



Cairns Regional Council takes great pride in the presentation of its regional cemeteries, which are operated on a non-denominational basis. Council strives to provide inclusive, well-maintained cemeteries that are safe, respectful places of remembrance.

Guidelines for Memorials and Adornments, including Temporary Memorials, are in place to maintain the look and feel of our cemeteries which are appreciated by many.

Mausoleums

A mausoleum is an external free-standing building constructed above ground as a monument that encloses the burial chamber.

Cemetery availability:

Forest View | Nelson Road, Babinda (Available December 2024)



Adornments and Memorials

- Memorials must be approved by Council. Please discuss your requirements with Monumental Mason who will submit an "Application for Erection of a Memorial, Vault or Columbarium in a Cemetery" form
- Council-approved photographs only
- Up to two (2) self-draining vases installed on the crypt front panel
- Photos and vases must be mechanically pinned to the granite and installed by a Monumental Mason
- Fresh, dried or non-breakable artificial flowers permitted
- Council will maintain the Mausoleum including polishing granite/stone face
- **NO prohibited items**
- **NO temporary memorials**
- **NO adornments on the ground in front of the mausoleum**



TEMPORARY MEMORIALS ARE NOT PERMITTED

Council reserves the right to remove temporary memorials, or any item that does not conform to Council's Guidelines for Adornments and Memorials and dispose of irretrievably

Prohibited items

To preserve the look and feel of the cemeteries, which are appreciated by many, and in the interests of public safety and to prevent excess litter, the following items are **prohibited** in all Cairns regional cemeteries:

- Plastic flowers not contained in council-approved receptacle
- Glass or metal containers
- Water-holding receptacles
- Any item deemed offensive
- Balloons, photo frames, candles or naked flames, windchimes, toys, furniture, statues
- Lights, including solar or battery-powered
- Alcohol or alcohol containers (full or empty)
- Food and food containers
- Installation of garden edging, fencing or unapproved borders including wooden frames
- Any item with sharp edges, spikes or hooks
- Rocks, pebbles, bark chips, shells or the like
- Clothing
- Permanent planting of bushes, flowers or trees
- Pot plants
- Plastic windmills
- Draped or flying flags

Cyclone preparation and regular maintenance

Council staff will undertake a clean-up of the cemetery grounds and graves in October, prior to the onset of the wet season. Items that have become deteriorated, are damaged, pose a safety risk, or have the potential to become dangerous during storms will be removed at Council's discretion and disposed of irretrievably.

Regular maintenance of the cemetery grounds and graves will be undertaken, and prohibited items will be removed irretrievably.

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

Martyn Street, Cairns:	Cnr Martyn Street and Anderson Street, Manunda
Forest View:	Cnr Hardy Road and Foster Road, Mount Sheridan
Gordonvale:	Cnr Highleigh Road and Mahar Road, Gordonvale
Babinda:	Cnr Bruce Highway and Nelson Road, Babinda
Nelson Road, Babinda:	Nelson Road, Babinda

Enquiries

Cemetery Services Administration

Operating hours:	Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm
Phone:	4044 3231
Email:	regadmin@cairns.qld.gov.au
Postal:	PO Box 359 CAIRNS QLD 4870

After hours emergencies: 24 hours, 7 days | 1300 69 22 47

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