

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES BOARD

7 February, 2007

Ms Mary Reid
Secretary
Cemeteries & Crematoria Association of New South Wales
PO Box A233
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1325

Dear Mary,

2006 CCA Award for Excellence

I would like to propose the recently-completed Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel and Crematorium complex at the Catholic Cemetery Rookwood for the subject award. Copy of the entry form is enclosed.

The Chapel and Crematorium complex has been designed and built to the highest standards, exceeds all industry and community codes for such construction and fulfills a need in the Cremation market in Sydney.

This is the first Catholic Crematorium in the Southern Hemisphere and has the full backing of the Catholic Church.

The technology included in the building, coffin transfer as well as the cremation component, is significant.

The complex comprises:-

- Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel with seating for 160 persons where Mass may be celebrated
- Condolence Lounge for after-service functions
- Excellent cremator hall with two cremators, all fully computerised operation
- Support facilities, including operations rooms and public and staff facilities.

Funeral Directors and other industry operatives who have seen the complex are very enthusiastic and have provided very positive feedback.

Also enclosed are some photographs of the building.

I should be grateful if you would pass this application to the relevant committee and should any further information be required please refer to me.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harold O'Keeffe', written in a cursive style.

HAROLD O'KEEFFE
General Manager