

Customer Information

Natural Burials

The concept of a Natural Burial is very broad but is a term that refers to the burial of a body in a manner that does not inhibit decomposition and minimises environmental impact. There are a number of factors which contribute or define a 'natural burial':

Biodegradable caskets and coffins

All of Council's cemeteries can offer burials where a biodegradable casket or coffin is used rather than the traditional wooden casket or coffin, or cement vault.

Biodegradable materials include coffins or shrouds made from natural, biodegradable materials like wood, wicker, cardboard or bamboo.

No embalming

All of Council's cemeteries can offer burials that do not require embalming or the use of chemicals, allowing the body to decompose naturally.

Focus on sustainability

Natural burials promote sustainability by minimizing environmental impact and allowing the body to return to the earth in a natural way.

If a biodegradable coffin or casket is used and the body has not been embalmed, Council can accommodate a 'natural burial'.

Minimal grave markers and naturally treed environment

Some cemeteries outside of the Cairns Regional Council LGA may offer natural burial sections which are treed areas that do not contain any grave markers to maintain the natural appearance of the site.

The result is a burial area that looks more like a park or reserve rather than a traditional cemetery with monuments, vaults, mausoleums and other infrastructure.

Cairns Regional Council does not currently have any such sections within our cemeteries.

For more information on Council's Cemetery Policy visit:
cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/cemeteries



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Locations and opening hours

Our cemeteries are open to the public 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Cemetery standard business operating hours are Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 3:00pm.

Cairns (Martyn St):

Cnr Martyn St and Anderson St, Manunda

Forest View:

Cnr Hardy Rd and Foster Rd, Mount Sheridan

Gordonvale:

Cnr Highleigh Rd and Mahar Rd, Gordonvale

Babinda:

Cnr Bruce Highway and Nelson Rd, Babinda

Nelson Rd, Babinda:

Nelson Rd, Babinda Cemetery

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