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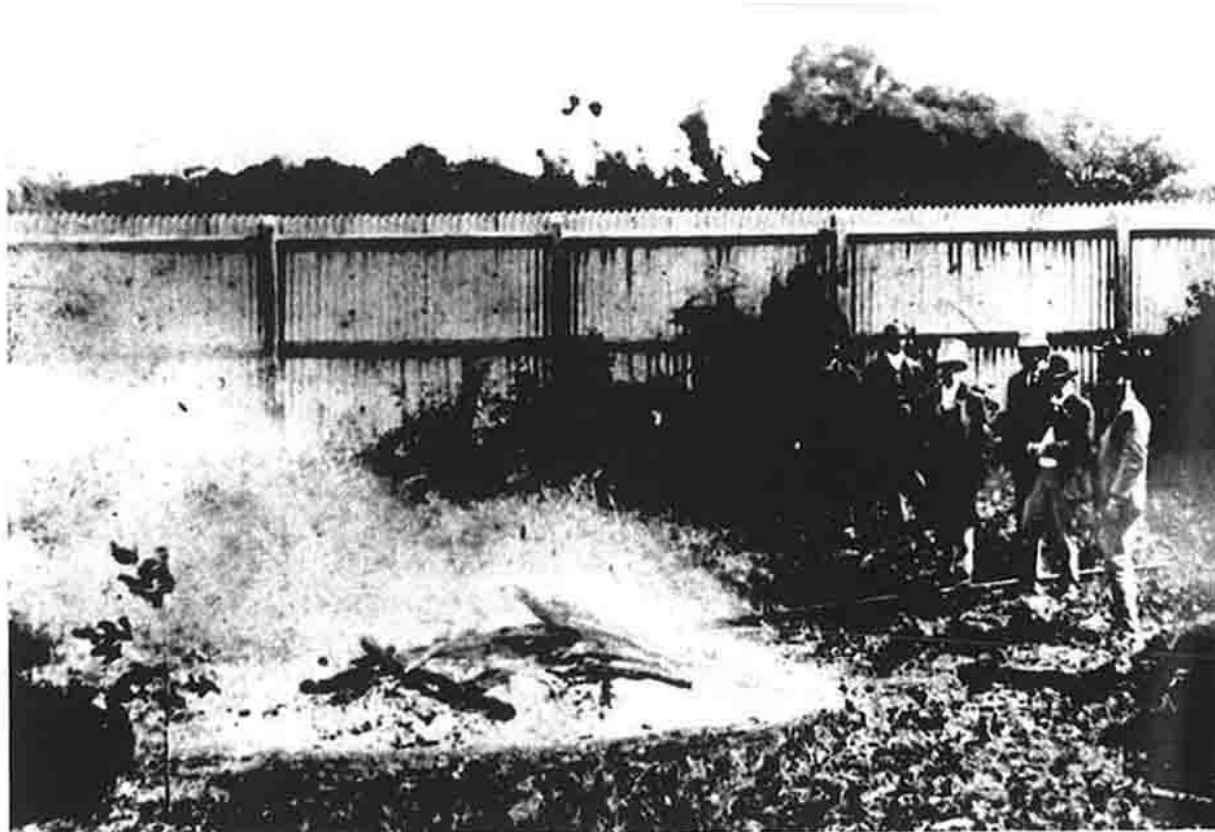
History and Development of Cremation in Australia including the environmental impact

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First documented cremation in Australia



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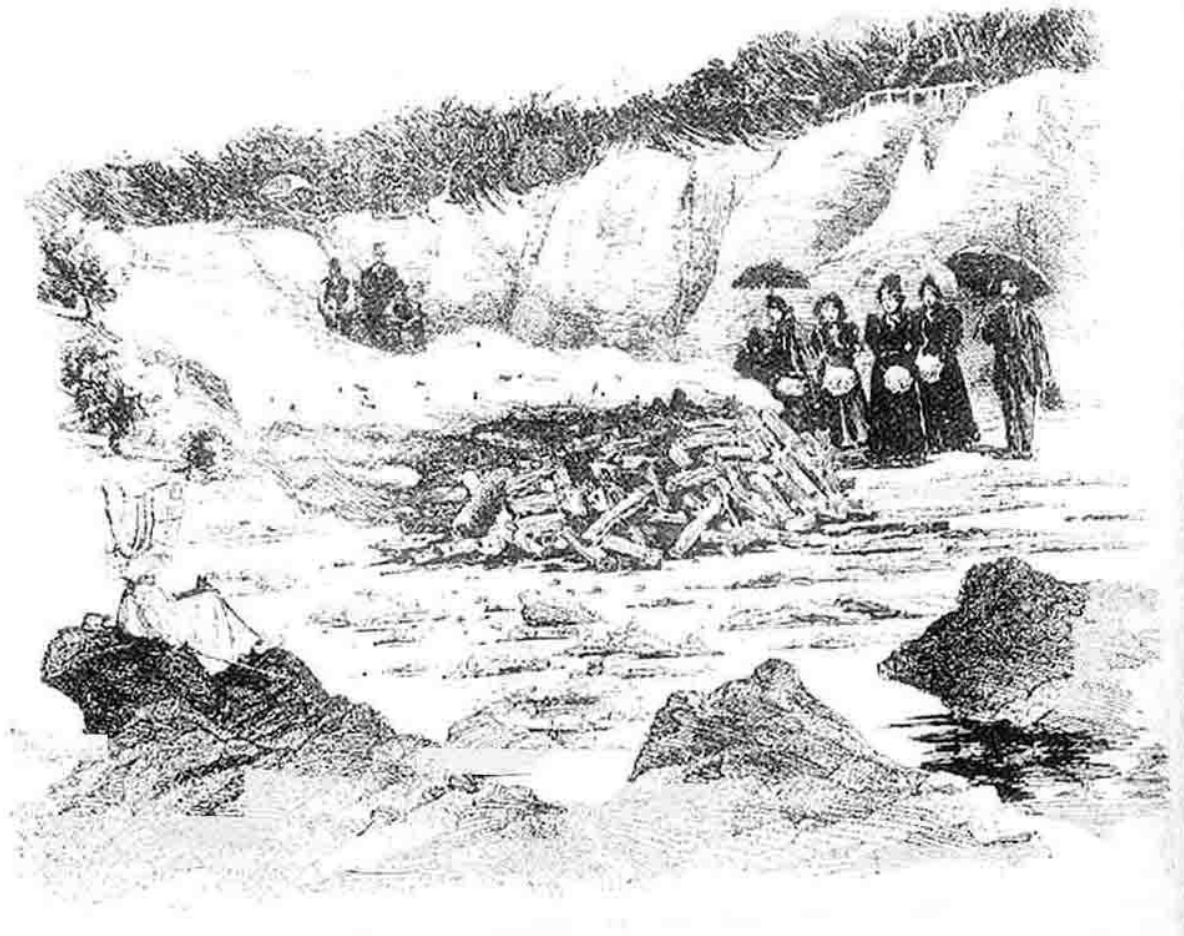


The cremation of the Chinese leper Foo Choo in the grounds of Point Nepean Quarantine Station 1890. It was the first documented Australian cremation. The spectators (left to right) are Dr. Robertson, Dr. Gresswell, Sergeant Dyer, Dr. Browning,

First documented cremation of a European in Australia (1895)



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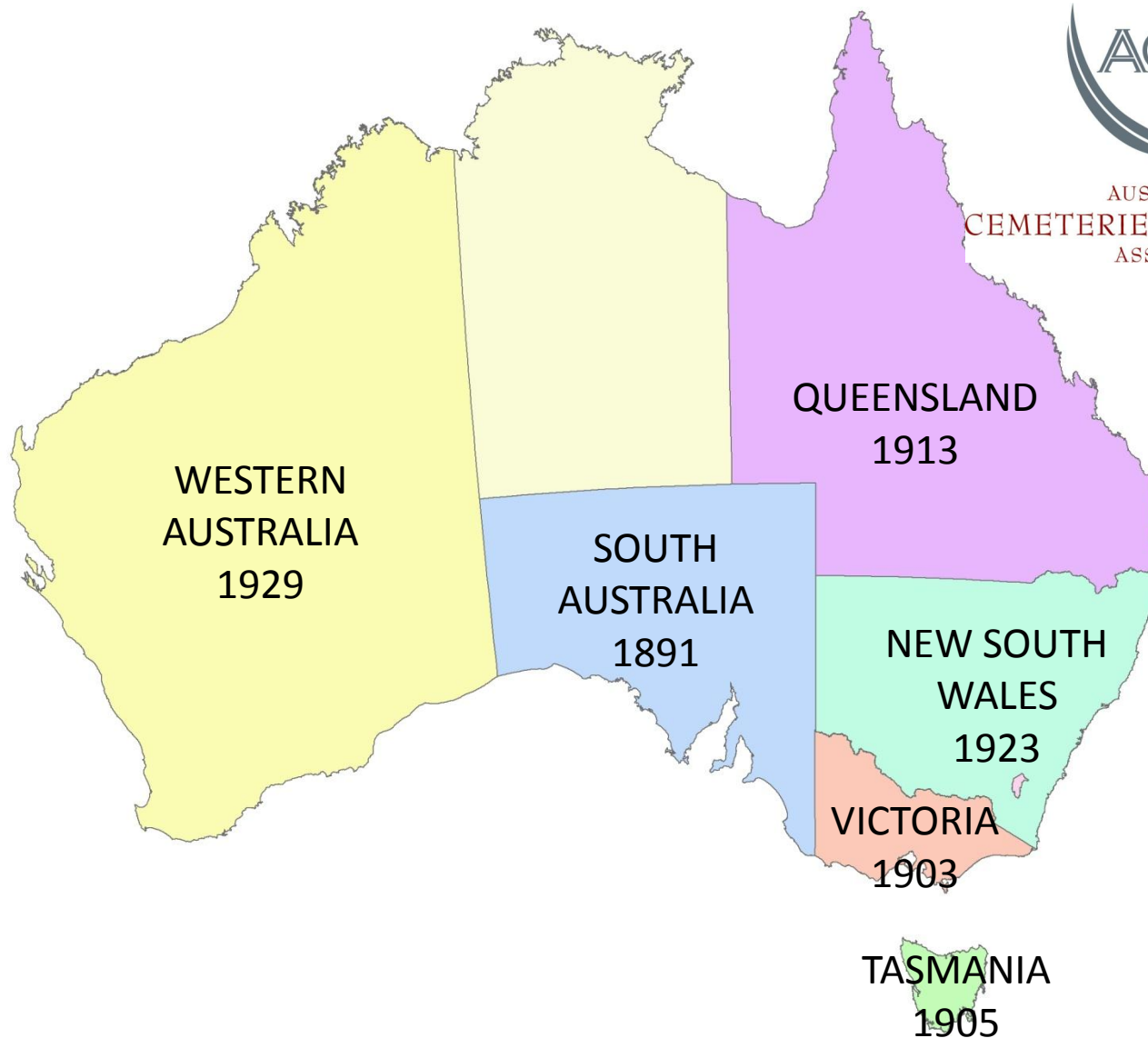
Open air cremation was still happening in the 1930's in Western Australia



An open funeral pyre, probably for a Sikh or Hindu, at Wiluna, Western Australia, in the 1930s.
(Battye Library Western Australia BL2062P)



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Plans for the first Crematorium at West Terrace in Adelaide – built in 1903



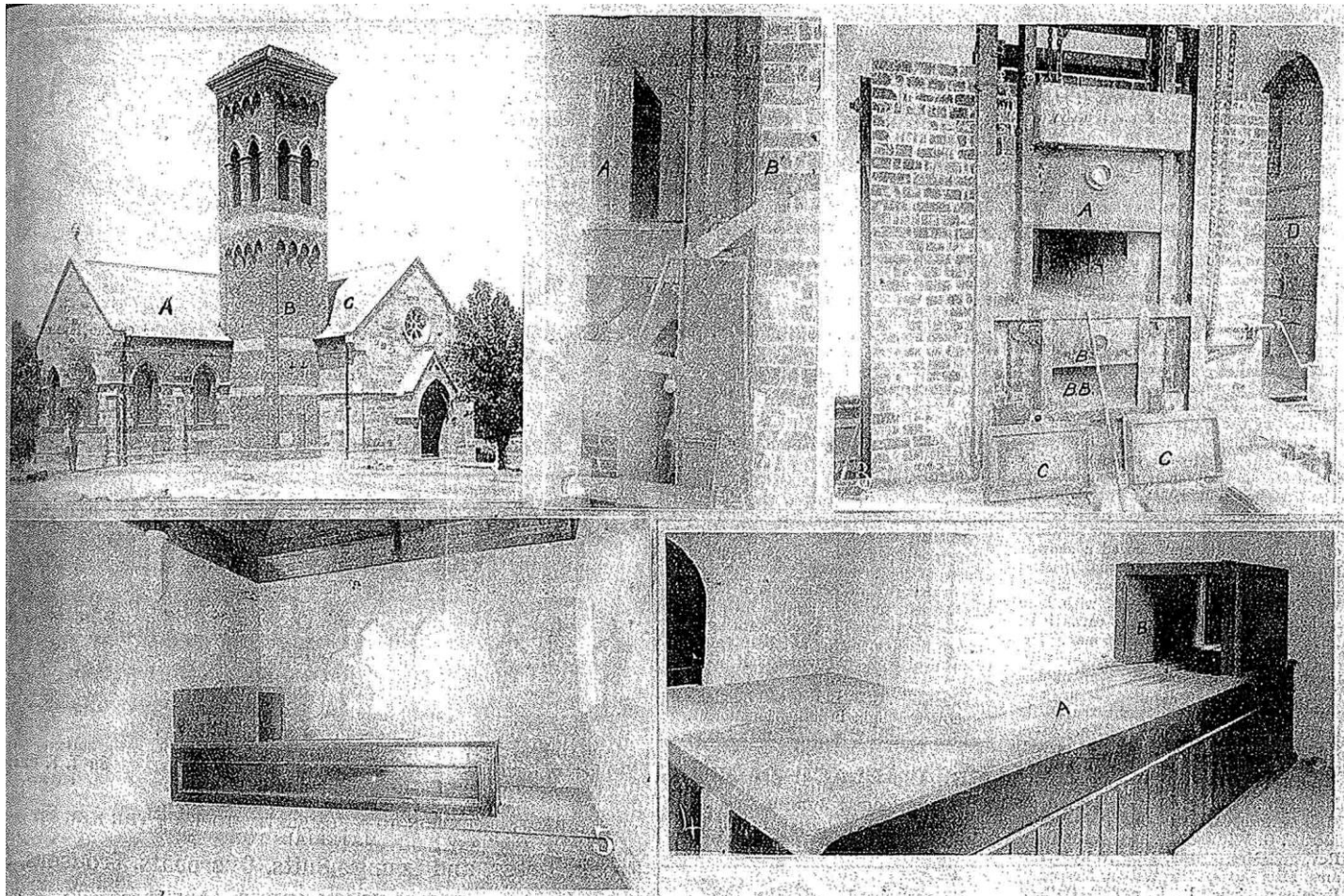
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Pictures of the completed crematorium January 1903



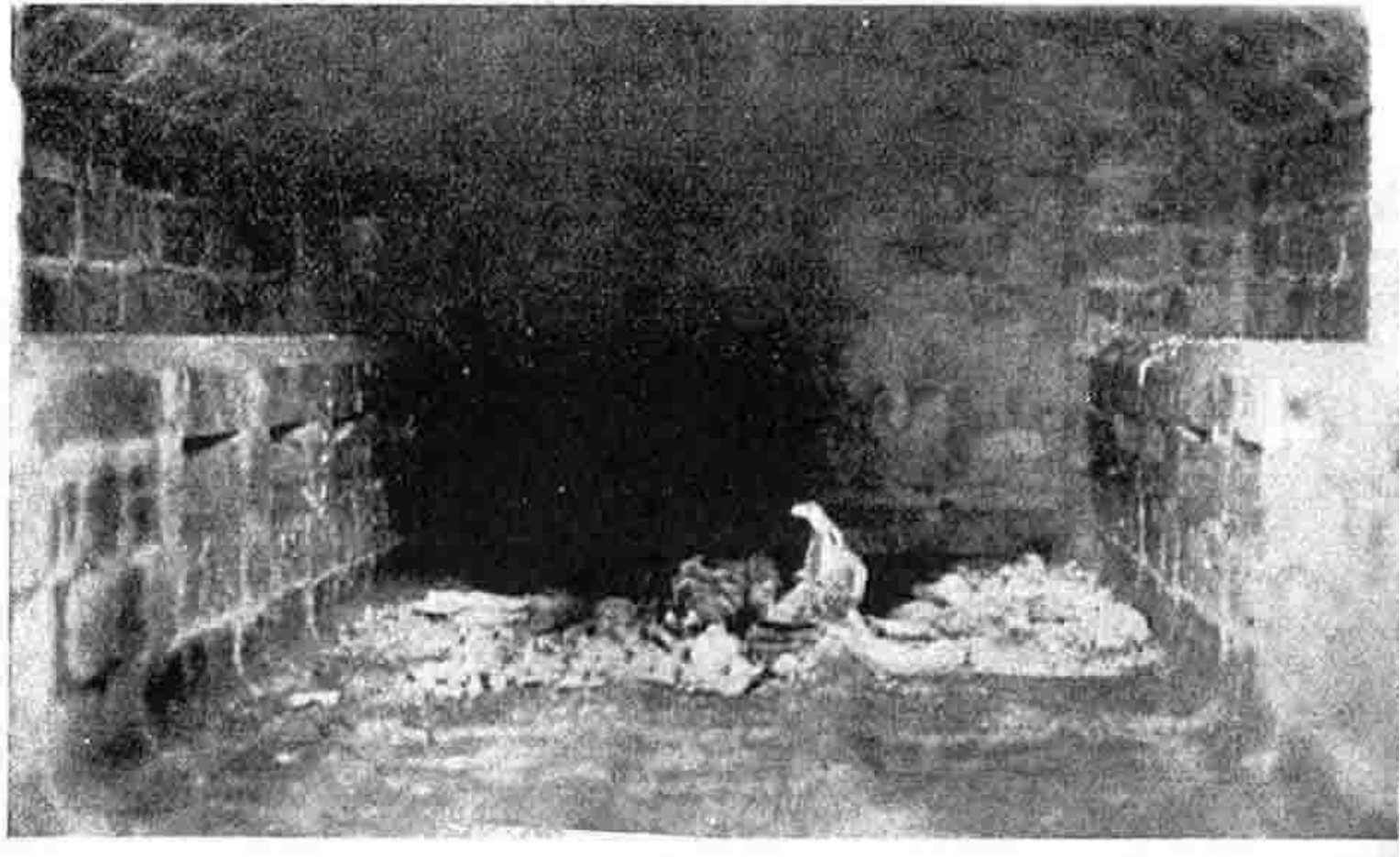
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Remains of the first cremation at West Terrace



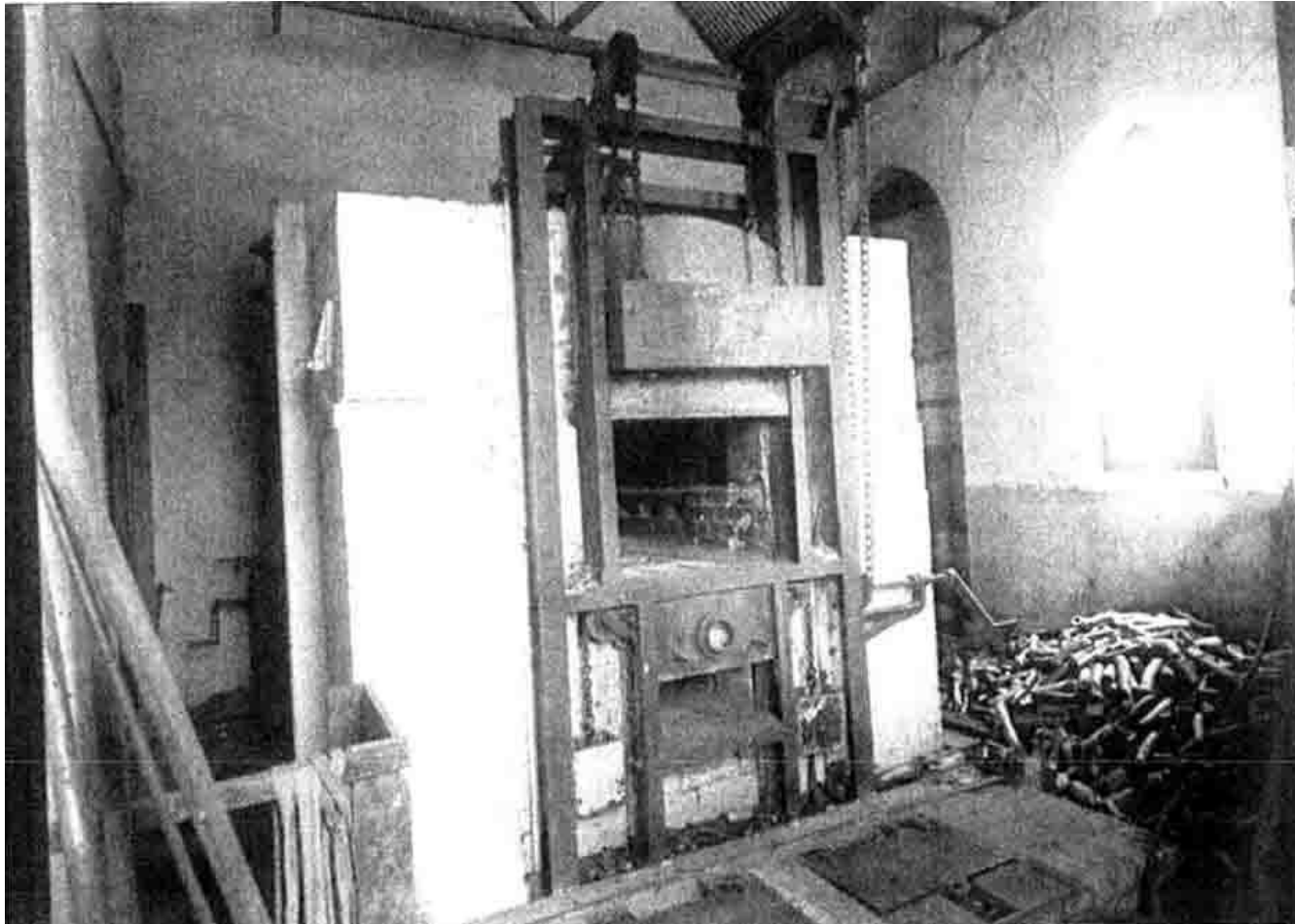
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The cremator at West Terrace (circa 1919)



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Cremation at Springvale Necropolis Victoria in 1905



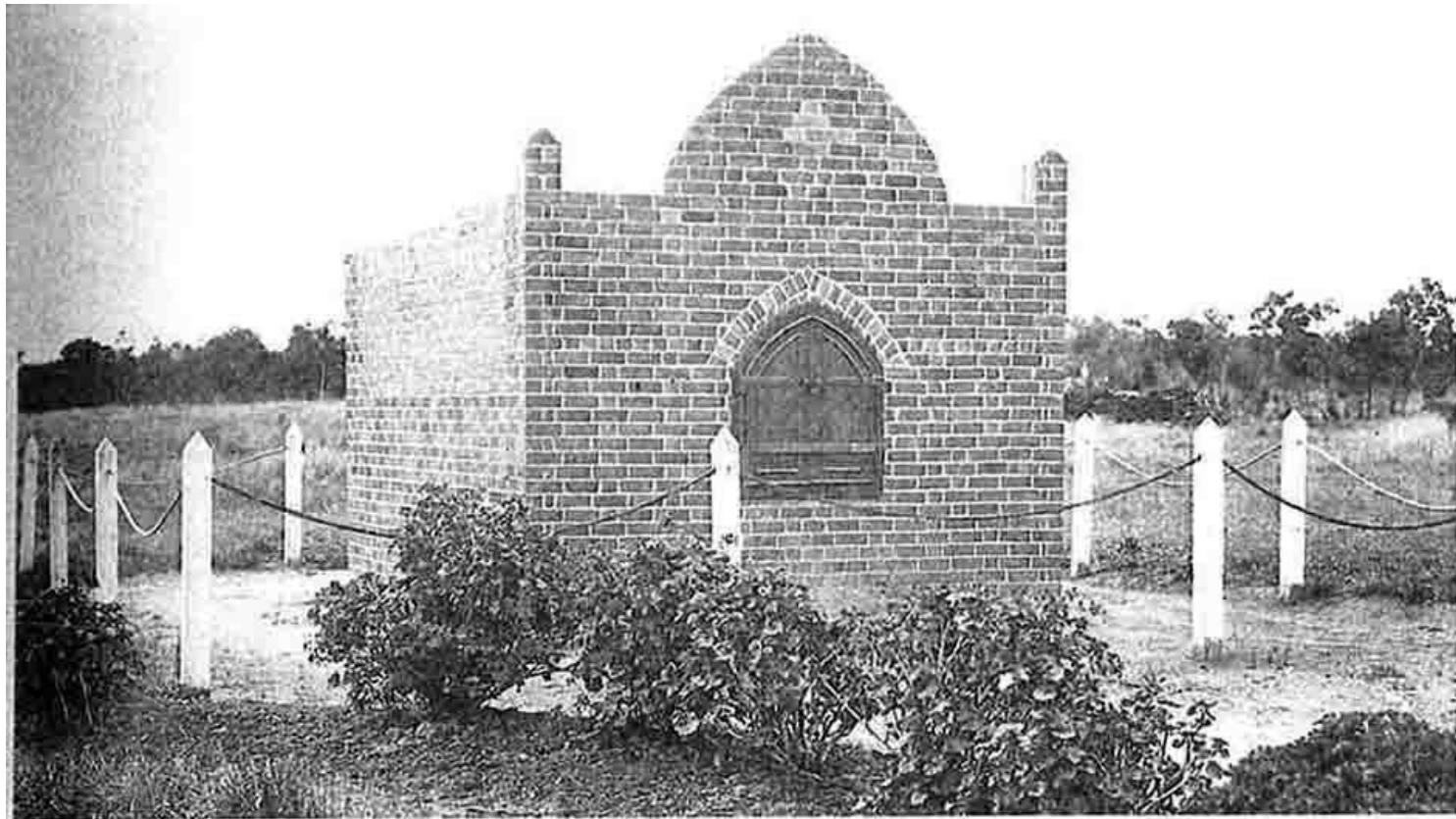
The first cremation at Melbourne's Springvale Necropolis in 1905. The ground was excavated and an elaborate temporary cremator constructed with brick piers, iron girders and plates, and six tons of kerosene soaked firewood. The Rev. Edward Veale conducted the religious service.

(Springvale Necropolis Trust)

Cremator at Springvale Necropolis Victoria (1920's)



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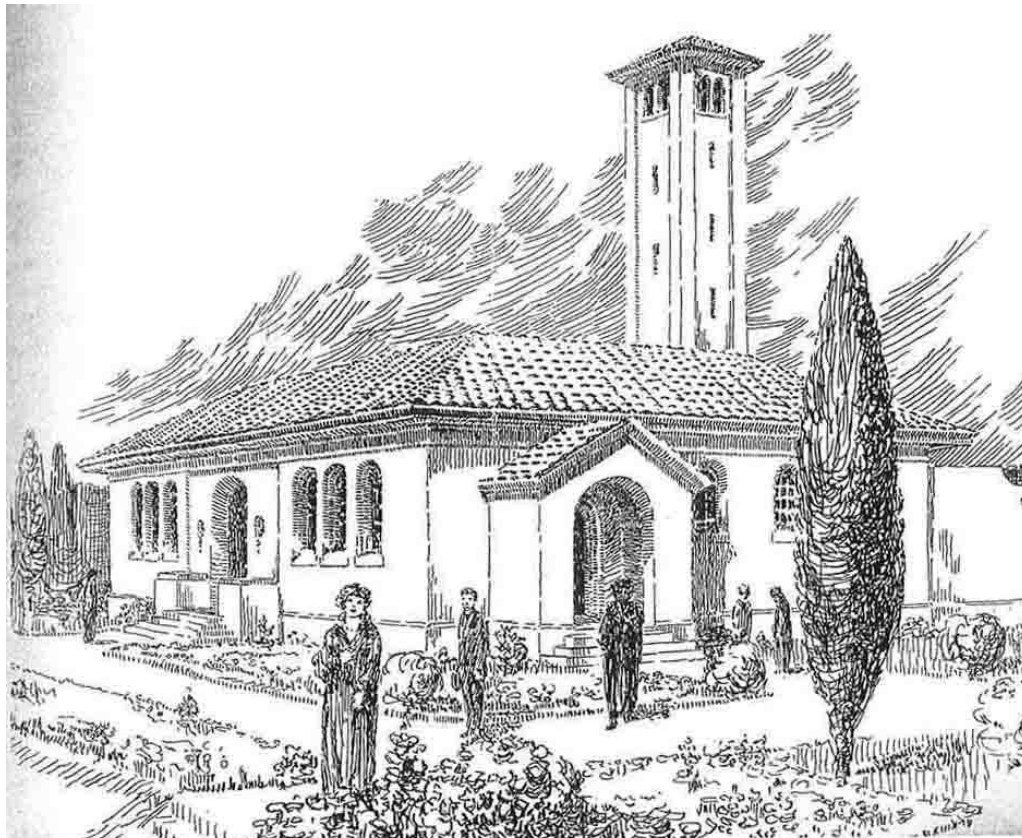


Springvale Necropolis cremator in the 1920s. After the first few cremations, the basic brick and iron by Frederick Cook was periodically rebuilt and upgraded, but it remained a very primitive facility and 1929. There were fewer than 200 cremations at Springvale in the period the basic cremators were in

Design - Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney NSW - 1924



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Frank Bloomfield's original design for the Rookwood Crematorium 1924.

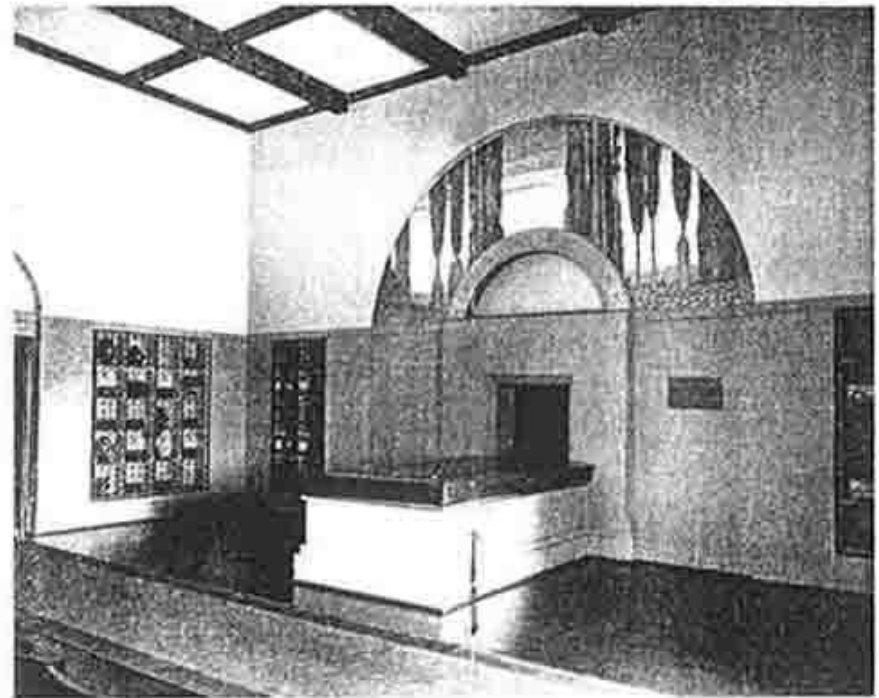
His inspiration came from the North Italian Romanesque style adopted for Manchester Crematorium and Golders Green Crematorium, which carried on ecclesiastical overtones but set them apart from traditional Gothic

(Mitchell Library)

Rookwood crematorium Sydney NSW completed in 1926



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Original Rookwood Crematorium chapel, completed in July 1926. Over the catafalque are the words "Death is but the Gate to Life" and above that is a mural of Italian cypress trees by Norman Carter.
(National Archives)

Fawkner Crematorium, Melbourne 1927



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The original Fawkner Crematorium designed by Charles Heath 1927.

(Blyth Johnson)

Woronora Crematorium – April 1934



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Woronora Crematorium, Sydney

Woronora Crematorium in the 1950's



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Woronora Crematorium in 2003



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Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Sydney NSW – 1930's



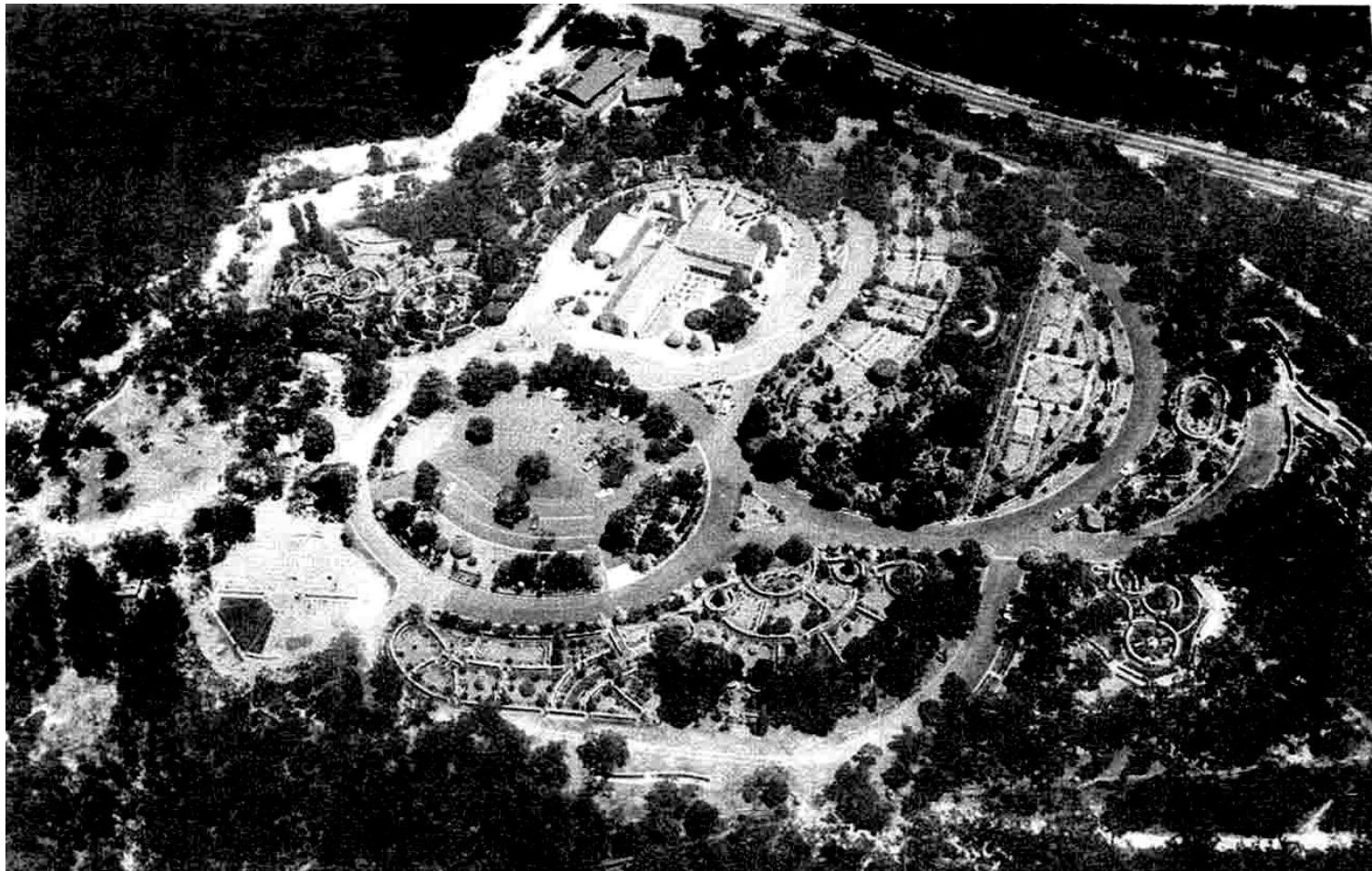
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Aerial view of Northern Suburbs Crematorium



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Beresfield Crematorium , Newcastle NSW 1936



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Eastern Suburbs Crematorium , Botany , NSW 1938



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Brisbane Crematorium - 1934



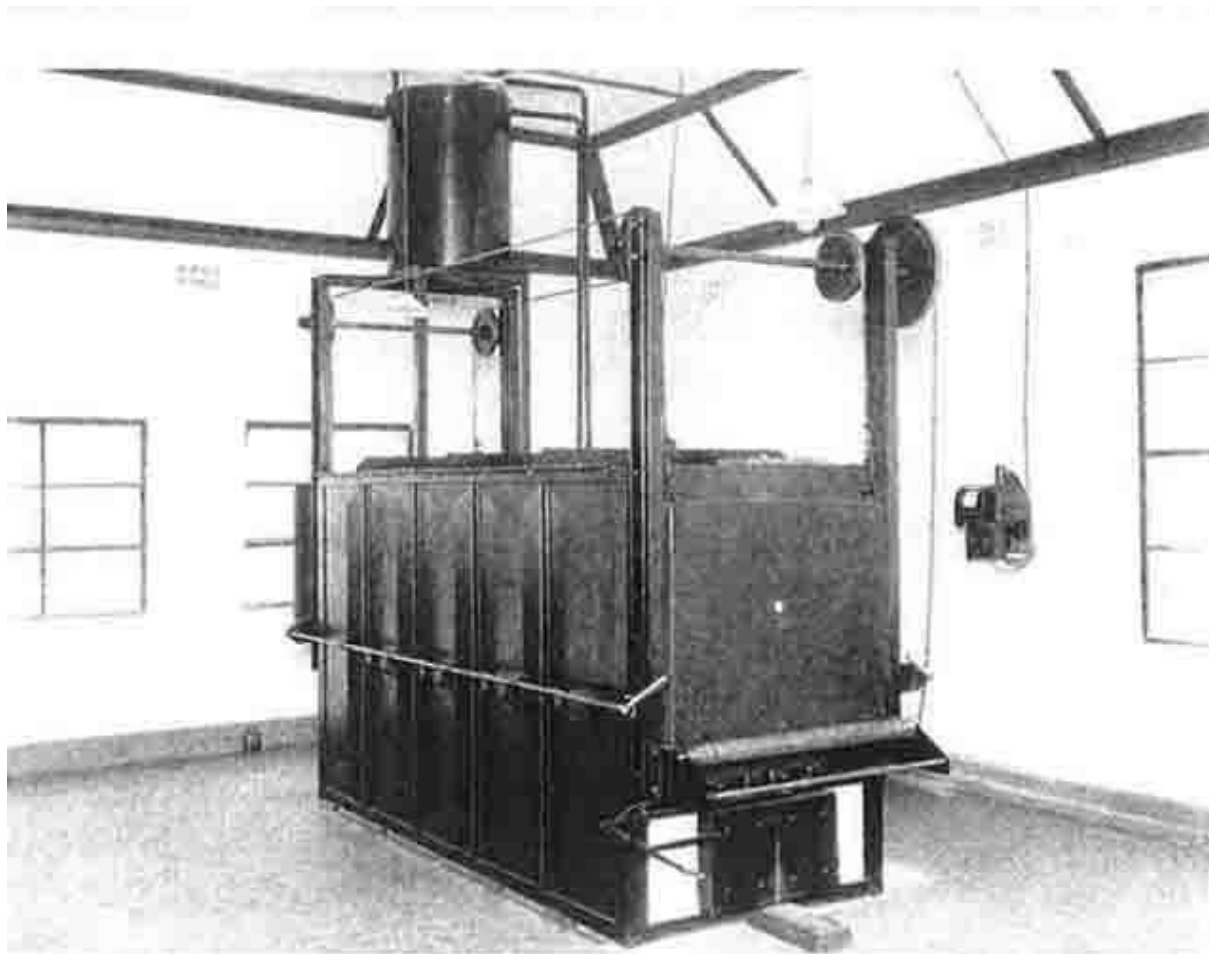
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Brisbane Crematorium – Oil fired cremator 1934



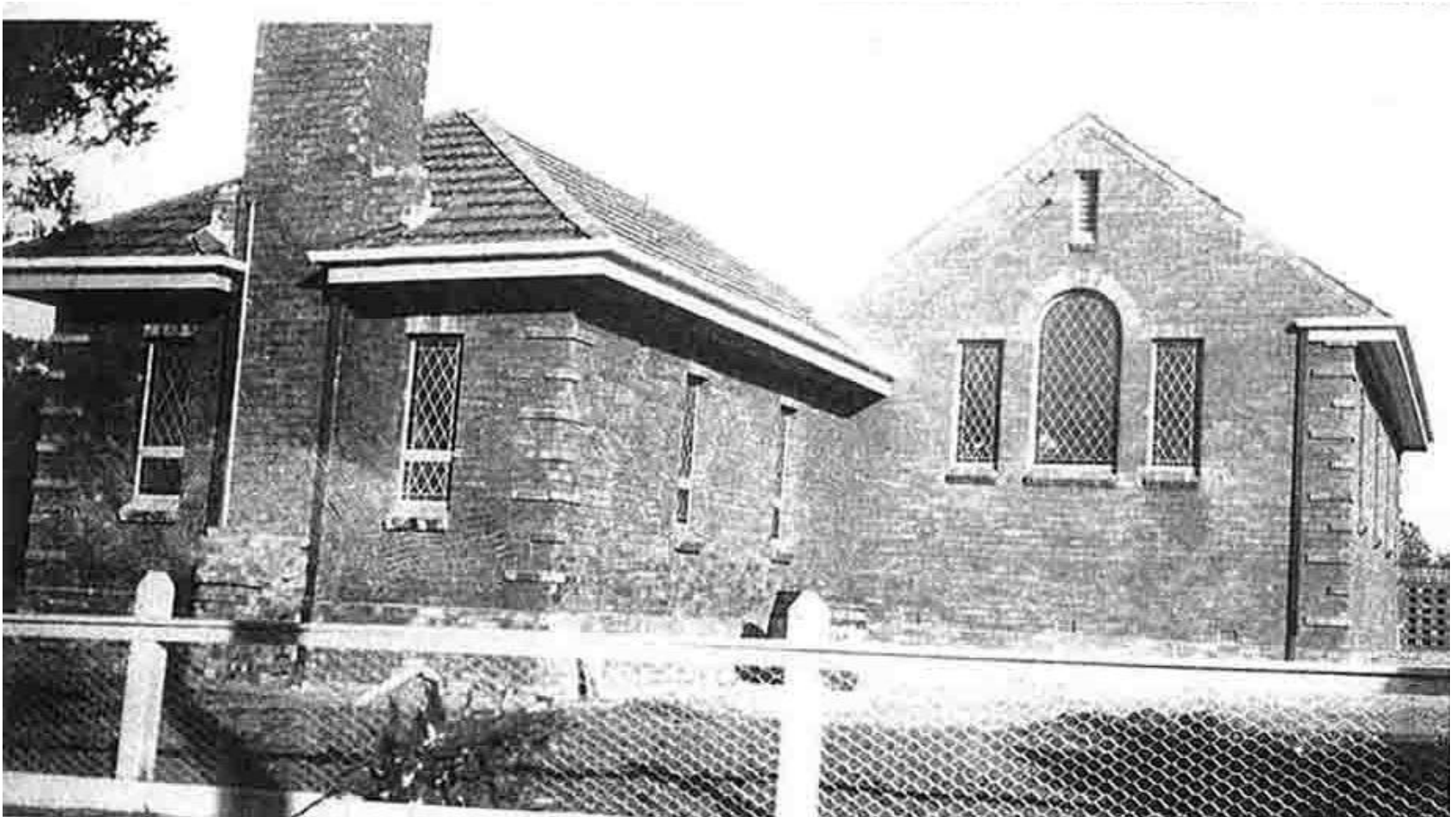
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Hobart Crematorium 1936



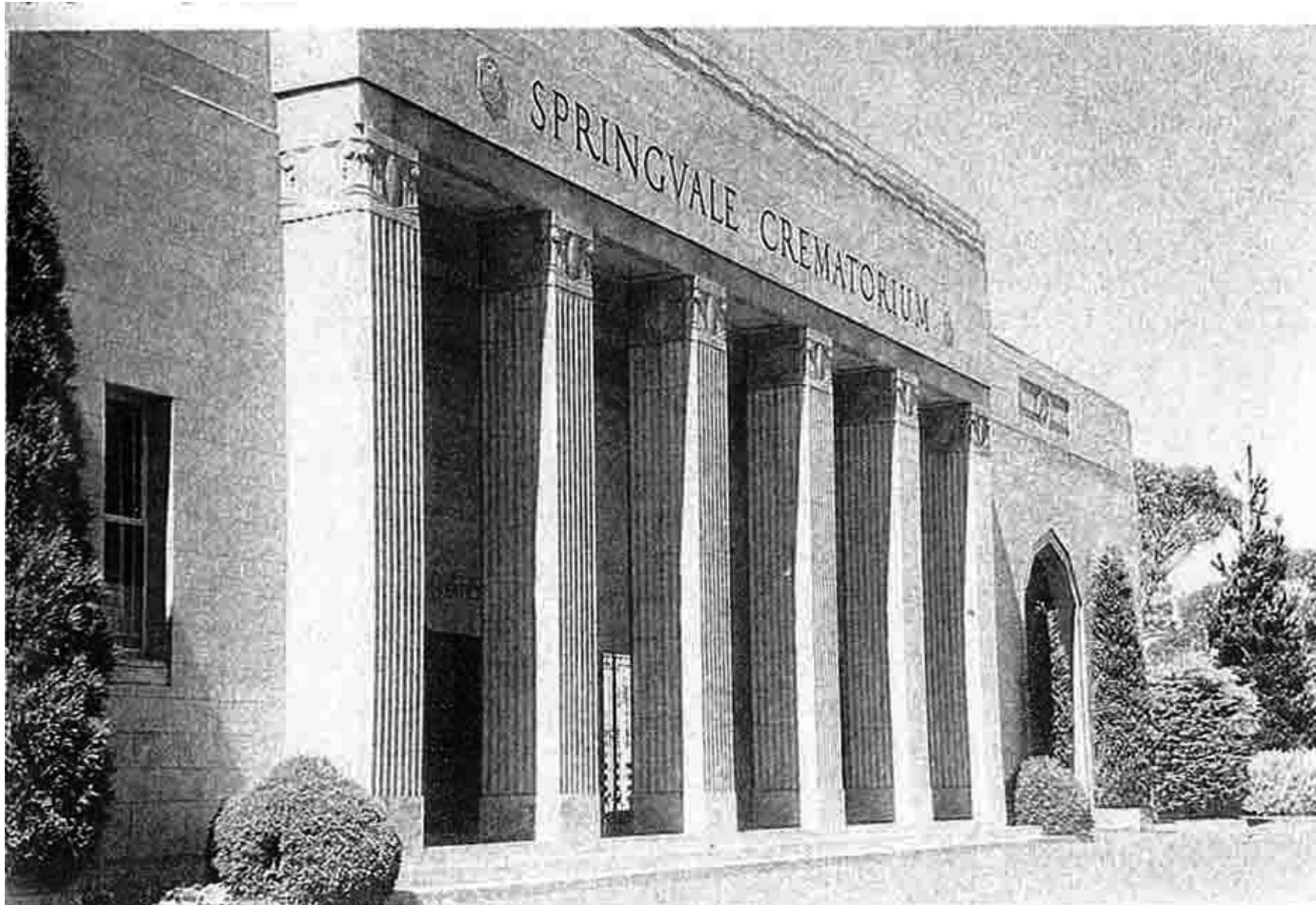
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Springvale Crematorium, Melbourne Vic, 1937



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Karakatta Crematorium, WA 1937



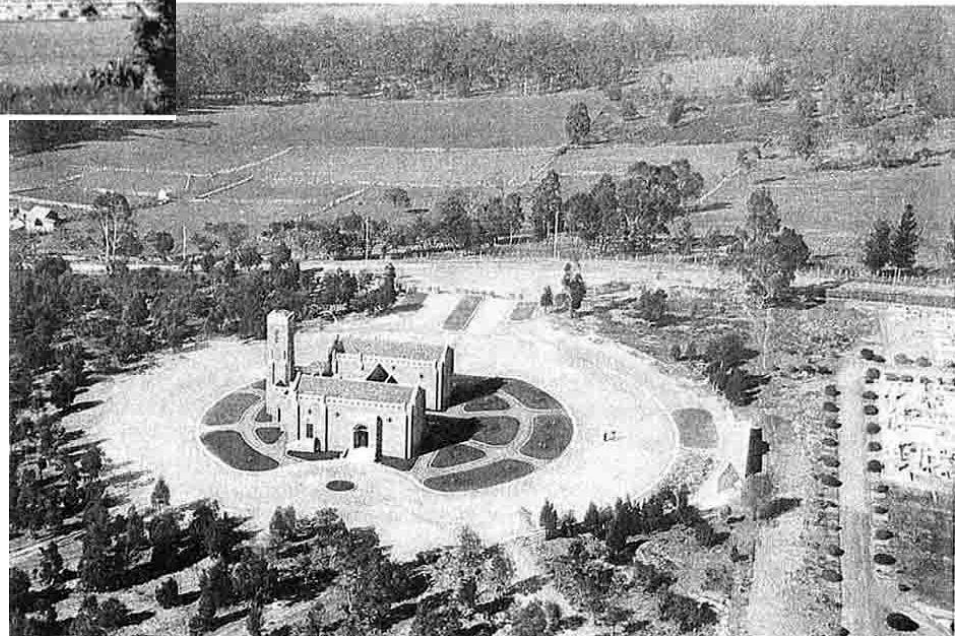
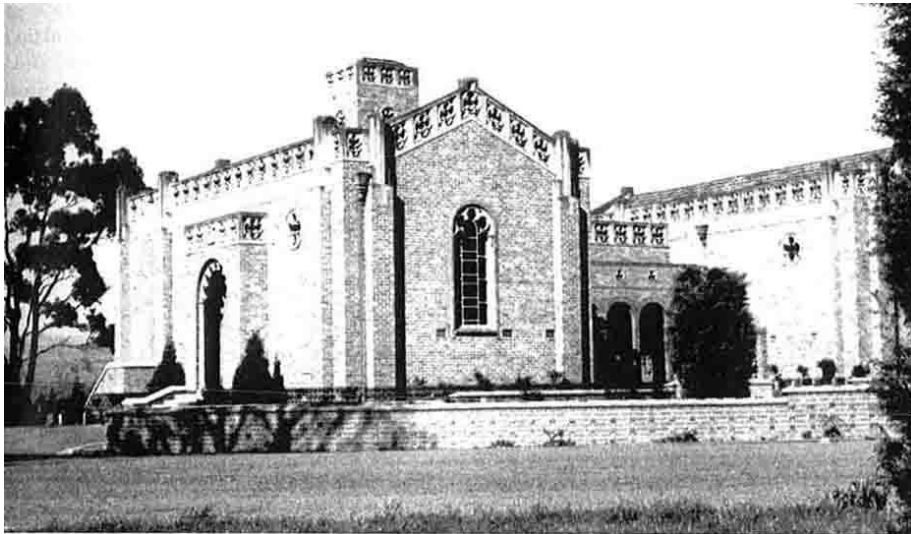
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Carr Villa Crematorium, Launceston 1939



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Centennial Park Crematorium

- circa 1963



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An older style cremator still in use
– based on an old fashioned boiler



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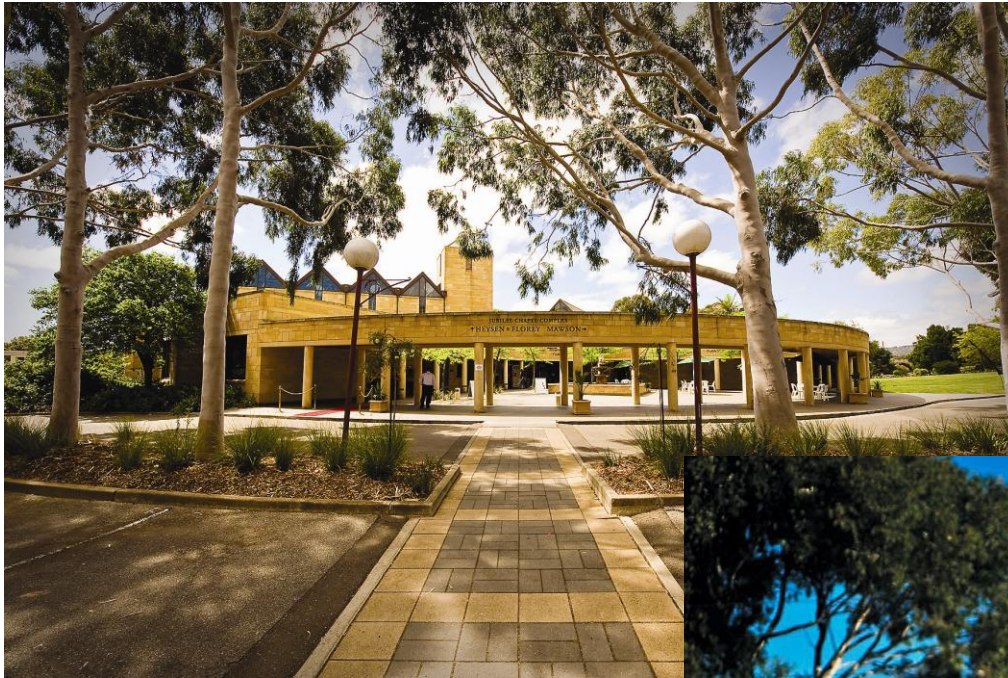
Centennial Park Crematorium – opened 1983



Centennial Park Crematorium – opened 1983



Centennial Park Chapel Complex – opened 1986



Karrakatta cremators - today



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Karrakatta chapel interior - today



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Fremantle facility - today



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Pinnaroo (WA) facility - today



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Springvale (Victoria) facility - today



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Catholic Cemeteries Rookwood Sydney facility – being built



Catholic Cemeteries Rookwood Sydney facility - today



Catholic Cemeteries Rookwood Sydney facility - today



Rookwood General Crematorium - today



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Rookwood General Crematorium

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Northern Suburbs Crematorium - today



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Macquarrie Park Crematorium - today



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City of Brisbane Crematorium

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Garden of Remembrance Toowoomba - Queensland



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Great Southern Garden of Remembrance Carbrook - Queensland



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