

Cemeteries

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Objective

This policy establishes guidelines defining relevant criteria for the administration of Council-controlled and managed cemeteries and memorial gardens.

Statement

This policy outlines the eligibility criteria for interment at a Council-owned or managed cemetery.

Having identified the significant historic nature and the limited space available within the cemetery facilities under its control, Council has determined that eligibility criteria be established to extend the life of these facilities throughout the city.

Albany Creek, Caboolture Lawn, Dayboro, Redcliffe, Samford and Samsonvale Cemeteries

To be eligible for interment in or reservation of a gravesite in the Albany Creek, Caboolture Lawn, Dayboro, Redcliffe, Samford or Samsonvale cemeteries, a person must meet the following criteria:

- (a) be a resident of the region at the time of passing; or
- (b) have a continuing family residence within the region (to first cousin); or
- (c) be a past resident, having lived in the region for a minimum of seven years; or
- (d) have a first-degree kinship with a person already interred in the Cemetery.

Lawnton and Caboolture Cemeteries

Council will only provide for the re-opening of existing graves at the Lawnton and Caboolture Cemeteries.

All Council controlled and managed Cemeteries and Bribie Island Memorial Gardens

For interment of ashes (other than in a gravesite), Council has no eligibility criteria. For ashes interment in a gravesite the applicant must comply with the eligibility criteria above.

Application

This policy applies to all cemeteries under the control and management of Moreton Bay City Council.

This policy does not apply to trust run cemeteries within the city, namely Upper Caboolture, Woodford and Mt Mee.

Related Documents

Relevant legislation

- Cemeteries Local Law 2023 Cemeteries Subordinate Local Law 2023

Council documents

- Local Law Guideline: Placement of items at a gravesite

Definitions

Term	Definition
Ashes interment	All niche, garden and rock placements.
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of Moreton Bay City Council.
City	Moreton Bay City Council Local Government Area.
Council	City of Moreton Bay or Moreton Bay City Council.
First degree kinship	A first-degree relationship within a family. For example, but not limited to, a brother, sister, mother or father (including non-blood variations).
Interment	The act of being interred or a burial.
Reservation	Pre-purchase of a burial or ashes interment site.

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