Cemeteries

Head of Power

Local Government Act 2009

Related Legislation

Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011
Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011

Objective

The objective of the Policy is to establish guidelines defining relevant criteria for the administration of Council-controlled and managed cemeteries and memorial gardens.

Definitions

Ashes Interment means all niche, garden and rock placements.

First degree kinship means a first-degree relationship within a family. For example, but not limited to, a brother, sister, mother or father (including non-blood variations).

Interment means the act of being interred or a burial.

Reservation means pre-purchase of a burial or ashes interment site.

Region means the Moreton Bay Region

Application

This Policy applies to all cemeteries under the control and management of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

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

Policy 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 region.

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.

Related Documents
Nil.

Review Triggers
This policy will be reviewed for applicability, effectiveness, and consistency with relevant legislation, Council resolutions, and other Council documents.

Reviews of this policy will occur as required, or at least once every four years.

Responsibility
This Policy is to be:

(1) implemented by Manager Customer Response; and
(2) reviewed and amended in accordance with the "Review Triggers" by the Director Community & Environmental Services.

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