

## 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 Bribe 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 two years.

**Responsibility**

This Policy is to be:

- (1) implemented by Manager Regulatory Services; and
- (2) reviewed and amended in accordance with the "Review Triggers" by Manager Regulatory Services.

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