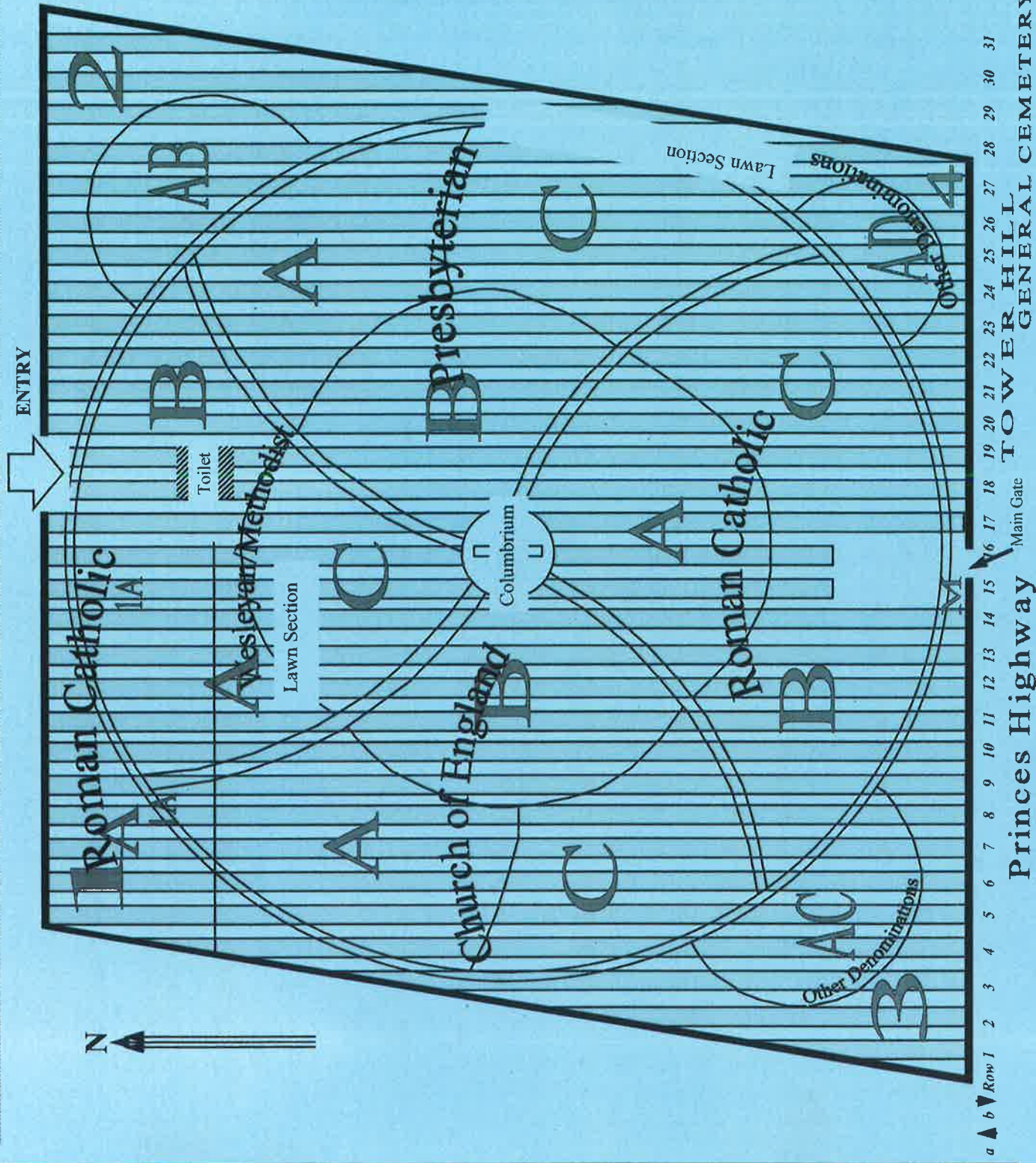
In later years, a section in the north-west corner was added, followed by a wall niche (columbrium) in the middle of the cemetery during the mid-1980s, and in 2002 and 2008 lawn sections were added.

Rows:

For ease of locating a headstone, when transcribing the headstones in 1987 by the various local groups, the rows were numbered, starting from the south-west corner, Row 1a, and returning from the north 1b, then 2a, 2b and so on. These numbers are only on paper.

Grave Numbers:

The numbering system for the graves is slightly more complicated. In the older sections, the graves are numbered across from west to east, not along the rows, which run north to south. A more detailed plan may need to be consulted for the exact location of a grave. Please check with the Cemetery Trust Secretary.



a ▲ b ▼ Row 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Princes Highway

TOWER HILL GENERAL CEMETERY