

Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW 2015–16 activity report

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Explanatory notes

Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) is the statutory body with strategic and regulatory oversight of the interment industry and responsibility for administering the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013*. CCNSW works closely with cemeteries and crematoria operators, including Crown trusts, local councils, private operators and community operators, to identify and respond to capacity and demand challenges through coordination of strategic land acquisition that focuses on priority areas of need.

Additional information about CCNSW is available at crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/cemeteries.

CCNSW maintains an up-to-date register of all cemeteries and crematoria in NSW, and provides analysis about industry activity and cemetery capacity and demand.

Information from the CCNSW Cemeteries and Crematoria Register may be accessed at crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/cemeteries/register.

The 2015–16 NSW cemeteries and crematoria activity information compiled in this report relies on three primary data inputs:

- the CCNSW Cemeteries and Crematoria Register, to identify facilities and contacts for sourcing of activity information
- cemetery operator activity survey information captured for the 2014–15 year, as provided by NSW operators in 2015
- cemetery operator activity survey information captured for the 2015–16 year, as provided by NSW operators in 2016.

NSW cemetery and crematoria operator activity information is collected by CCNSW in administration of the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013*.

CCNSW relies upon the support and cooperation of operators in maintaining accurate facility and registration information, and in accessing timely annual activity information.

Activity survey information captured from NSW operators for 2015–16 includes information in respect of 1240 facilities, including 51 crematoria and 1189 cemeteries.

In May 2016 CCNSW published a *Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW 2014–15 Activity Report*, available from the CCNSW website (crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/cemeteries/planning-and-reporting). The report presents and analyses mortal remains interment, cremation and ash interment activity completed in NSW in 2014–15, and provides background, context, purpose, methodology and other information.

The methodology detailed at Chapters 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the 2014–15 Activity Report is also the methodology applied in sourcing, analysis and presentation of 2014–15 and 2015–16 cemetery and crematoria activity information detailed in this document.

To avoid disclosure of individual operator activity information, data analysis and presentation is premised on bundling of activity information to NSW Government planning regions. Information on NSW Government planning regions and districts current as at June 2017 may be accessed from the Department of Planning & Environment at planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Regional-Plans.

During 2016 the NSW Government commenced implementation of the Stronger Councils Stronger Communities initiative. As a consequence of changes to some local government area boundaries and some regional boundaries as part of that initiative, allocation of activity to the appropriate planning region for some facilities is not constant between periods 2014–15 and 2015–16.

Analysis of 2014–15 and 2015–16 activity as presented in tables 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 follows the convention of one decimal place being used in respect of activity percentages, and no decimal places in respect of facilities, with decimal point changes in activity types and volumes expected to be material, over time, to the volume of burial land required to meet the needs of the NSW community.

Definitions

Ash disposition: a collective total that includes the number of ashes ‘interred’ in a cemetery, and the number of ashes scattered within a cemetery, in the reporting period.

Under NSW legislation, cemetery operators are not required to register the scattering of ashes within a cemetery. For activity reporting purposes, CCNSW asks that operators report the number of ashes scattered within the cemetery where the data is available, or to estimate the volume, where data is not available. Not all operators record or report on volumes of ashes scattered within cemetery grounds, and the number of ashes reported as scattered is considered substantively incomplete. The rate of ‘ash disposition’ includes interments of ashes (in a columbarium, niche wall or in the ground) and recorded scattering of ashes within a cemetery. The ‘ash disposition rate’ reflects net volumes of ashes interred and scattered in a region within the reporting period, compared with cremation services provided in the reporting period.

Burial: placing a casket or coffin into an earth grave, or into a vault (also known as interment).

Cremation: a process for the reduction of bodily remains by fire or heat, alkaline hydrolysis (aquamation) or by other means prescribed by the regulations.

Cremation rate: a calculation of the percentage of cremations proportional to the sum of cremations plus burials.

Grave occupancy rate: an inferred ongoing rate for the number of interments per grave plot, at the ‘current rate’ of second or subsequent interment. The figure is derived by dividing the number of burials completed in the term by the number of burials in new plots completed for the term. The figures must be used with caution for two key reasons:

- not all operator systems are configured to differentiate first and second burials, and therefore for some facilities data reported for second burials in an estimate only
- at the cemetery-specific level, as a cemetery facility nears exhaustion of capacity, only second or subsequent interments may be completed, and the apparent occupancy rate may provide an unreliable indication of average occupancy (e.g. exceed two per grave).

CCNSW considers that grave occupancy rate is of value at the regional level, where variations between facilities net out, and where facility-specific anomalies may be excluded from analysis. In specific cases where a single facility volume predominates, the apparent rate of grave occupancy may be deemed unreliable.

No. of Services: the total number of primary services performed, i.e. burial or cremation of human remains, these being the means of disposition of human remains as defined by the Public Health Regulation 2012. Ash interment, ash scattering and memorialisation are considered as secondary services (subsequent to cremation) in this context.

Second or subsequent burial: the burial of a second or subsequent casket or coffin into a single grave site.

Not all cemetery operators maintain systems which readily differentiate an interment as a ‘second interment’, so it is likely that aggregate data for regions and for NSW generally slightly under represents ‘second interments’, with some of these being reported as first interments where system constraints are in effect.

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Disclaimer: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (August 2017). However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that the information upon which they rely is up to date and to check the currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the Department of Industry or the user’s independent advisor.

Table 1. NSW Operator Activity—Summary information to 2015–16

Burials	2014–15	2015–16	as at 30 June 2017
Total No. of bodily remains interments	No. of interments	No. of interments	% variance
Whole of NSW	17833	18079	1.4%
Metropolitan Sydney	8730	9058	3.8%
Rural & Regional NSW	9103	9021	-0.9%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	2497	2720	8.9%
Cremations			
No. of cremations	No. of cremations	No. of cremations	% variance
Whole of NSW	36112	36257	0.4%
Metropolitan Sydney	17208	17153	-0.3%
Rural & Regional NSW	18904	19104	1.1%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	9269	9828	6.0%
Cremation rate			
Cremation rate for the term	% rate	% rate	% variance
Whole of NSW	66.9%	66.7%	-0.3%
Metropolitan Sydney	66.3%	65.4%	-1.4%
Rural & Regional NSW	67.5%	67.9%	0.6%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	78.8%	78.3%	-0.6%
Grave occupancy rate			
Grave occupancy rate for the term	% rate	% rate	% variance
Whole of NSW	1.4	1.35	-3.2%
Metropolitan Sydney	1.45	1.38	-4.7%
Rural & Regional NSW	1.36	1.33	-2.3%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	1.56	1.32	-15.4%
Ash interment / scattering			
Total No. of ash interments or scatterings	No. of ashes	No. of ashes	% variance
Whole of NSW	11738	11960	1.9%
Metropolitan Sydney	6444	6701	4.0%
Rural & Regional NSW	5294	5259	-0.7%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	2851	2790	-2.1%
Ash interment rate			
Ash interment & scattering rate for the term	% rate	% rate	% variance
Whole of NSW	32.5%	33.0%	1.5%
Metropolitan Sydney	37.4%	39.1%	4.5%
Rural & Regional NSW	28.0%	27.5%	-1.7%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra	30.8%	28.4%	-7.8%

Table 2. NSW operator activity—survey data 2014–15 (Data as at publication of 2014–15 activity report, May 2016)

Whole of NSW, burial and cremation volumes

Service type	No. of services	% of services
Total number of burials	17883	33.1%
Total number of cremations	36112	66.9%
Total number of services	53995	100%

Whole of NSW, number of cemetery operators

Type of Operator	No. of operators
Cemetery operators	227
Crematoria operators	39
	266

Whole of NSW, number of cemeteries

Cemeteries Status	No. of facilities
Operational cemeteries	851
Closed cemeteries	254
	1105

Whole of NSW, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cemeteries (operational & closed)	% of total cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (operational)	% of operational cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (closed)	% of closed cemeteries	No. of crematoria	% of crematoria
Local government	951	86.1%	710	83.4%	241	94.9%	8	16%
Crown	16	1.4%	14	1.6%	2	0.8%	4	8%
Private	20	1.8%	19	2.2%	1	0.4%	37	76%
Church	113	10.2%	104	12.2%	9	3.5%	0	N/A
Community	5	0.5%	4	0.5%	1	0.4%	0	N/A
	1105	100%	851	100%	254	100%	49	100%

Metropolitan Sydney, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cemeteries (operational & closed)	% of total cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (operational)	% of operational cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (closed)	% of closed cemeteries	No. of crematoria	% of crematoria
Local government	51	68%	36	63%	15	83%	0	N/A
Crown	10	13%	10	18%	0	0%	4	33%
Private	7	9%	7	12%	0	0%	8	67%
Church	6	8%	3	5%	3	17%	0	N/A
Community	1	1%	1	2%	0	0%	0	N/A
	75	100%	57	100%	18	100%	12	100%

Whole of NSW, summary burial and cremation activity

Planning region	No. of burials	No. of cremations	No. of services	Cremation rate	No. of second or subsequent burials	Grave occupancy rate	No. of ash interments or scatterings	Ash disposition % rate
Whole of NSW	17833	36112	53945	66.9%	5039	1.4	11738	32.5%
Metropolitan Sydney	8730	17208	25938	66.3%	2647	1.45	6444	37.4%
Rural and Regional NSW*	9103	18904	28007	67.5%	2392	1.36	5294	28.0%
Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra	2497	9269	11766	78.8%	892	1.56	2851	30.8%

* i.e. all planning regions other than Metropolitan Sydney, including Central Coast, Far West, Hunter, Illawarra

** Central Coast, Hunter and Illawarra therefore are a subset of rural and regional NSW

Table 2. NSW operator activity—survey data 2014–15 (continued)

Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by planning region

Planning Region	No. of cemeteries*	No. of burials	% of NSW burials	No. of crematoria	No. of cremations	Cremation rate %	% of NSW cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of NSW services
Central Coast	17	472	2.6%	2	2405	83.6%	6.7%	2877	5.3%
Far West	34	337	1.9%	2	296	46.8%	0.8%	633	1.2%
Hunter	130	1208	6.8%	4	4431	78.6%	12.3%	5639	10.5%
Illawarra	20	817	4.6%	3	2433	74.9%	6.7%	3250	6.0%
Metropolitan Sydney	57	8730	49.0%	12	17208	66.3%	47.7%	25938	48.1%
Murray–Murrumbidgee	113	1436	8.1%	5	2493	63.5%	6.9%	3929	7.3%
New England–North West	96	973	5.5%	3	450	31.6%	1.2%	1423	2.6%
North Coast	134	1415	7.9%	10	4528	76.2%	12.5%	5943	11.0%
Orana & Central West	147	1434	8.0%	5	1067	42.7%	3.0%	2501	4.6%
South East & Tablelands	101	1011	5.7%	3	801	44.2%	2.2%	1812	3.4%
Unincorporated	2	0	0.0%	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
	851	17833	100%	49	36112	66.9%	100%	53945	100%

* For 2014–15 data, this count is of operational cemeteries only

Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by Sydney sub-region

Metropolitan Sydney District	No. of cemeteries	No. of burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of crematoria	No. of cremations	Cremation rate %	% of Sydney cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of total Sydney services
Central	4	736	8.4%	1	1126	60.5%	6.5%	1862	7.2%
West Central	10	4770	54.6%	4	5679	54.3%	33.0%	10449	40.3%
North	10	1224	14.0%	2	5394	81.5%	31.3%	6618	25.5%
West	22	388	4.4%	2	1192	75.4%	6.9%	1580	6.1%
South West	10	1039	11.9%	1	1508	59.2%	8.8%	2547	9.8%
South	1	573	6.6%	2	2309	80.1%	13.4%	2882	11.1%
	57	8730	100%	12	17208	66.3%	100%	25938	100%

Table 2. NSW operator activity—survey data 2014–15 (continued)

Whole of NSW, burials by type and cemetery operator sector

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites (one or more previous interments)	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms*	Total no. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate
Local government	6443	2225	57	8725	48.9%	25.5%	1.35
Crown	3951	2173	0	6124	34.3%	35.5%	1.55
Private	2218	627	13	2858	16.0%	21.9%	1.29
Church & community	112	14	0	126	0.7%	11.1%	1.13
Community (N/A for 2014-15)	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	12724	5039	70	17833	100%	28.3%	1.40

* 2014–15 renewable rights interments data was included in interments total counts, but not separately itemised, in the CCNSW 2014–15 Activity Report

Metropolitan Sydney, burials by type and cemetery operator sector

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites (one or more previous interments)	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms*	Total No. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate
Local government	615	213	57	885	10.1%	24.1%	1.44
Crown	3921	2061	0	5982	68.5%	34.5%	1.53
Private	1451	371	13	1835	21.0%	20.2%	1.26
Church & community	26	2	0	28	0.3%	7.1%	1.08
Community (N/A for 2014-15)	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6013	2647	70	8730	100%	30.3%	1.45

* 2014–15 renewable rights interments data was included in interments total counts, but not separately itemised, in the CCNSW 2014–15 Activity Report

Table 2. NSW operator activity—survey data 2014–15 (continued)

Whole of NSW, cremations and ash interments by crematoria operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cremations of bodily remains	% of total cremations	No. of interments of cremated remains*	No. of cremated remains scattered within grounds**	No. of ash dispositions***	Ash disposition rate
Local government	3521	9.8%	3033	46	3079	87.4%
Crown	5387	14.9%	2540	224	2764	51.3%
Private	27204	75.3%	5304	370	5674	20.9%
Church & community	0	0.0%	215	6	221	N/A
	36112	100%	11092	646	11738	32.5%

* Generally below ground, or in a niche wall or columbarium

** Ash scattering data is known to be incomplete. Cemetery operators in NSW are not required by the *Cemeteries & Crematoria Act 2013* to register or record ash scatterings.

*** i.e. an aggregate total which includes ashes interred or scattered within a cemetery

Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of burials	% of NSW burials	No. of cremations	% of NSW cremations	Total no. of services	% of NSW total services
Local government	8725	48.9%	3521	9.8%	12246	22.7%
Crown	6124	34.3%	5387	14.9%	11511	21.3%
Private	2858	16.0%	27204	75.3%	30062	55.7%
Church & community	126	0.7%	0	N/A	126	0.2%
	17833	100%	36112	100%	53945	100%

Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of cremations	% of Sydney cremations	Total no. of services	% of total Sydney services
Local government	896	10.3%	0	N/A	896	3.5%
Crown	5984	68.5%	5387	31%	11371	43.8%
Private	1822	20.9%	11821	69%	13643	52.6%
Church & community	28	0.3%	0	N/A	28	0.1%
	8730	100%	17208	100%	25938	100.0%

Whole of NSW, Local Government operated cemeteries, activity levels

LG Cemeteries	No. of facilities
Operational & >10 burials per year	187
Operational & <10 burials per year	531
Closed	226
Burials per operational cemetery	9.2

Table 3. NSW Operator Activity—Survey data 2015–16 (data as at 30 June 2017)

Whole of NSW, burial and cremation volumes

Service type	No. of services	% of services
Total number of burials	18079	33.3%
Total number of cremations	36257	66.7%
Total number of services	54336	100%

Whole of NSW, number of cemetery operators

Type of Operator	No. of operators
Cemetery operators	238
Crematoria operators	41
	279

Whole of NSW, number of cemeteries

Cemeteries Status	No. of facilities
Operational cemeteries	899
Closed cemeteries	290
	1189

Whole of NSW, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cemeteries (operational & closed)	% of total cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (operational)	% of operational cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (closed)	% of closed cemeteries	No. of crematoria	% of crematoria
Local government	967	81.3%	711	79.1%	256	88.3%	8	16%
Crown	20	1.7%	14	1.6%	6	2.1%	4	8%
Private	26	2.2%	25	2.8%	1	0.3%	39	76%
Church	169	14.2%	143	15.9%	26	9%	0	N/A
Community	7	0.6%	6	0.7%	1	0.3%	0	N/A
	1189	100%	899	100%	290	100%	51	100%

Metropolitan Sydney, cemeteries and crematoria by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cemeteries (operational & closed)	% of total cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (operational)	% of operational cemeteries	No. of cemeteries (closed)	% of closed cemeteries	No. of crematoria	% of crematoria
Local government	52	60%	37	55%	15	75%	0	N/A
Crown	9	10%	9	13%	0	N/A	4	33%
Private	8	9%	8	12%	0	N/A	8	67%
Church	16	18%	11	16%	5	25%	0	N/A
Community	2	2%	2	3%	0	N/A	0	N/A
	87	100%	67	100%	20	100%	12	100%

Whole of NSW, summary burial and cremation activity

Planning Region	No. of burials	No. of cremations	No. of services	Cremation rate	No. of second or subsequent burials	Grave occupancy rate	No. of ash interments or scatterings	Ash disposition % rate
Whole of NSW	18079	36257	54336	66.7%	4735	1.35	11960	33.0%
Metropolitan Sydney	9058	17153	26211	65.4%	2504	1.38	6701	39.1%
Rural and regional NSW*	9021	19104	28125	67.9%	2231	1.33	5259	27.5%
Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra**	2720	9828	12548	78.3%	659	1.32	2790	28.4%

* i.e. all planning regions other than Metropolitan Sydney, including Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and the Far West

** Central Coast, Hunter & Illawarra therefore are a subset of rural & regional NSW

Table 3. NSW Operator Activity—Survey data 2015–16 (continued)

Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by planning region

Planning Region	No. of cemeteries*	No. of burials	% of NSW burials	No. of crematoria	No. of cremations	Cremation rate %	% of NSW cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of NSW services
Central Coast	17	463	2.6%	2	2379	83.7%	6.6%	2842	5.2%
Far West	35	311	1.7%	2	152	32.8%	0.4%	463	0.9%
Hunter	138	1087	6.0%	4	4261	79.7%	11.8%	5348	9.8%
Illawarra	24	841	4.7%	3	2487	74.7%	6.9%	3328	6.1%
Metropolitan Sydney	67	9058	50.1%	12	17153	65.4%	47.3%	26211	48.2%
Murray–Murrumbidgee	115	1496	8.3%	5	2523	62.8%	7.0%	4019	7.4%
New England–North West	97	864	4.8%	4	737	46.0%	2.0%	1601	2.9%
North Coast	136	1614	8.9%	11	4575	73.9%	12.6%	6189	11.4%
Orana & Central West	153	1412	7.8%	5	1109	44.0%	3.1%	2521	4.6%
South East & Tablelands	110	932	5.2%	3	881	48.6%	2.4%	1813	3.3%
Unincorporated	3	1	0.0%	0	0	N/A	N/A	1	0.0%
	895	18079	100%	51	36257	66.7%	100%	54336	100%

* When comparing data between years; No. of cemeteries in 2014-15 data included operational cemeteries only

Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by Sydney sub-region

Metropolitan Sydney District	No. of cemeteries	No. of burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of crematoria	No. of cremations	Cremation rate %	% of Sydney cremations	No. of services (burials and cremations)	% of total Sydney services
Central	4	818	9.0%	1	1156	58.6%	6.7%	1974	7.5%
West Central	12	4621	51.0%	4	5635	54.9%	32.9%	10256	39.1%
North	11	1543	17.0%	2	5437	77.9%	31.7%	6980	26.6%
West	25	381	4.2%	2	1071	73.8%	6.2%	1452	5.5%
South West	14	1083	12.0%	1	1555	58.9%	9.1%	2638	10.1%
South	1	612	6.8%	2	2299	79.0%	13.4%	2911	11.1%
	67	9058	100%	12	17153	65.4%	100%	26211	100%

Table 3. NSW Operator Activity—Survey data 2015–16 (continued)

Whole of NSW, burials by type and cemetery operator sector

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites (one or more previous interments)	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms*	Total no. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate
Local government	6183	2233	84	8500	47.0%	26.3%	1.37
Crown	4151	2305	0	6456	35.7%	35.7%	1.56
Private	2825	192	3	3020	16.7%	6.4%	1.07
Church	68	5	0	73	0.4%	6.8%	1.07
Community	30	0	0	30	0.2%	N/A	1.00
	13257	4735	87	18079	100%	26.2%	1.36

* 2014–15 renewable rights interments data was included in interments total counts, but not separately itemised, in the CCNSW 2014-15 Activity Report

Metropolitan Sydney, burials by type and cemetery operator sector

Operator sector	No. of interments of bodily remains in new perpetual interment sites	No. of interments of bodily remains in perpetual interment sites (one or more previous interments)	No. of interments of bodily remains in interment sites under renewable rights terms*	Total no. of interments	% of total interments	2nd or subsequent burials as a % of total interments	Grave occupancy rate
Local government	547	211	84	842	9.3%	25.1%	1.54
Crown	4079	2277	0	6356	70.2%	35.8%	1.56
Private	1818	14	3	1835	20.2%	0.8%	1.01
Church	8	2	0	10	0.1%	20.0%	1.25
Community	15	0	0	15	0.2%	N/A	1.00
	6467	2504	87	9058	100%	27.6%	1.40

* 2014-15 renewable rights interments data was included in interments total counts, but not separately itemised, in the CCNSW 2014-15–Activity Report

Table 3. NSW Operator Activity—Survey data 2015–16 (continued)

Whole of NSW, cremations and ash interments by crematoria operator sector

Operator sector	No. of cremations of bodily remains	% of total cremations	No. of interments of cremated remains*	No. of cremated remains scattered within grounds**	No. of ash dispositions***	Ash disposition rate
Local government	3480	9.6%	3400	55	3455	99.3%
Crown	5292	14.6%	3140	188	3328	62.9%
Private	27485	75.8%	4573	312	4885	17.8%
Church	0	0.0%	285	7	292	N/A
	36257	100%	11398	562	11960	33.0%

* Generally below ground, or in a niche wall or columbarium

** Ash scattering data is known to be incomplete. Cemetery operators in NSW are not required by the *Cemeteries & Crematoria Act 2013* to register or record ash scatterings.

*** i.e. an aggregate total which includes ashes interred or scattered within a cemetery

Whole of NSW, burials and cremations by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of burials	% of NSW burials	No. of cremations	% of NSW cremations	Total no. of services	% of NSW total services
Local government	8500	47.0%	3480	9.6%	11980	22.0%
Crown	6456	35.7%	5292	14.6%	11748	21.6%
Private	3020	16.7%	27485	75.8%	30505	56.1%
Community	103	0.6%	0	N/A	103	0.2%
	18079	100%	36257	100%	54336	100%

Metropolitan Sydney, burials and cremations by operator sector

Operator sector	No. of burials	% of Sydney burials	No. of cremations	% of Sydney cremations	Total no. of services	% of total Sydney services
Local government	842	9.3%	0	N/A	842	3.2%
Crown	6231	68.8%	5292	31%	11523	44.0%
Private	1960	21.6%	11861	69%	13821	52.7%
Community	25	0.3%	0	N/A	25	0.1%
	9058	100%	17153	100%	26211	100.0%

Whole of NSW, Local Government operated cemeteries, activity levels

LG Cemeteries	No. of facilities
Operational & >10 burials per year	184
Operational & <10 burials per year	527
Closed	256
Burials per operational cemetery	8.8