

Management guidelines for Moreton Bay Regional Council cemeteries

Council endeavours to provide a high standard of cemetery presentation. In order to ensure that maintenance can occur unimpeded, council has adopted the following management guidelines.

Council provides

A standard headstone and a bronze memorial plaque. Council will consider requests for similar headstones of granite, sandstone or marble.

Additional items available from council

- Two spiked vases for the placement of flowers – may be installed on either side at the top of the headstone
- Ceramic photographs – may be installed on the headstone or plaque

Placement of items

Items of sentimental nature may be placed on graves in the following locations

- Lawn grave – on the headstone
- Lawn beam grave – on the lawn beam
- Monumental grave – on the monument

Permitted items

Items permitted to be placed on graves at any time include

- Fresh wreaths and floral tributes – council will generally remove these from the grave within fourteen days or when they are considered to be perished.
- Silk and/or plastic flowers - council will generally remove these from the grave when they are considered to be perished.
- Turf – grass coverage will naturally re-establish in the months following a burial, however families of the deceased are permitted to lay turf if they wish to do so. Placement of turf is at your own risk and you should be aware that turf may be unintentionally damaged in the process of routine cemetery maintenance. Turf must be laid so that it is level with the surrounding ground surface.

The responsibility for care, maintenance and security of objects placed on grave sites rests with the family of the deceased.

The following items are not permitted within council's cemeteries

- In-ground planting of trees, shrubs, flowers or any type of plant
- Installation of fences, trellises, signs and nameplates
- Placement of solar lights
- Placement of glass, ceramic or other items which may cause a safety hazard
- Placement of rocks or pebbles
- Placement of pot plants, unless the plant is located in accordance with above
- Placement of items which because of their size are hazardous or not in keeping with other graves in the cemetery
- Painting of headstones, without prior written permission from Council
- Placement of any items which could be deemed to be unsightly, deteriorated, inappropriate or offensive

To ensure maintenance of lawn graves is not impeded, no items (with the exception of fresh flowers) may be placed on the lawn section of a lawn grave. Cemetery staff may, at any time, remove and dispose of any items that are considered to be offensive, unsightly, aged, weathered or deemed to pose a hazard, or are not in accordance with the Management Guidelines.