

# THORAK REGIONAL CEMETERY MASTER PLAN

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Images of Thorak Regional Cemetery

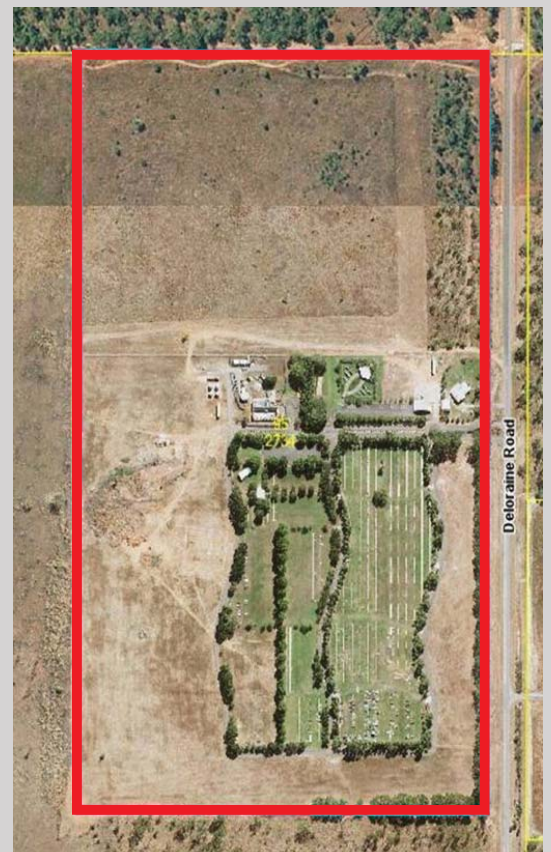
Thorak Regional Cemetery faces the challenges of many cemeteries around the country of an increased population of diverse cultures and changing trends in ceremonial and burial practices. Litchfield Council want to address these challenges creatively and sensitively. The Council wants to explore opportunities that will enhance the overall experience and quality of service through a Master Plan. The Master Plan will set the vision and framework for how the cemetery is to be developed to meet the needs of the greater Darwin community into the future.

Thorak Regional Cemetery is the most recent cemetery established in the greater Darwin region. It occupies a large site and will be the primary location for bereavement services for many years and well into the 22nd century. Thorak Regional Cemetery opened in 1988 and was managed by a tri-partite body of local governments consisting of Palmerston, Litchfield and Darwin. The crematorium facility was built in 1990, at the time it was the only crematorium facility in the Northern Territory. In 2008 Litchfield Council was given full responsibility for managing Thorak Regional Cemetery.

**Location:** 95 Deloraine Road, Knuckey Lagoon, Litchfield, Northern Territory.



Map of Thorak Regional Cemetery and surrounds.



Aerial Photo of Thorak Regional Cemetery

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### Project Team

CLOUSTON Associates and Lantz Consulting are working closely with the Litchfield Council to produce a Master Plan and Business Plan for the Thorak Regional Cemetery. Michael White from CLOUSTON is coordinating the team to develop the Master Plan and Business Plan that will set a strategic vision, guiding the future development and management of this significant landscape and social/ cultural site. The documents will be fully integrated and respond creatively to key issues and challenges, to ensure the future and potential of the site is sustained and realised.

### Process

Producing a Thorak Regional Cemetery Master Plan includes 2 key elements: stakeholder and community consultation and technical studies. CLOUSTON Associates and Lantz Consulting are conducting an audit of the cemetery. During February and March the project team will be engaging the community and stakeholders to take part in workshops, surveys and conversations to guide the development of The Thorak Regional Cemetery. The team will be listening to ideas, views and aspirations for the future of the cemetery.

### Consultation

During the consultation process we will be asking the wider community their thoughts and concerns through a series of questions such as:

What your experiences of the Thorak Regional Cemetery are?

What your experiences of other cemeteries are?

What are the local, national and international trends in burials, cremations, interments and memorials?

What cultural issues are not currently being addressed?

### Survey

We would appreciate you filling in the survey that you will find at the Litchfield Council website.



Image: Palm Garden



Image: Chapel



Image: Entry Road