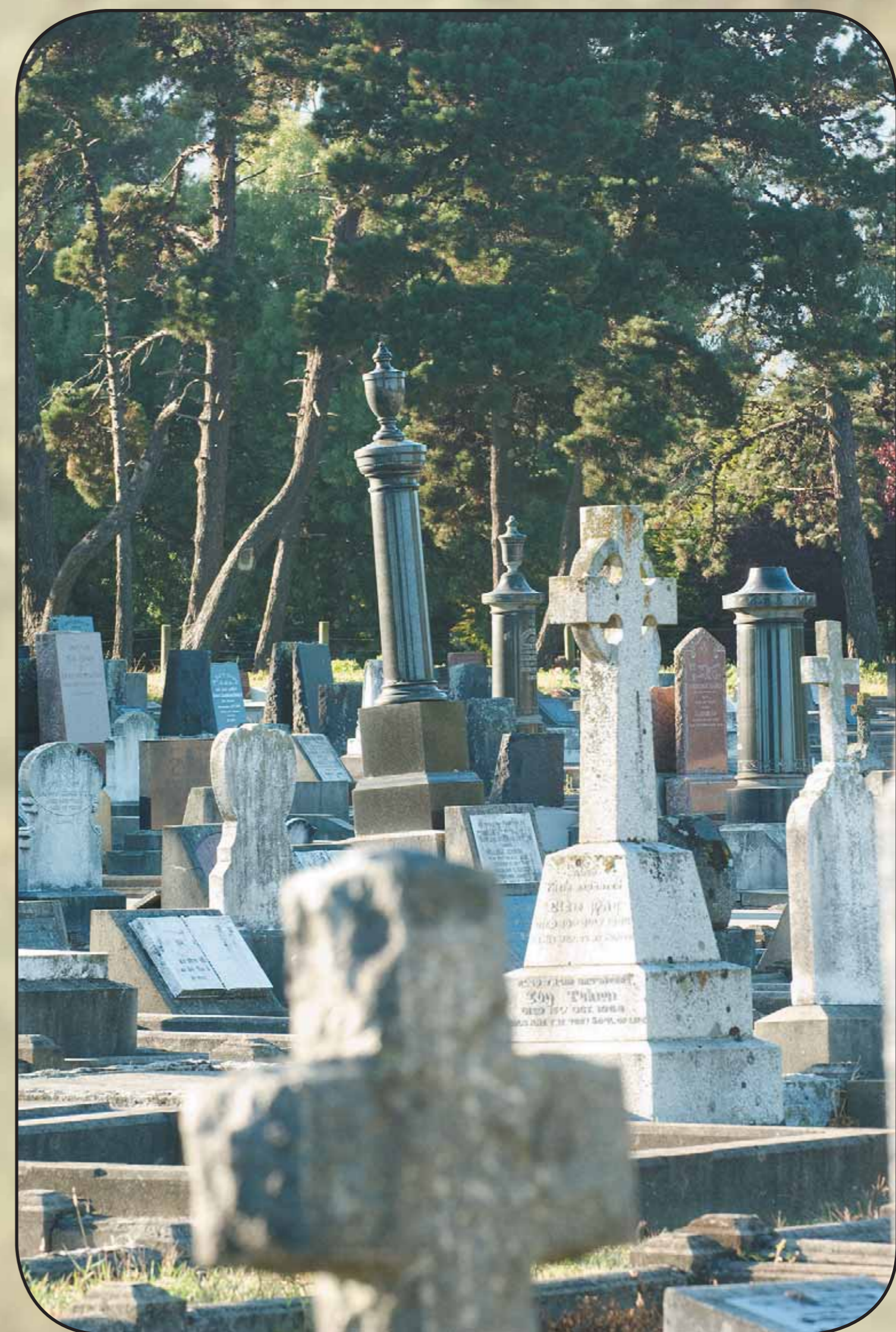


EQUALITY AND ORDER



Bromley Cemetery, Christchurch; War graves stand to attention, in their uniform, egalitarian and ordered way - making a strong contrast to the elaborate personalised headstones of the Victorian era.

One of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's founding principles was that all graves and memorials should reflect 'equality of sacrifice' - with no distinction.



This was a new approach to representing and expressing grief, and with an emphasis on sacrifice.

By contrast, in Victorian Society, the design of headstones reflected the idea that people were not equal in death. In some instances the size and detail of the gravestone was in accordance with their wealth and stature in the community. Others went into debt, sometimes for generations, to reflect what they felt was a customary and appropriate show of grief. As a result of this, there was a huge difference between gravestones in a cemetery.

However, what the two approaches have in common is the presence of religious symbolism in the form of the cross.



THEY ARE NOT MISSING
-THEY ARE HERE