

Mausoleum to be built at Fremantle Cemetery

Ground-breaking ceremony signals the start of a new era for Fremantle Cemetery.

Construction of a world-class mausoleum featuring ancient dome and pyramid architectural forms has recently commenced at Fremantle Cemetery in Perth, Western Australia.

Local Government Minister Tom Stephens announced that Gillard Milne Australia has won the tender to build the \$8 million mausoleum complex, due to be completed around July 2005.

The mausoleum will be the fourth in Western Australia, contributing 996 crypts for families choosing above-ground entombment.

'Fremantle Mausoleum will be unique for its three distinctly different crypt areas, each with its own special character,' Mr Stephens said.

'Configured around chapel, terrace, garden and family areas, the complex will have classical proportions reminiscent of the earliest mausoleums constructed thousands of years ago.'

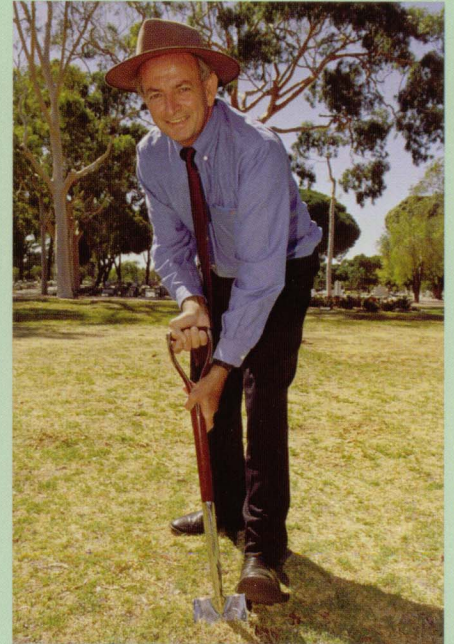
Gillard Milne is a consortium of local firm Gillard Builders and Milne Constructions, an international specialist in mausoleum design and construction. The Project Manager is Reuben Kooperman and the Architect is DesignInc.

'Mausoleums hold a special significance to the Italian community, and the State Government is pleased to deliver a substantial new facility to Fremantle – an area with a large Italian population,' Mr Stephens said.

The construction of Fremantle Mausoleum follows closely behind three other mausoleum projects currently underway: Karrakatta Mausoleum Stage 3; Swan Region Mausoleum at Guildford Cemetery; and Midland Mausoleum at Midland Cemetery.

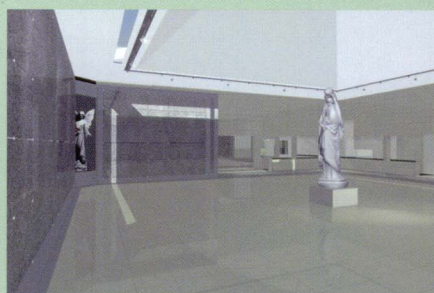
The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board, manager of all these projects, has funded the new mausoleums from its own reserves.

The historic Fremantle Cemetery will be a feature of the 2004 ACCA Conference Cemeteries Tour. ■



The ground-breaking ceremony at Fremantle Cemetery, on 3rd of March, 2004. Hon Minister Tom Stephens MLC, Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

Below left: artists impressions of the mausoleum



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