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Mr Russ Allison
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Dear Russ

It had been my intention to write to you before I finished my time as General Manager at the Town of Walkerville, to take up this CEO posting.

On behalf of both the Friends of Walkerville Cemetery and Council Administration please accept my thanks. Your report considering management and conservation strategies for the cemetery was extremely well received.

It was clear from your interaction with stakeholders during the community consultation stage of the process and more particularly with the 'Friends' when the report was presented that you had:

- developed a good understanding of the factors impacting the operation of the historic council cemetery;
- been able to convey, in simple English, some clearly defined development strategies, tailored to our needs, in a well written report;
- demonstrated an ability to leverage your professional knowledge and industry network to our advantage.

There is no doubt in my mind that one of the main reasons the Friends and other key stakeholders are open to considering the strategies you proposed is because of insight reflected through the practical nature of the report recommendations.

It is my understanding that the Town of Walkerville staff and the Friends are open to considering the strategies you proposed because of insights reflected through the practical nature of the report recommendations, and are likely to seek further assistance from Changing Places during the implementation phase in 2015/16.

I wish you all the best for future endeavours.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Márton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Katrina Márton
Chief Executive Officer