



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.



Columbariums

Structures that hold ashes, either in a single or double niche.

Columbariums within Cairns cemeteries include brick or rendered walls with bronze plaque covers and granite structures with engraved granite covers.

Cemetery availability:

- Martyn Street, Cairns: Brick Columbarium
- Forest View: Granite Columbarium
(Available September 2024)
- Gordonvale: Granite Columbarium
(Available September 2024)
- Nelson Road, Babinda: Granite Columbarium

Adornments and Memorials

- Bronze memorial plaque cover on brick and rendered walls must be approved by Council:
 - Please discuss your requirements for bronze memorial plaques with Council by submitting an "Application for Erection of a Memorial, Vault or Columbarium in a Cemetery" form.

OR

- Inscription on the granite cover of the granite columbarium must be approved by the Council.
 - Please discuss your requirements for granite covers with a Monumental Mason.
 - A Monumental Mason must supply and install the granite cover.
- One (1) self-draining vase installed on the niche front panel, either by a Monumental Mason or the plaque provider, on a granite or bronze front panel
- Fresh, dried or non-breakable artificial flowers permitted
- Council-approved photographs only
- Council will maintain the Columbarium including polishing granite/stone face

NO prohibited items

NO temporary memorials

NO adornment on the ground in front of the columbarium

NO adornments other than approved photographs and vases

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