



NEWS

Welcome to 2026, CCAV Members

We look forward to working with you throughout the year as we continue to support and advocate for our members.

In 2025 we introduced our “In Conversation – Face to Face” sessions, and we’re pleased to continue these in 2026.

Our first session will be held in Bendigo in February, with additional sessions scheduled across the year. Our “In Conversation – Online” initiative will also continue, with Part 2 of our fees session taking place in February.

Don’t forget—our Torquay Conference is just around the corner in March. If you haven’t registered yet, please do so soon as registrations and accommodation are filling quickly. We’re also hoping to make some additional announcements at the conference, so it’s definitely worth attending.

As always, CCAV is here for its members. If you need advice or assistance, please reach out.

Rob

WHAT A START TO 2026!

With the extreme weather experienced last week, and further events forecast in the coming weeks, cemetery and crematoria trusts and their staff are likely to continue facing significant operational and personal challenges.

Heatwaves, bushfires and other emergency events place added pressure on day-to-day operations, while also affecting the wellbeing of staff and volunteers. Planning, preparedness and access to appropriate support services are essential to maintaining safety, continuity of operations and staff wellbeing during these periods.

We have developed a checklist for fire danger and guidelines for storm events. Also included on the checklist is a generic A4 Poster if required.

BushFire Safety Guidelines and Checklist

Storm Guidelines

CHEQUES

Late in 2024 the Commonwealth Government announced the Closure of Australia's cheque system on 30 September 2029.

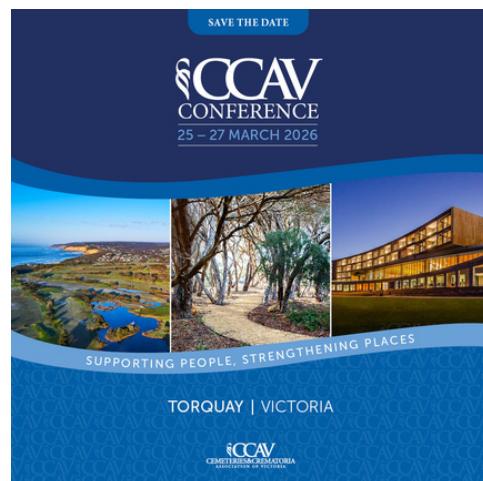
All impacted Victorian legislations and regulations will be amended to remove reference to cheques as the only payment method by 30 June 2026.

In readiness for these changes that will impact cemetery trusts using and issuing cheques, it is a timely reminder to consider the transition to electronic banking system.

2026 CCAV Conference

Topics to be covered in the program include

- Mental Health
- Cemetery tours
- Rabbits in Cemeteries
- Department of Health
- Presentation from Australian Facility for Taphonomic Experimental Research - AFTER
- 12 steps to HR Best Practises
- Monument Safety
- Office of Australian War Graves



Register here

Accommodation options

Now open for bookings

RACV Resort Torquay 1 Great Ocean Road, Torquay VIC 3228

Phone: 03 5261 1633

Quote: CCAV Conference along with 'Block #13354008'

King Rooms: \$331 per night including breakfast

King Rooms: \$361 per night including breakfast for two people
Bookings are still open

Wyndham Resort, 100 The Esplanade, Torquay Vic 3228

Phone: 03 5261 1500

Email: reservations.torquay@wyn.com

Various rooms from \$237 per night

The Sands, 2 Sands Boulevard, Torquay VIC 3228

Ph: 03 5264 3333

reservations@thesandstorquay.com

Various rooms from \$207 per night

"In conversation" Sessions

Our 'In Conversation' session will continue in 2026. These sessions are available to all trusts regardless of their CCAV status. Everyone was welcome,

More sessions are being planned for 2026

Bendigo: 5 February

Registration are open contact Norelle if you are planning to attend by 29/01/2026

Ballarat: 29 April

Benalla: 20 May

Whittlesea 23 June

Bairnsdale: 21 July

Colac: 6 August

"In conversation" On Line

Our 2025 'In Conversation' On Line sessions are available in the members only area of the website.

First session for 2026 will be Part two of Fees

Friday 27 February,

Registrations will open soon

Sessions will be held on the Last Friday of Each Month excluding March and September.

If there are any topics or guest presenters you would like to suggest, please let Norelle know, and we will endeavour to include them in the upcoming program schedule.

Dates and topics maybe subject to change

ACCA Education

Psychological Wellbeing & Supporting Grieving Clients

Training 25 February 2026 - Geelong

Invitation to all CCAV members for this one day training session

Registration Information All registration enquiries can be sent to admin@accaweb.com.au and must include full name, organisation name and job title as well as any dietary requirements and preferred method of payment. As places are limited, early registration is strongly encouraged.

Training Costs

Associate Organisation Member: \$415.00

MEMBERSHIP

2025 2026 Membership digital form use this link;

Membership Information

This option is safe

We are currently updating our record management system to ensure our correspondence and messages are going to the correct member on your trust and the login details to the CCAV website. Let Norelle know if you would prefer not to use the digital form.

Platinum Industry Partner



We have had an offer from our Platinum Industry Partner IFISS to assist any cemetery trust/members who are experiencing difficulties follow the recent events in Victoria, please follow the link below to reach out to Kathy [IFISS Support](#)

Alternative contact our office for any assistance.



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