

NATIONAL CREMATION CAPACITY SURVEY 2020



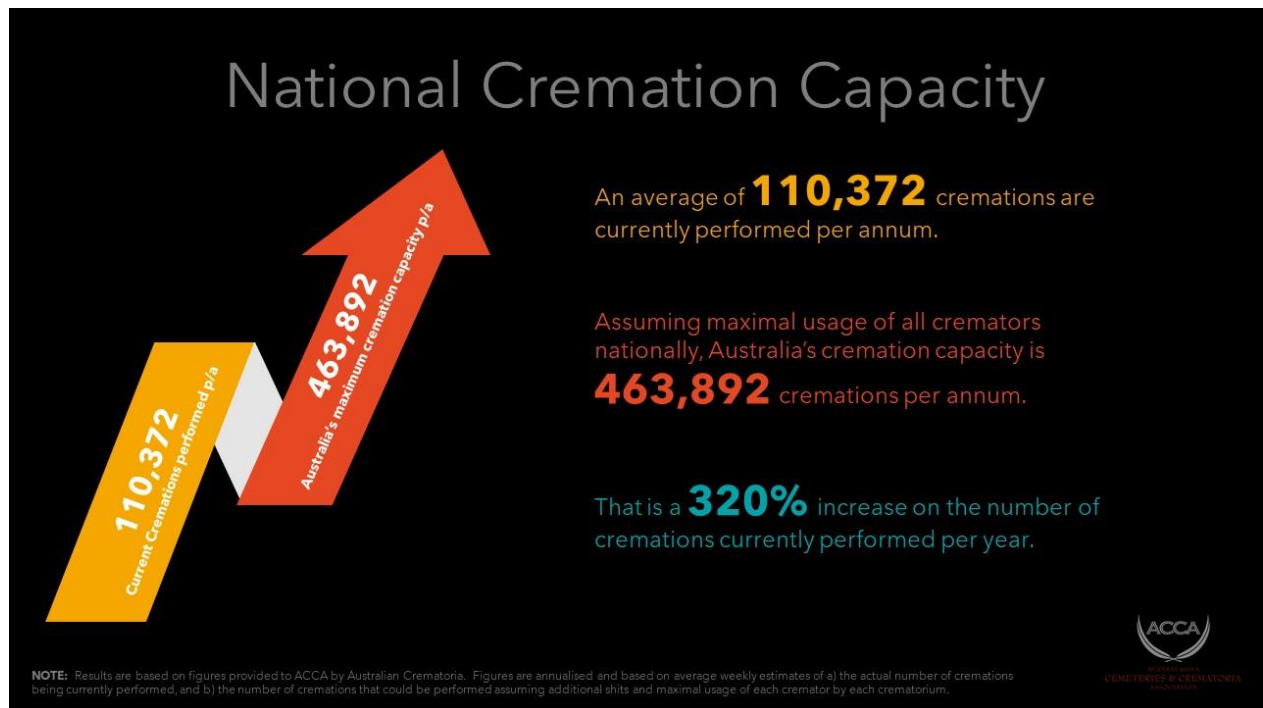
With the current Coronavirus Pandemic being experienced around the world, and the unknowns around potential mortality rates, infection, and the absence of an effective vaccine, it is critical that we as an industry understand our capacity.

Additionally, that we (ACCA) as the national association for cemeteries and crematoria communicate this information to the Federal and State Governments, to assist them with their planning and policy making for the safety of all Australians.

At a glance, here are results:

- As at 30/6/2020, the average annual number of cremation services performed was **110,372**.
- The number of deaths in Australia in 2019 (latest information available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics) was **169,301**. This means that the percentage of cremation against other forms of disposition of deceased persons was **65.19%**.

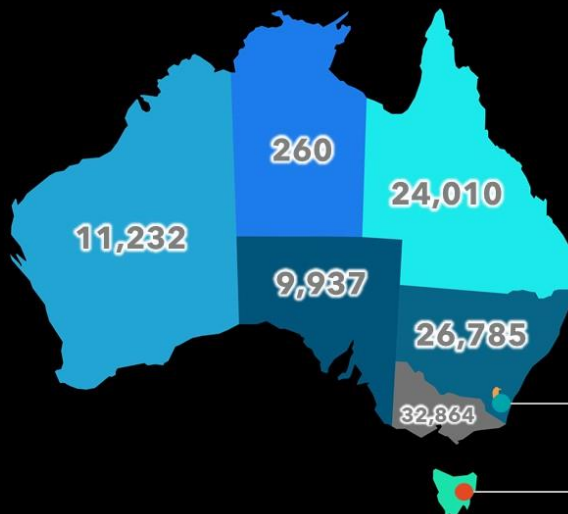
- The potential number of cremation services that could be performed annually if required is **463,892**.
- This is an increase of 320% compared to our current average number of annual cremation services being performed.



At a State and Territory level:

- **Number of cremation services currently performed (annual average)**
 - Victoria – 32,864
 - New South Wales – 26,785
 - Queensland – 24,010
 - Western Australia – 11,232
 - South Australia – 9,937
 - Tasmania – 3,724
 - ACT – 1,560
 - Northern Territory – 260
- **Percentage of total national cremations being performed**
 - Victoria – 29.8%
 - New South Wales – 24.3%
 - Queensland – 21.7%
 - Western Australia – 10.2%
 - South Australia – 9%
 - Tasmania – 3.4%
 - ACT – 1.4%
 - Northern Territory – 0.2%

Current average Cremations performed by State



Victoria is currently the largest provider of cremations nationally conducting **29.8%** of all cremations.

New South Wales represents **24.3%**, Queensland **21.7%**, Western Australia **10.2%**, South Australia **9%**, Tasmania **3.4%**, ACT **1.4%**, Northern Territory **0.2%**

NOTE: Results are based on figures provided to ACCA by Australian Crematoria. Figures are annualised and based on average weekly estimates of a) the actual number of cremations being currently performed, and b) the number of cremations that could be performed assuming additional shifts and maximal usage of each cremator by each crematorium.



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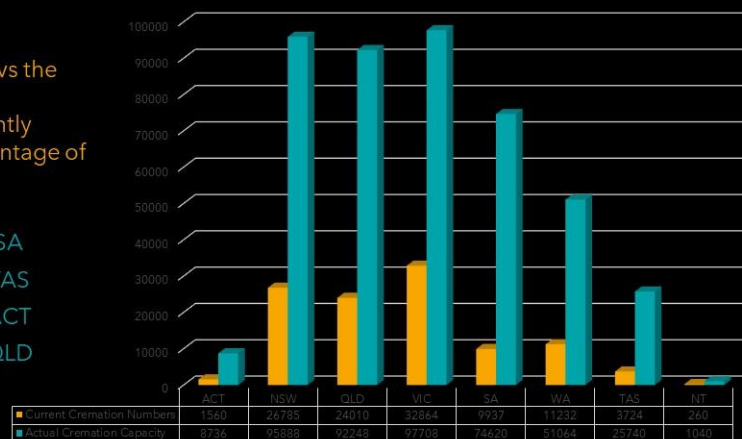
○ Number of cremations that could be performed if required

- Victoria – 97,708
- New South Wales – 95,888
- Queensland – 92,248
- Western Australia – 51,064
- South Australia – 74,620
- Tasmania – 25,740
- ACT – 8,736
- Northern Territory – 1,040

Cremation Capacity by State

Based on the reported capacity vs the current number of cremations undertaken, the states are currently operating at the following percentage of full capacity:

34% VIC **13% SA**
28% NSW **14% TAS**
22% WA **18% ACT**
14% TAS **26% QLD**



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Further data and observations will be made available exclusively to ACCA Members in future communications.

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Thank you again to all those crematoria that contributed to this initial survey, and to the industry associations who supported the promotion of the data collection process.

Allambie Park Cemetery Albany, Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, Albany Creek Memorial Park Allambe Memorial Park, Ballarat Cemeteries, Bathurst Cemeteries (Norwood Park), Bevan Douglas Funeral Home & Lincoln Grove Memorial Gardens, Blacks Funerals Innisfail -Tully, Broulee Memorial Gardens, Bunbury Crematorium, Bundaberg Crematorium, Carinya Gardens Cemetery and Crematorium, Carr Villa Memorial Park, Castlebrook Memorial Park, Centenary Memorial Gardens, Centennial Park Cemetery, Clavering Park Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Cooloola Coast Crematorium, Coomealla Memorial Gardens and Buronga (North West Funerals), Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Eastern Suburbs & Woronora Memorial Park, Eco Memorial Park, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Geelong Cemeteries Trust, Geraldton, Gippsland Memorial Park, Golden Rivers Crematorium, Great Northern Garden of Remembrance, Great Southern Memorial Park, Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, Gregson & Weight Pty Ltd (Caloundra), Gregson & Weight Pty Ltd (Nambour), Gregson & Weight Pty Ltd (Noosa), Gympie Funeral Services, Hastings Port Macquarie, Hemmant Cemetery and Crematorium, Heritage Park Memorial Gardens (Premier Funeral Group Pty Ltd), Hunter Cremations (Pettigrew Family Funerals), Ian Phillips Crematorium and Pacific Gardens, Innes Gardens Memorial Park, Port Macquarie, Ipswich Cemeteries (Norwood Park), John Hossak Funeral Services (Meadow Funeral Group), Lake Macquarie Memorial Park, Lakeside Memorial Park, Leslie G Ross (Hervey Bay) Funeral Home, Lester & Sons – Albury, Leura Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Lightfoot & Co. Gunnedah, Lincoln Grove Memorial Gardens & Crematorium, Lismore Memorial Gardens, Mackay Whitsunday Funerals & Crematorium, Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens, Melaleuca Station Chinderah, Mersey Garden Crematorium, Metropolitan Cemetery Board, Milton Ulladulla Cremation Service, Moreton Bay Crematorium and Memorial Park, Morleys Funerals Pty Ltd, Mount Gambier Council, Mt Gravatt Cemetery and Crematorium, Mt Thompson Memorial Garden, Murray Valley Cremations Moama, Newcastle Memorial Park, Newhaven Funerals (North Queensland), Noosa Crematorium, North West Regional Crematorium, Norther Regions Crematorium (Taylor and Forgie), Northern Region Crematorium, Northern Suburbs Memorial Garden, Norwood Park Crematorium, Nudgee Cemetery & Crematorium, Parkview (Meadow Funeral Group), Phillip Stephens Funeral Home, Pinegrove Memorial Park, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Port Lincoln (Private), Premier Funeral Home and Buderim Memorial Gardens, Remembrance Parks Central Victoria, Riverland Cremation Services, Rookwood Memorial Park, SA Cremations Services (Fulham Funerals), Sapphire City Crematorium, Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens and Lawn Cemetery, Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, Springfield Gardens Crematorium, Thorak Regional Cemetery / Thorak Crematorium, Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance, Trinity Funerals – Cairns, Turnbull Funerals, Tweed Heads Memorial Garden, Tweed Valley Crematorium and Memorial Gardens, Virgo Funeral Home, West Coast Memorial Park, Western Cremation Services (Tony Monte Funerals), Western Sydney Crematorium, Whyalla Council, Williams Funeral Services, Woongarra Crematorium.

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