

HOW TO FIND A GRAVE IN ROSS BAY CEMETERY

1. Refer to the Ross Bay Cemetery map posted at the shed/bulletin board. First you need to know the plot coordinates. If you don't, you can check with staff in this office, or check the *Victoria City Archives* web site, or contact the *Old Cemeteries Society* (see our brochures located to your right).
2. Looking at the map you will notice that the cemetery is divided into **Sections** (blocks) designated by letters of the alphabet.
3. The **Rows** run from south to north (i.e. Dallas Road to Fairfield Road) and are identified in sections N, O, P, Q and R (and western parts of sections K and L) by a letter of the alphabet and the remainder by a numeral, all running from west to east.
4. The **Plots** are numbered from south to north (except for sections L, E, D and W which go the other way). A plot is either east (**E**) or west (**W**) of a row.
5. A typical plot coordinate might appear as "A 36 W 30" where **A** is the section; **36** is the plot number; **W** means that the plot is on the west side of the row; and, **30** is the row number.
6. A single plot is 8' long by 4' wide. There is a 2' wide path between plots and the row paths are 5' wide. Many graves are unmarked, so, if you are pacing off plots, allow 6' from the centre of one plot to the centre of the next.
7. Families who purchased side-by-side plots were allowed to use the in-between portion for burials. Therefore, you might see a plot described as "G 48b49 W 16" where "b" stands for between.

ROW MARKER PROJECT: (See a picture of a sample row marker above)

The Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria (OCS) has undertaken a project to place row markers throughout the cemetery to aid in locating graves. Eventually, markers will be installed on every row in three belts (across plots 1, 40 and 75) throughout the cemetery. To date we have completed every other row across plots 75 and many across plots 40 (locations identified by **RED** squares on map below). We will add more as funds permit. Each marker costs \$25. If you would like to contribute to our project, please send your cheque made out to OCS and marked *Row Marker Project*. Be sure to make use of these markers to help with locating the grave for which you are searching.