Management guidelines for Moreton Bay Regional Council cemeteries

The following requirements apply to Moreton Bay Regional Council’s cemeteries.

1. A bronze memorial plaque, (provided by Council), will be placed on the headstone of each grave.
2. Council is responsible for maintenance of the grave, including mowing, edge trimming and topdressing.
3. Council will supply vases for placement of flowers. Two spiked vases may be installed on either side at the top of the headstone. Plastic and/or silk flowers may be placed on graves at any time in lieu of fresh cut flowers.
4. Council provides standard headstones and bronze plaques. However Council will consider requests for similar headstones of granite, sandstone or marble.
5. Items of a 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
6. Ceramic photographs are available from Council and may be placed on the headstone or plaque.
7. Fresh wreaths and floral tributes may be placed on the grave at any time. A Council officer will generally remove these from the grave within fourteen days or when they are considered to be perished.
8. 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 item 5 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
9. To ensure that 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.
10. The responsibility for care, maintenance and security of objects placed on grave sites rests with the family of the deceased.
11. 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.
12. 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 Guidelines.