

KARRAKATA CEMETERY CREMATORIUM DOORS PROVINCANCE

Doors for sale

My name is Kim Chipper and I was a funeral director for 38 years (1969 to 2007). I took over the business of Chipper & Son Pty Ltd, formerly Donald J Chipper & Son Pty Ltd, before that it was D J Chipper Furnishing Undertaker, a business started by my grandfather on 10 June 1889.

In 1990, Karrakatta Cemetery said they were going to demolish the current crematorium, built in 1937, and build a new one in its place in 1991. I asked if I could buy the doors and skirtings. I wanted to build a large farm house on 20 acres my wife and I owned in the Ferguson Valley. Unfortunately the plans fell through and we were left with all the doors. They've been in storage since.

*The Daily News (Perth, WA),
Fri 14 May 1937, Page 1*

Karrakatta Crematorium

TENDER IS ACCEPTED : WORK STARTS ON MONDAY

The Karrakatta Cemetery Board has accepted the tender submitted by Mr. O. Doran for the construction of a brick crematorium.

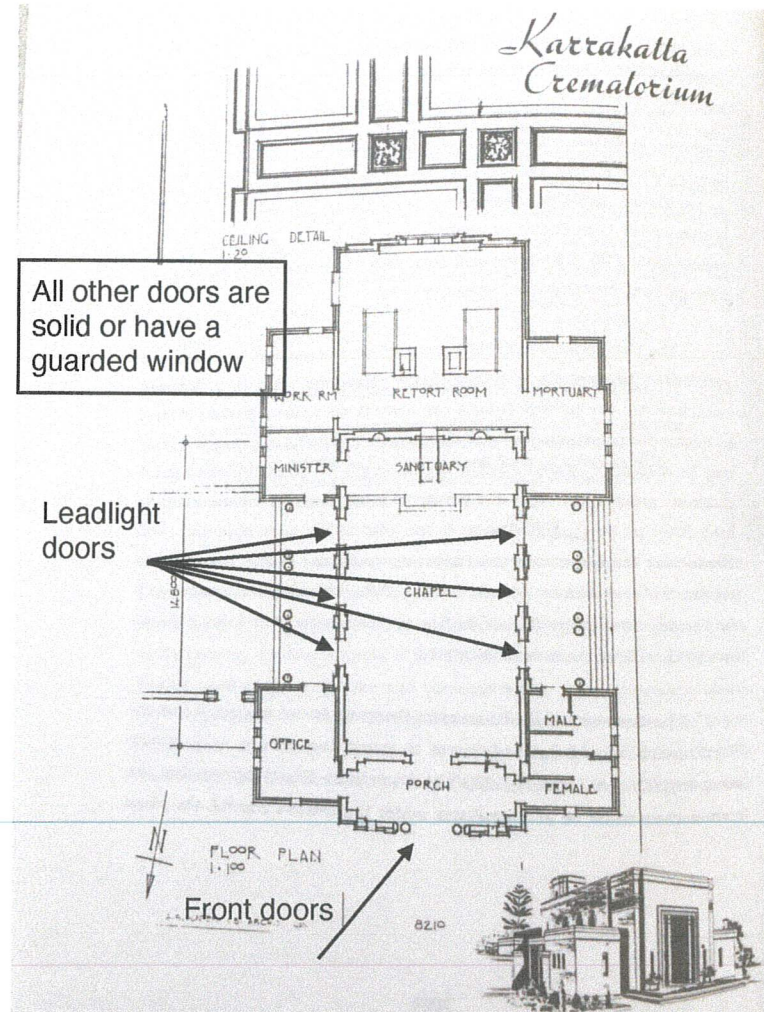
In announcing this today, the secretary (Mr. L. T. Boas) disclosed that the amount involved was £6329.

Twelve tenders were received for the work, prices ranging from £6329 to £7500.

Construction will begin on Monday next and work should be completed by December 1

The building will have a frontage of 54 feet and a depth of 65 feet, and will include a chapel, sanctuary, office, ministers' room, transformer room, mortuary and other accommodation.

Its design follows modern trends, but is based on classical lines. The architect is Mr. R. Summerhaye.



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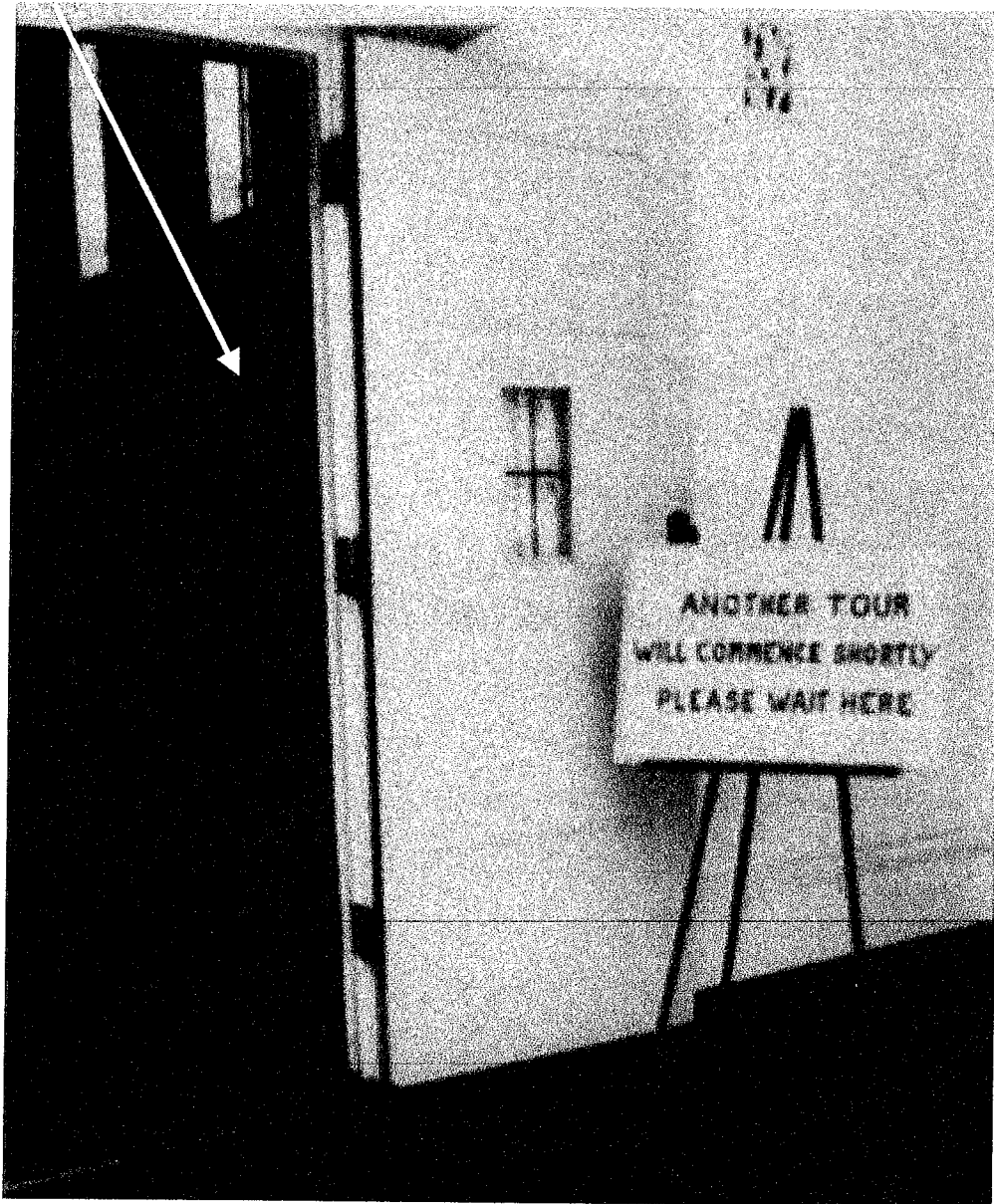
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Written on the base of the photograph below: 23 November 1986. People awaiting their turn to tour the crematorium at Karrakatta Cemetery Open Day (part of a photo by Brendan Read)

Also notice the leadlight door in the background



Excerpt from: *The West Australian* (Perth, WA)
Thu 27 Jan 1938, Page 4

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