

## MAINTAINING OUR CEMETERY

Keeping our cemetery safe and tidy is a substantial task and one that we cannot do without your assistance.

To ensure our cemetery is maintained to the highest possible standard we ask that all tributes are kept off the lawn.

Old flowers, along with tributes that have withered or been damaged will be removed at Council's discretion and without notice.

We encourage families to remove precious items before they deteriorate.

## RECLAIMING YOUR PROPERTY

All non-floral tributes removed from sites by Council staff for maintenance or safety purposes, including tributes that are deemed to be nonconforming, will be kept for a period of four weeks from the time of removal.

Tributes can be reclaimed by pre-arrangement with our staff. You will have up to four weeks to collect your items, after which, all uncollected items will be deemed unwanted and will be recycled.

## VISITING HOURS

The Katherine Memorial Cemetery shall be open to the public from sunrise to sunset each day.

No person shall be permitted to enter or remain in the cemetery any time outside of these hours.

## CONTACT US

We have tried to make this policy as fair as possible, as well as being compliant with the relevant Acts and Regulations in force at the time.

Please contact Council if you are unsure if your tribute adheres to the Katherine Memorial Cemetery Policy or if you require further clarification on these Guidelines.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our cemetery beautiful, tidy and safe.

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**Keep our Cemetery  
Safe & Looking Great**

**Flower and  
Ornament  
Guidelines**

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## RESPECT FOR ALL

Katherine Town Council is committed to maintaining a high standard of presentation at the Katherine Memorial Cemetery. The following guidelines are supplied so that presentation continues to meet the expectations of the community and clearly outlines what we all can do to maintain a safe, hazard free and tidy cemetery for everyone to enjoy.

It is natural that people want to decorate a grave or memorial for sentimental or religious reasons. Council acknowledges this and wants to ensure that it is done in a safe way which respects the needs of our entire community.

Permissible tributes are only allowed to be placed on the concrete plinth.

Families are not permitted to place any items on the lawn areas which would prohibit the lawn to regrow. This not only creates a risk to the community and cemetery staff when maintaining the area but could be considered as unsightly by others. These items will be removed upon detection and without notice.

**It is important to respect your neighbour and ensure that your tributes do not encroach upon your neighbour's memorial. This can cause unnecessary distress to other families.**

## PLACING OF TRIBUTES

### FLORAL TRIBUTES

When placing flowers in lawn areas we ask that they be kept in non-breakable containers; either within the free containers which are provided at the rear of the rotunda or within vases built into monumental work or placed neatly on the **concrete plinth** in front of the headstone.

The unauthorised planting of flora of any kind is prohibited within our cemetery and will be removed. The picking of flowers or any other plants from our cemetery is also prohibited.

Grave mounds will be levelled and planted with lawn seed by cemetery staff two weeks after the burial. All flowers and wreaths adorning the grave will be discarded at the time of levelling.

### NON-FLORAL TRIBUTES

Preserving treasured keepsakes is important, as these items are linked to the precious memories shared with passed loved ones. Cemeteries are exposed to the elements and hundreds of people visit every year, so all items placed at a grave or memorial sites will eventually deteriorate or break and are at risk of being moved or lost.

We ask that non-floral tributes be kept to a minimum, no higher than 450mm and are placed neatly on the concrete plinth.

## SAFETY FIRST

Your safety, and the safety of the community and our staff is of the utmost importance. For this reason certain items are prohibited in our cemetery.

### Breakable Items

Items made from or containing glass or porcelain are prohibited as they may pose serious harm to visitors and staff when damaged.

### Other Hazardous Items

Stones, pebbles, pavers, fragile decorations that can easily break such as wind chimes/flags, perishable toys, decorative fencing, such as arches or shelves and metal spikes are all prohibited items.

### Candles or Open Flames (including incense)

We understand the cultural and religious significance surrounding the lighting of candles and incense sticks, however these items can pose a substantial fire risk and as such are prohibited within our cemetery.