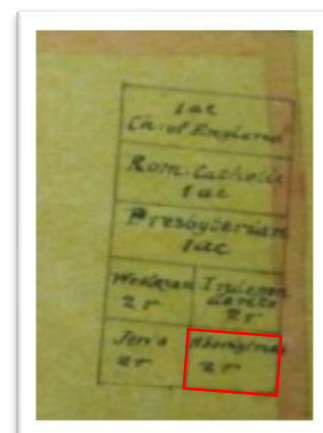


## First Nation burials: Ipswich General Cemetery in the 1800s and early 1900s

The 1844 map (right) of the Ipswich General Cemetery identifies an area that was designated for “Aboriginal” people (area marked in red). Apart from this map there are only a few formal records in the council cemetery database from this time that acknowledge burials of First Nations People. Finding the details of the First Nations People buried in the Ipswich General Cemetery in the 1800s will be a challenging and sensitive undertaking that will require further investigation. In addition to the few listings council has (see table below), there are 290 records in the database where either the first or last name of the person buried is marked “unknown”. While not all these unmarked graves would be related to First Nations People, it is likely that some of them would be.



Additionally, it is anticipated there are numerous instances where an Aboriginal person may have identified with a religion and was buried within their chosen denomination section, without acknowledgement of their cultural identity.

### Excerpt of early entries in the Cemetery Database of “Aboriginal” Burials

Burial Number	Last name	First Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Grave location	Date of burial
003125	Aboriginal	Elly	0	F		Free Ground	23/07/1885
T00001	Aboriginal child	Unknown				Unmarked grave	
P00004	Aborigine	Biddy		F		Free Ground	
P00007	Aborigine	Johnny		M		Free Ground	
P00006	Aborigine	King		M		Free Ground	
P00008	Aborigine	Mungo		M		Free Ground	
P00005	Aborigine	Wiggins		M		Free Ground	
A00952	Charley	Aboriginal	55	M		Free Ground	04/09/1917
B04351	Jack	Aboriginal	71	M		Free Ground	28/05/1957
A04810	Jack	Aboriginal	31	M		Church of England	27/06/1929
A02058	Mitchell	Aboriginal	41	M	Stockman	Free Ground	15/11/1920
A02078	Sammy	Aboriginal	73	M		Free Ground	07/12/1920
A01823	Tommy	Aboriginal	53	M		Free Ground	15/03/1920
A00962	Willie	Aboriginal	51	M		Free Ground	24/09/1917
A00926	Willie	Aboriginal	35	M		Congregational	29/07/1917