

# Guidelines for Adornments and Memorials

## Plaque on Lawn Beam and Lawn Plaque sections

Caring for our community as well as protecting our environment, fauna and the visual appearance of our cemeteries is important to us. Please follow our guidelines for adornments and memorials so that our cemeteries remain welcoming, inclusive, safe and beautiful places to visit loved ones.



### Plaque on Lawn Beam

Bronze memorial plaque installed flat on a concrete beam.

#### Cemetery availability:

Martyn Street, Cairns | Forest View | Gordonvale  
Nelson Rd, Babinda

### Lawn Plaque

Memorial plaque placed on concrete base, or granite on concrete base sunken within the surrounding lawn.

#### Cemetery availability:

Forest View only

### Adornments and Memorials

- Plaques to be ordered through a Monumental Mason and approved by Council
- Memorial plaques must be fitted by Council staff or a Monumental Mason only

- Fresh or dried flowers only (no artificial flowers please)
- Fresh flowers may be placed on a new grave for up to 2 weeks following the date of burial, then on the beam or base only
- No more than one (1) Council-approved self-draining vase which does not exceed 200mm in height/length/width/diameter (excludes Forest View cemetery, where in ground receptacles are provided)
- Lawn maintenance is undertaken by Council staff
- Plaques are not maintained by Council
- **NO prohibited items**
- **NO temporary memorials or adornments**
- **NO unapproved plaques**
- **NO monuments**
- **NO headstones**

### 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, 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.

Prohibited items may be removed irretrievably, without notice, during regular maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

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

