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An act to enable cemeteries under the control of councils to be dedicated as public parks; to provide for the appointment of the council as trustee thereof; to confer and impose certain powers, authorities, duties and functions on the council as trustee of such a public park; to dedicate the Bodangora General Cemetery in the Shire of Wellington as a public park; and for purposes connected therewith.

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act may be cited as the [Conversion of Cemeteries Act 1974](#).

2 Commencement

- (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette being a day not earlier than the day on which the [Crown Lands and Other Acts \(Reserves\) Amendment Act 1974](#) commences.

3 (Repealed)

4 Definitions

In this Act, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires:

area has the same meaning as it has in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

cemetery means a cemetery of which a council has the care, control and management.

council has the same meaning as it has in the [Local Government Act 1993](#).

monument means a monument, headstone or other surface structure, or a vault.

resolution means a resolution of a council under section 6 (1).

the conversion date, in relation to land within a cemetery, means the day on which a

declaration made by the Minister under section 10 (1) in respect of that land is published in the Gazette.

the conversion land, in relation to land within a cemetery, means the land declared by the Minister to be a public park under section 10 (1).

5 (Repealed)

Part 2 Dedication of cemeteries as public parks

6 Council may resolve to convert cemetery

- (1) A council may, by resolution, decide to apply under this Act for the conversion of the whole or any part of land within a cemetery into a public park.
- (2) The council shall give notice of the resolution twice at an interval of not less than two weeks in a newspaper or newspapers published and circulating in the locality and twice at an interval of not less than two weeks in a newspaper or newspapers published in Sydney and circulating widely throughout New South Wales.

7 Objections

- (1) A person may, within three months after the date of first publication of the notice referred to in section 6 (2), object in writing to the council against its resolution and shall state the grounds for his or her objection.
- (2) The council shall consider and determine all objections made under subsection (1) and shall notify each objector of its determination concerning the objector's objection.

8 Council may apply to have cemetery declared a public park

- (1) The council may, after considering and determining the objections made under section 7 (1), make application to the Minister that the whole or any part of the land referred to in the resolution be declared a public park.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) shall be made in writing addressed to the Minister and shall be accompanied by:
 - (a) details of the proposal to convert the cemetery into a public park in the nature of a rest park,
 - (b) information, so far as it can be obtained, indicating, in respect of the cemetery:
 - (i) the total number of burials,
 - (ii) the dates of the first and last burials,
 - (iii) the number of monuments,
 - (iv) the number of monuments which have been provided or maintained by the

Commonwealth War Graves Commission,

- (v) whether the monuments are proposed to be removed, re-arranged within the cemetery, relocated in another cemetery, or disposed of,
 - (vi) the number of outstanding exclusive rights to burial,
 - (vii) the number of graves for which money is held for perpetual care,
 - (viii) the amount of money held for the perpetual care of graves,
 - (ix) the amount of money held otherwise than for the perpetual care of graves, and
 - (x) the nature and proposed future use of any building erected on the land,
- (c) estimates of the costs of:
- (i) the conversion of the cemetery into a public park, and
 - (ii) the future annual maintenance of the land,
- and information stating the means by which the council proposes to meet those costs,
- (d) evidence of compliance by the council with section 6 (2),
- (e) copies of all objections received by the council pursuant to section 7 (1) and of the council's determinations in respect of those objections, and
- (f) such other information as may be prescribed.
- (3) The council shall furnish such additional or other information as the Minister, by request in writing, may require for the purpose of considering the application under subsection (1).

9 Minister may notify intention to declare cemetery a public park

- (1) If the Minister is of the opinion that the conversion into a public park of the land or any part of the land referred to in the resolution is desirable, the Minister may cause to be published in the Gazette a notification of the Minister's intention to declare that land or part, as the case may be, to be a public park.
- (2) A copy of the notification under subsection (1) shall be laid before each House of Parliament within fourteen sitting days of that House after the date of publication.
- (3) If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given within fifteen sitting days of that House after a copy of the notification under subsection (1) has been laid before it, that it does not assent to the declaration of the land referred

to in that notification as a public park, the Minister shall not make that declaration pursuant to that notification.

- (4) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), sitting days shall be counted, whether or not they occur during the same session.

10 Minister may declare cemetery to be a public park

- (1) Subject to section 9, the Minister may declare, by notification in the Gazette, the whole or any part of land within a cemetery to be a public park.
- (2) The land declared to be a public park under subsection (1) shall be deemed to have been dedicated as a public park under section 24 of the [Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913](#).

Part 3 Powers, authorities, duties and functions of a council with respect to conversion land

11 Divesting of estate, interest etc in conversion land on conversion date

- (1) On the conversion date:
- (a) any estate or interest in the conversion land which, immediately before the conversion date, was vested in or held by any person or body of persons or the council shall be divested,
 - (b) any person or body referred to in paragraph (a) and the council shall be discharged from any duties, liabilities or obligations existing immediately before the conversion date in respect of or in relation to the conversion land,
 - (c) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances, dedications or reservations affecting the conversion land immediately before the conversion date shall be revoked and annulled,
 - (d) any instruments of title issued in respect of any part of or including any part of the conversion land and subsisting immediately before the conversion date shall be cancelled in so far as they relate to the conversion land, and
 - (e) any money, securities or assets held by the council in respect of the conversion land or of any grave or monument in or on the conversion land immediately before the conversion date shall be freed from any conditions or trusts subject to or on which they were held immediately before that date and shall be used by the council for or towards maintaining the graves or monuments preserved pursuant to section 14 or for or towards maintaining the conversion land as a rest park.
- (2) Any person who immediately before the conversion date was the holder of, or who was entitled to be the holder (either at law or in equity) of, any exclusive right to

burial within the conversion land may, within a period of six months after the conversion date, apply in writing to the Minister to be granted a fresh exclusive right to burial and the Minister shall, as soon as practicable after any application has been so made, arrange for the provision to that person of a new burial site in a cemetery selected at the discretion of the Minister.

12 Council sole trustee of conversion land

- (1) Subject to this Act, the council shall be sole trustee of the conversion land and shall be deemed to have been appointed sole trustee under section 37P of the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913*.
- (2) The conversion land shall be maintained by the council as a rest park and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, but subject to the provisions of this Act, the council shall not use the conversion land or permit it to be used for any other purpose.

13 Duties and powers of council in relation to conversion land

- (1) In this section, a reference to a burial register includes a reference to any register or record in respect of the deaths or interments of persons who are buried in or whose ashes have been placed in or on the conversion land
- (2) The council shall, as soon as practicable after the conversion date:
 - (a) where a burial register is held or received by it and that register is, in the opinion of the Minister, adequate and complete, deposit the burial register at the Mitchell Library, Sydney, where it shall be maintained so as to be available for inspection by any interested person from time to time,
 - (b) where a burial register is held or received by it and that register is not, in the opinion of the Minister, adequate or complete:
 - (i) compile a supplementary register of the names of and other relevant information in respect of persons who are buried in or whose ashes have been placed in or on the conversion land, so far as those names and that information can by reasonable diligence be obtained and so far as those names and that information are not included in the burial register, and
 - (ii) deposit the burial register and the supplementary register compiled under subparagraph (i) at the Mitchell Library, Sydney, where they shall be maintained so as to be available for inspection by any interested person from time to time, or
 - (c) where no burial register exists:
 - (i) compile a register of the names of and other relevant information in respect of persons who are buried in or whose ashes have been placed in or on the conversion land, so far as those names and that information can by reasonable

diligence be obtained and deposit and maintain that register at the offices of the council, so as to be available for inspection by any interested person from time to time,

- (ii) furnish a certified copy of the register to the Minister if required to do so by the Minister, and
 - (iii) furnish a certified copy of the register to the Mitchell Library, Sydney, where it shall be maintained so as to be available for inspection by any interested person from time to time.
- (3) In addition to the duties conferred on the council under subsection (2), the council shall, as soon as practicable after the conversion date:
- (a) convert the conversion land into a rest park, and
 - (b) erect a memorial in a suitable position on the conversion land indicating:
 - (i) the sacred nature of the area, and
 - (ii) the place where the burial register, the supplementary register compiled under subsection (2) (b) (i) or the register compiled under subsection (2) (c) (i), as the case may be, may be inspected and, as the case may be, that a copy of the register compiled under subsection (2) (c) (i) may be inspected at the Mitchell Library, Sydney.
- (4) The council may grant to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission the right to erect and maintain, in or on the conversion land, a memorial to any person who is buried in or whose ashes have been placed in or on the conversion land and over whose grave that Commission has provided or maintained a monument.
- (5) Subject to this Act, the council may do all such other things as it may consider necessary to convert the conversion land into a rest park.

14 Preservation of certain monuments

- (1) The council shall, subject to section 15, preserve in its existing position on the conversion land or remove and preserve in a new position, as provided in subsection (2):
- (a) any monument which:
 - (i) is erected over any grave which, in the opinion of the council, is of historical importance, and
 - (ii) is, in the opinion of the council, reasonably capable of being preserved, and
 - (b) any monument erected over any grave in respect of which the council holds any money, securities or assets for the perpetual care of that grave.

- (2) The new position in which a monument removed by the council pursuant to subsection (1) shall be preserved shall, at the discretion of the council, be anywhere on the conversion land or in another cemetery, whether that other cemetery is a cemetery within the meaning of this Act or otherwise.
- (3) Subject to section 15, the council may remove such other monuments erected on the conversion land as it thinks fit, and dispose of them at its discretion.
- (4) Before determining which of the monuments the council will preserve, or remove and preserve pursuant to the subsection (1), or remove pursuant to subsection (3), the council shall take into consideration any views of:
 - (a) the Royal Australian Historical Society relating to the historical importance of each or any monument, and
 - (b) the Commonwealth War Graves Commission relating to any monument provided or maintained by it,which are furnished to the council within three months of the conversion date.
- (5) If any monument preserved in accordance with subsection (1) ceases at any time after the expiration of the period of three months referred to in section 15 (3) by reason of its condition to be, in the opinion of the council, reasonably capable of being preserved, the council may dispose of it at its discretion.

15 Advertisement to be published before removal of monuments

- (1) At least three months before any monuments are removed by the council pursuant to section 14 (1) or (3), an advertisement of the intention to remove them and drawing attention to the right conferred by subsection (3) on the representatives or persons claiming to be representatives referred to in subsection (3) shall be inserted twice at an interval of not less than two weeks in a newspaper or newspapers published and circulating in the locality, and twice at an interval of not less than two weeks in a newspaper or newspapers published in Sydney and circulating widely throughout New South Wales.
- (2) The council shall send a copy of the advertisement referred to in subsection (1) to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission within one week after the date of publication of the first advertisement referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) At any time after the publication of the first advertisement referred to in subsection (1) and before the expiration of three months after the publication of the last of those advertisements:
 - (a) the representatives or any persons claiming to be representatives of any person who is buried in or whose ashes have been placed in or on the conversion land, or
 - (b) subject to subsection (4), the Commonwealth War Graves Commission,

may, at their or its own expense, and with the permission of the council, remove the monument erected over the grave of or in respect of that person, whether or not that monument is one which is referred to in section 14 (1), and may, at their or its own expense, and with the permission of the Health Commission of New South Wales, remove the remains or ashes of that person to another cemetery for burial, whether that other cemetery is a cemetery within the meaning of this Act or otherwise, or to a crematorium for cremation.

(4) Subsection (3) does not authorise the Commonwealth War Graves Commission:

- (a) to remove a monument unless that Commission has provided or maintained the monument, or
- (b) to remove the remains or ashes of a person unless that Commission has provided or maintained a monument over the grave of or in respect of that person in or on the conversion land.

16 Remains not to be disturbed

- (1) The council, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission or any person or body of persons shall take due care not to unearth or disturb the remains of any person who is buried in, or the ashes of any person which have been placed in or on, the conversion land.
- (2) If any remains or ashes referred to in subsection (1) are unearthed or disturbed, the council shall cause those remains or ashes to be reverently interred anywhere in the conversion land.
- (3) Nothing in this section prevents the removing of any remains or ashes pursuant to section 15 (3).

17 Maintenance etc of building on conversion land

- (1) The council may maintain any building erected on the conversion land at the conversion date and may, from time to time, repair, rebuild or replace it.
- (2) If any building referred to in subsection (1) is a dwelling, that dwelling may, with the approval of the council, be used as a residence for a caretaker or groundsman of the conversion land, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon from time to time between the council and the caretaker or groundsman, as the case may be.
- (3) So long as the land on which any dwelling is erected is so used for the purposes of a residence for a caretaker or groundsman of the conversion land, the public shall not be entitled to enter upon or use it, or any land which is within the curtilage of the dwelling and is bounded by a substantial fence, as a public park.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), the council may use any dwelling, and the land within the curtilage of the dwelling and bounded by a

substantial fence, for such other purposes and subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may approve in writing.

- (5) A reference in this section to any building, being a dwelling or otherwise, erected on the conversion land at the conversion date includes a reference to that building as repaired, rebuilt or replaced from time to time under the provisions of this section.

Part 4 Miscellaneous

18 No compensation payable

Except where otherwise in this Act expressly provided, no compensation shall be payable to any person or body of persons in respect of the divesting of any estate or interest by this Act or in respect of the performance of any act authorised by this Act.

19 Regulations

- (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.
- (2) Regulations may be made so as to apply differently according to such factors as may be specified in the regulations.

20 Bodangora General Cemetery

Schedule 1 has effect.

Schedule 1 Application of Act to land described in Schedule 2

(Section 20)

1 Land in Schedule 2 deemed to be a public park

Upon the commencement of this Act, the land described in Schedule 2 shall be deemed to have been:

- (a) declared a public park under section 10 (1), and
- (b) dedicated as a public park under section 24 of the [Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913](#).

2 Application of Parts 3 and 4 to land in Schedule 2

- (1) The provisions of Parts 3 and 4 shall apply to the land described in Schedule 2.
- (2) In applying the provisions of Parts 3 and 4 to the land described in Schedule 2:

conversion date means the date of commencement of this Act.

conversion land means the land described in Schedule 2.

council means the Wellington Council.

Schedule 2 Bodangora General Cemetery

(Schedule 1)

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing an area of 1.416 hectares or thereabouts situated at Bodangora, Shire Wellington, County Bligh, Parish Nanima, dedicated 6 September 1899, for General Cemetery and shown on plan Ms 434 Oe in the Department of Lands, Sydney.

Schedule 3 Transferred provisions relating to cemetery land

Part 1 Acts repealed by **Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011**

1 **Gladesville Mental Hospital Cemetery Act 1960**

- (1) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the Minister for Health (**the Minister**) may cause the remains of all persons buried in the lands described in Parts 1 and 2 of the Schedule to the *Gladesville Mental Hospital Cemetery Act 1960* (so far as such remains can by reasonable diligence be discovered or identified) together with all headstones, grave enclosures and other surface structures on such lands to be collected with due care and removed from such lands and shall cause any such remains so removed to be reverently reinterred and such headstones, grave enclosures and other surface structures to be re-erected in such cemetery as the Minister may determine.
- (2) The cost of such removal, reinterment and re-erection shall be borne by the Minister.
- (3) The Minister shall cause an advertisement of the Minister's intention to remove such remains, headstones, grave enclosures or other surface structures under the provisions of subclause (1), to be published 3 times at intervals of not less than 2 weeks in 1 or more newspapers circulating in the Metropolitan Area and no such remains, headstones, grave enclosures or other surface structures shall be so removed before the expiration of 3 months from publication of the last of such advertisements.
- (4)
 - (a) At any time after publication of the first advertisement referred to in subclause (3) and before the expiration of 3 months from publication of the last of such advertisements, the representatives or any persons claiming to be the representatives of any person buried in the said lands may, at their own expense, remove the headstone, grave enclosure or other surface structure erected over the grave of such person, and may, at their own expense, and with the permission of the Director-General of the Department of Health, remove the remains of such person to such cemetery as they may desire.

- (b) Any such representatives or any such persons claiming to be such representatives shall give to the Minister for Health not less than 28 days' notice of their intention.
- (5) In this clause, a reference to the *Gladesville Mental Hospital Cemetery Act 1960* is a reference to that Act as in force immediately before its repeal.
- (6) Subclauses (1)–(5) re-enact (with minor modifications) section 3 of the *Gladesville Mental Hospital Cemetery Act 1960* and are transferred provisions to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

2 Methodist Church, Rockdale, Cemetery Act 1936

- (1) The Trustees of the Methodist Church lands at Rockdale described in the First Part of the Schedule to the *Methodist Church, Rockdale, Cemetery Act 1936* (as in force immediately before its repeal) may remove any slab or tombstone erected on such lands and may re-erect such of those tombstone as are reasonably capable of re-erection on that portion of such lands as is described in the Second Part of that Schedule.
- (2) The said Trustees shall lay out and maintain upon the lands from which such slabs and tombstones have been so removed, gardens, lawns or grass plots.
- (3) Subclauses (1) and (2) re-enact (with minor modifications) section 2 (1) and (2) of the *Methodist Church, Rockdale, Cemetery Act 1936* and are transferred provisions to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

3 St. Andrew's Church of England, Mayfield, Cemetery Act 1957

- (1) It shall be lawful for the Trustees of Church Property for the Diocese of Newcastle (hereinafter referred to as "the Trustees") or such persons as may be authorised by the Trustees to use the land described in the Schedule to the *St. Andrew's Church of England, Mayfield, Cemetery Act 1957* (as in force immediately before its repeal) for the purposes of erecting and maintaining a hall, suitable monument and columbarium thereon and such other purposes of the Church of England as the Trustees may determine notwithstanding:
 - (a) that the said land comprises a cemetery, and
 - (b) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances or dedications affecting the said land immediately before the commencement of that Act.
- (2) Subclause (1) re-enacts (with minor modifications) section 2 (1) of the *St. Andrew's Church of England, Mayfield, Cemetery Act 1957* and is a transferred provision to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

4 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Woonona, Cemetery Act 1966

- (1) It shall be lawful for the Trustees or such persons as may be authorised by them to

use the cemetery land as a rest park or for such other purposes of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales as the Trustees may determine, notwithstanding:

- (a) that, immediately before the commencement of the *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Woonona, Cemetery Act 1966*, the cemetery land comprised a cemetery, and
- (b) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances or dedications affecting the cemetery land immediately before the commencement of that Act.

(2) Subclause (1) re-enacts (with minor modifications) section 3 of the *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Woonona, Cemetery Act 1966* and is a transferred provision to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

5 St. Anne's Church of England, Ryde, Act 1968

(1) It shall be lawful for the Trust or such persons as may be authorised by the Trust to use the cemetery land for the erection of extensions to St. Anne's Church of England at Ryde, and the construction of footpaths, driveways and car parking areas and such other purposes of the St. Anne's Church of England at Ryde, as the Trust may determine, notwithstanding:

- (a) that, immediately before the commencement of the *St. Anne's Church of England, Ryde, Act 1968*, the cemetery land comprised a cemetery, and
- (b) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances or dedications affecting the cemetery land immediately before the commencement of that Act.

(2) Subclause (1) re-enacts (with minor modifications) section 4 of the *St. Anne's Church of England, Ryde, Act 1968* and is a transferred provision to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

6 St. George's Church of England, Hurstville, Cemetery Act 1961

(1) It shall be lawful for the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (hereinafter referred to as **the Trust**) or such persons as may be authorised by the Trust to use such part of the land described in the Schedule to the *St. George's Church of England, Hurstville, Cemetery Act 1961* (as in force immediately before its repeal) as may be owned by the Trust and used as a cemetery (hereinafter referred to as **the said land**) for the purposes of erecting and maintaining a rectory and suitable monument thereon and such other purposes as may be declared by ordinance made under the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917*, as amended by subsequent Acts, notwithstanding:

- (a) that the said land comprises a cemetery, and
- (b) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances or dedications affecting the said land

immediately before the commencement of the *St. George's Church of England, Hurstville, Cemetery Act 1961*.

- (2) Subclause (1) re-enacts (with minor modifications) section 2 (1) of the *St. George's Church of England, Hurstville, Cemetery Act 1961* and is a transferred provision to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

7 St. Peter's Church of England, Cook's River, Cemetery Act 1968

- (1) It shall be lawful for the Trust or such persons as may be authorised by the Trust to use the cemetery land for all or any of the following:

- (a) a rest park,
- (b) a garden area,
- (c) a recreation area,
- (d) such other purposes as may be declared by ordinance made under the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917*, as subsequently amended,

notwithstanding:

- (i) that, immediately before the commencement of the *St. Peter's Church of England, Cook's River, Cemetery Act 1968*, the cemetery land comprised a cemetery, and
 - (ii) any trusts, conditions, encumbrances or dedications affecting the cemetery land immediately before the commencement of that Act.
- (2) Subclause (1) re-enacts (with minor modifications) section 3 of the *St. Peter's Church of England, Cook's River, Cemetery Act 1968* and is a transferred provision to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies.

Part 2 Acts repealed by Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No 2) 2011

8 Provisions transferred to this Part

Clauses 10–19 re-enact (with minor modifications) the following provisions and are transferred provisions to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply:

- (a) section 2 (2) of the *Coonamble Cemetery Act 1963*,
- (b) section 2 (2) of the *East Ballina Cemetery Act 1957*,
- (c) section 5 (4) of the *Gosford Cemeteries Act 1970*,
- (d) section 2 (2) of the *Liverpool Cemetery Act 1950*,
- (e) section 2 (2) of the *Mudgee Cemeteries Act 1963*,

- (f) section 3 (2) of the *Old Balmain (Leichhardt) Cemetery Act 1941*,
- (g) section 4 (3) of the *Old Liverpool Cemetery Act 1970*,
- (h) sections 2 (2) and 3 (1)–(3) of the *Old Wallsend Cemetery Act 1953*,
- (i) section 2 (2) of the *Parramatta Methodist Cemetery Act 1961*,
- (j) sections 3 (3), 4 (2) and 8 of the *St. Thomas' Church of England, North Sydney, Cemetery Act 1967*.

9 Saving of trusts, reservations, dedications and other obligations under repealed Acts

The repeal by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No 2) 2011* of an Act, provisions of which are transferred by this Part, does not:

- (a) affect any trust, reservation or dedication that existed immediately before the repeal of that Act, or
- (b) remove any obligation of a council with respect to a register required to be compiled under the repealed Act.

10 Coonamble Cemetery Act 1963

The land described in the Schedule to the *Coonamble Cemetery Act 1963* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Coonamble Shire Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

11 East Ballina Cemetery Act 1957

The land described in the Schedule to the *East Ballina Cemetery Act 1957* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Ballina Shire Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

12 Gosford Cemeteries Act 1970

The lands described in the First and Second Schedules to the *Gosford Cemeteries Act 1970* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Gosford City Council as rest parks and garden areas and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use those lands or permit them to be used for any other purpose.

13 Liverpool Cemetery Act 1950

The land described in the Schedule to the *Liverpool Cemetery Act 1950* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Liverpool City Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

14 Mudjee Cemeteries Act 1963

The land described in the Schedule to the *Mudjee Cemeteries Act 1963* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Mid-Western Regional Council for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) rest park,
- (b) garden area,
- (c) children's playground,

and notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

15 Old Balmain (Leichhardt) Cemetery Act 1941

The land described in the Schedule to the *Old Balmain (Leichhardt) Cemetery Act 1941* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Leichhardt Municipal Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

16 Old Liverpool Cemetery Act 1970

The land described in the Schedule to the *Old Liverpool Cemetery Act 1970* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Liverpool City Council as a rest park and garden and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit it to be used for any other purpose.

17 Old Wallsend Cemetery Act 1953

- (1) The land described in the Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Newcastle City Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.
- (2) Nothing in the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall affect any right title or interest which immediately before the commencement of the repealed Act was reserved to The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company and its sequels in title and assigns in respect of all coal and other minerals, not including any minerals reserved to the Crown, lying in and under the land described in the Schedule to that Act (as in force immediately before its repeal), nor any necessary and proper rights powers and easements reserved as aforesaid to enable it or them to get win work and convey all coal, minerals and other materials belonging to it or them from and to the workings of its or their mines.
- (3) The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company its sequels in title or assigns or other the registered proprietor for the time being of the land adjoining the land described in the

Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall not be liable to the Council its sequels in title or assigns or other the registered proprietor or proprietors for the time being of the land described in that Schedule for any pit fall or subsidences which may have already or which may hereafter take place on or under such lastmentioned land or on any other land adjacent thereto or for any damage or nuisance occasioned thereby.

- (4) The Council its sequels in title and assigns or other the registered proprietor or proprietors for the time being of the land described in the Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall for the benefit of the adjoining land of The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company abstain from erecting any fence dividing the land described in that Schedule from such adjoining land without first obtaining the consent of The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company in writing: Provided that such consent shall not be necessary whenever any such fence shall be erected without expense to the said Company.

- (5) In this clause, **repealed Act** means the *Old Wallsend Cemetery Act 1953*.

18 Parramatta Methodist Cemetery Act 1961

The land described in the Schedule to the *Parramatta Methodist Cemetery Act 1961* (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by Parramatta City Council as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the land or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.

19 St. Thomas' Church of England, North Sydney, Cemetery Act 1967

- (1) North Sydney City Council shall maintain the scheduled land as a rest park and garden and may erect and maintain a columbarium on the scheduled land and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the scheduled land or permit it to be used for any other purpose.
- (2) The Council may, either alone or in conjunction with the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church of England, North Sydney, place in the columbarium referred to in subclause (1) the ashes of persons who have been cremated.
- (3) The Council may do all such other things as it may consider necessary to effect the conversion of the scheduled land into a rest park and garden and for the erection, maintenance and use of a columbarium on the scheduled land.
- (4) The Council may maintain the dwelling erected on the scheduled land at the commencement of the repealed Act, and may, from time to time, repair, rebuild or replace it.
- (5) The dwelling may, with the approval of the Council, be used as a residence for a sexton, groundsman, or caretaker, of the scheduled land, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon from time to time between the Council and the

sexton, groundsman, or caretaker, as the case may be.

- (6) So long as the land on which the dwelling is erected is so used for the purposes of a residence for a sexton, groundsman, or caretaker, of the scheduled land, the public shall not be entitled to enter upon or use it, or any land which is within the curtilage of the dwelling and is bounded by a substantial fence, as a public park.
- (7) Notwithstanding subclauses (5) and (6), the Council may use the dwelling, and the land within the curtilage of the dwelling and bounded by a substantial fence, for such other purposes and subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may approve in writing.
- (8) A reference in this clause to the dwelling erected on the scheduled land at the commencement of the repealed Act includes a reference to that dwelling as repaired, rebuilt or replaced from time to time under the provisions of this clause.
- (9) In this clause:

repealed Act means the *St. Thomas' Church of England, North Sydney, Cemetery Act 1967*.

scheduled land means the land described in the Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal).

Part 3 Acts repealed by *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2012*

Division 1 Preliminary

20 Provisions transferred to this Part

Clauses 22–29 re-enact (with minor modifications) the following provisions and are transferred provisions to which section 30A of the *Interpretation Act 1987* applies:

- (a) sections 4 (1) and (3), 4A and 4B of the *Camperdown Cemetery Act 1948*,
- (b) sections 2, 4 (3)–(5), 4A (1), (2) (c) and (d) and (4), 8, 10 (1)–(3), 11 and 13 of the *Old Roman Catholic Cemetery, Crown Street, Wollongong, Act 1969*.

21 Saving of trusts, reservations, dedications and other obligations under repealed Acts

The repeal by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2012* of an Act, provisions of which are transferred by this Part, does not:

- (a) affect any trust, reservation or dedication that existed immediately before the repeal of that Act, or
- (b) remove any obligation of a Minister or a council with respect to a plan or register required to be compiled under the repealed Act.

Division 2 [Camperdown Cemetery Act 1948](#)

22 Dedication of land as a public park

- (1) The land described in the First Schedule to the [Camperdown Cemetery Act 1948](#) (as in force immediately before its repeal) is hereby dedicated as a public park under the name of “Camperdown Memorial Rest Park” (**the park**).
- (2) The park shall be maintained by Marrickville Council (**the Council**) as a rest park and garden area and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, the Council shall not use the park or permit the same to be used for any other purpose.
- (3) The Camperdown Memorial Rest Park Trust is dissolved and the Council shall be the sole trustee of the park.
- (4) The Council shall, for all purposes of this clause, be deemed to hold an estate in fee simple in the land described in the First Schedule to the [Camperdown Cemetery Act 1948](#) (as in force immediately before its repeal), but shall not be capable of alienating, charging or in any way disposing of such land, or any part thereof.

Division 3 [Old Roman Catholic Cemetery, Crown Street, Wollongong, Act 1969](#)

23 Definitions

In this Division, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires:

Council means Wollongong City Council.

repealed Act means the [Old Roman Catholic Cemetery, Crown Street, Wollongong, Act 1969](#).

showground means the area in the Parish and Town of Wollongong, County of Camden, City of Greater Wollongong, Land District of Kiama, dedicated under the provisions of the [Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913](#) for public recreation and showground by notification published in Gazette number 106 of 29 June 1951.

showground trustees means the trustees for the time being of the showground.

the redefinition plan means the plan identified as Drawing No 3117, Sheet No RES 1, Issue E, approved by the Senior Registered Surveyor for the Council of the City of Wollongong on 27 August 2001, deposited in the office of the Council.

24 Dedication of land as a public park

- (1) The land dedicated as a public park in accordance with section 4 (1) of the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) shall be maintained by the Council as a

rest park and, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, but subject to the provisions of this Division, the Council shall not use that land or permit it to be used for any other purpose.

- (2) In exercising or performing its powers, authority, duties and functions under this clause, the Council must ensure that any use of the land:
 - (a) is limited to passive recreational activities that in the Council's opinion provide community benefit, and
 - (b) does not unduly intrude on the recognition of and respect for the land as an old cemetery, and
 - (c) does not involve any commercial activities, and
 - (d) subject to the preceding paragraphs, is consistent with any applicable plan of management adopted under the [Crown Lands Act 1989](#).
- (3) Nothing in subclause (1) or (2) prevents the granting of, or affects the power to grant, easements through, on, in or above the land to permit the overhang of any structure or the roof of any building erected on the trust lands of Venues NSW.

25 Closing of part of road and dedication as a public park

- (1) This clause applies to the land shown edged black and marked "Lot 3" on the redefinition plan.
- (2) The land to which this clause applies:
 - (a) is taken to be dedicated under the [Crown Lands Act 1989](#) for public recreation, and
 - (b) is taken to form part of the public park referred to in clause 24 (1).
- (3) Despite subclause (2) (a), the provisions of clause 24 apply to the land to which this clause applies in the same way as they apply to the land dedicated as a public park in accordance with section 4 (1) of the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal).

26 Access to land

The showground trustees shall grant to the Council or any persons access to the land described in the Second Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) for the purpose of enabling the Council or those persons to carry out any work or to do any act or thing authorised by this Division to be carried out or done on that land by the Council or those persons, as the case may be.

27 Remains not to be disturbed

- (1) The Council or the showground trustees or any person or body of persons shall take due care not to unearth or disturb the remains of any person who is buried in the lands described in the First, Second and Third Schedules to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal).
- (2) If any such remains:
 - (a) are unearthed or disturbed in the lands described in the First and Third Schedules to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal)—the Council, or
 - (b) are unearthed or disturbed in the land described in the Second Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal):
 - (i) by the Council or any persons (other than the showground trustees) in the course of carrying out any work or doing any act or thing authorised by this Division to be carried out or done on that land by the Council or those persons—the Council, or
 - (ii) in any other circumstances—the showground trustees,shall cause the remains to be reverently interred in a position considered by the Council to be suitable in the land described in the First Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal).
- (3) The Council shall grant the showground trustees access to the land described in the First Schedule to the repealed Act (as in force immediately before its repeal) for the purpose of interring any remains required under subclause (2) to be interred by the showground trustees in that land.

28 No compensation payable

No compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of the carrying out of any work or the doing of any act or thing authorised by this Division.

29 Savings and transitional provisions

- (1) The Governor may make regulations containing provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the [*Wollongong Sportsground and Old Roman Catholic Cemetery Legislation Amendment \(Transfer of Land\) Act 2001*](#) (but only to the extent that it amended the repealed Act).
- (2) Any such provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect from the date of assent to that Act or a later date.
- (3) To the extent to which any such provision takes effect from a date that is earlier than the date of its publication on the NSW legislation website, the provision does not

operate so as:

- (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State or an authority of the State), the rights of that person existing before the date of its publication, or
- (b) to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State or an authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.