

# Guidelines for Adornments and Memorials

## Temporary Memorials

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

### Temporary Memorials

A permanent memorial for your loved one is an important, everlasting tribute and Council understands this can take time to arrange.

Council-approved temporary memorials are permitted in Headstone on Lawn Beam sections and Monumental and Vault sections only.

Temporary memorials are NOT permitted in Plaque on Lawn Beam or Lawn Plaque sections, or in front of Mausoleums or Columbariums.

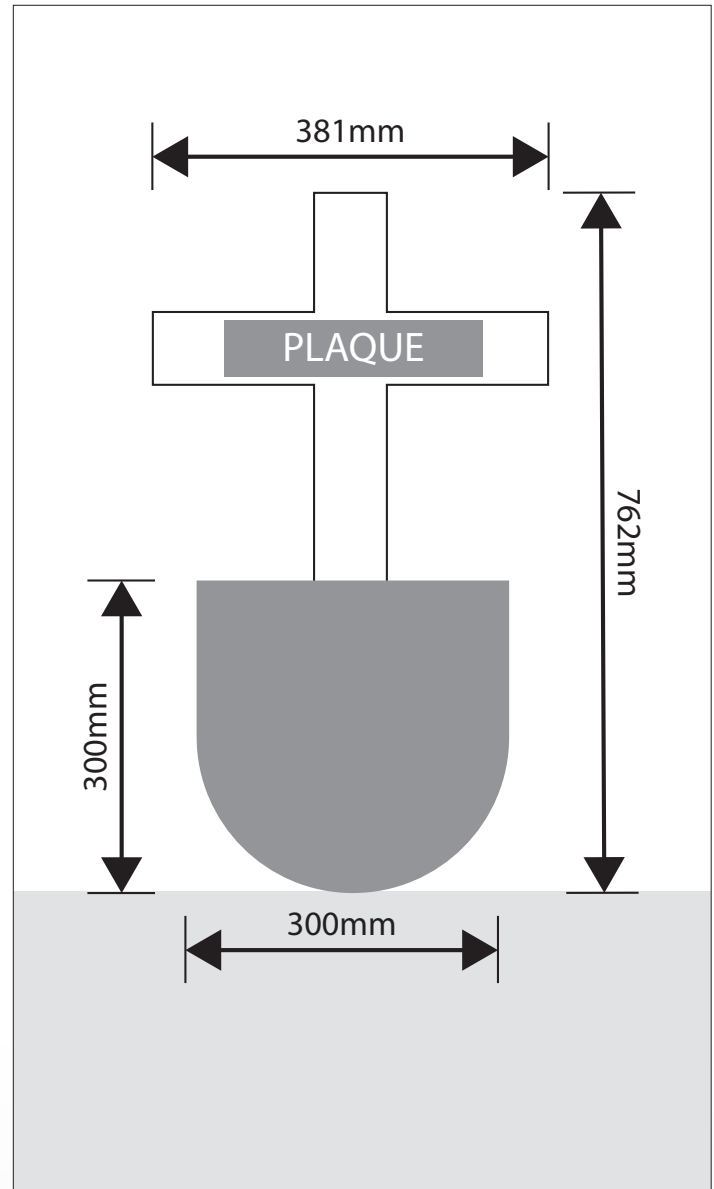
Temporary memorials are permitted for **12 months from date of burial** or until a permanent memorial has been erected, whichever comes first.

Temporary memorials must strictly conform to the following specifications:

- **White wooden cross housed in an approved receptacle:**
  - 762mm maximum height from ground level
  - 381mm maximum width
  - 300mm maximum height and width receptacle
- Receptacle to be non-breakable and self-draining.
- Receptacle to be of sufficient weight to remain secure.
- Plaque may be attached to crossbeam.

### Temporary Memorials MUST NOT:

- Contain any prohibited items
- Cover entire grave site
- Impede neighbouring plots or digging operations
- Pose a risk to public safety



**STRICT COMPLIANCE TO GUIDELINES FOR TEMPORARY MEMORIALS WILL BE ENFORCED**

*Council reserves the right to remove temporary memorials, or any item that does not conform to Council's Guidelines for Temporary Memorials or 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 annually prior to the onset of the wet season. Items that have 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

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

## Enquiries

### Cemetery Services Administration

Operating hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm

Phone: 4044 3231

Email: [regadmin@cairns.qld.gov.au](mailto:regadmin@cairns.qld.gov.au)

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

For more information on Council's Cemetary Policy please visit:

[cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/cemeteries](http://cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/cemeteries)

