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11 MONUMENTAL AND LAWN CEMETERIES

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

The following information is furnished in respect of the operation of the Council's cemeteries.

1. General Control

The Council's General Manager shall have the control of all cemeteries, including the conduct of funerals, traffic, maintenance and visitors.

The General Manager has the authority to remove any trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, etc. from a cemetery or from any grave therein as soon as, in the judgment of the General Manager, they become unsightly, dangerous, diseased, or when they do not conform to the standard maintained or desired within the cemetery.

The Council reserves the right to remove:

- A. All wreaths and floral tributes from any grave after a period of seven days following interment;
- B. Any bottles, tins, cans or other article placed on a grave as a container for floral tributes, which may be detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery, including any vase or other container which has become broken or damaged.

The Council shall not be held liable, nor will it accept any responsibility for damage done for any reason or cause whatsoever or for the theft of any article placed upon a grave.

2. Lawn Cemeteries

No monumental work is permitted in the Council's lawn cemeteries. Only the bronze plaques arranged by the Council are permitted, i.e. 380mm x 280mm.

No planting of shrubs, flowers, etc. is permitted over grave sites.

The standard lawn plaque and headstone is included in the cemetery fees. There is a special plaque available which has provision for an additional name to be added. This type of plaque is suitable for graves where double interment is to be made and is available in attractive designs. If the applicant desires to acquire a ceramic



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photograph for placement on a standard plaque, while it is not recommended, they may do so subject to acknowledgment that the Council will not be held liable nor accept any responsibility, for any damage to such a ceramic photograph or for any fading or deterioration in the visual quality of the ceramic photograph.

Plaques are of bronze, and polishing is prohibited as it damages the lettering. Furthermore, plaques should be left to age, as it is the practice with historical monuments.

In order that fresh floral tributes may be placed on the lawn cemetery memorials, special flower containers are incorporated, and these are the only type acceptable, accordingly **NO WREATHS ARE TO BE PLACED AND LEFT ON GRAVES WITHIN THE LAWN CEMETERY.**

NOTE: In any case where wreaths are left on graves either the Caretakers or the organisation responsible for maintenance retain the right to remove such wreaths at their discretion.

3. Memorial Walls

The reservation of a niche in a memorial wall can be made by appropriate application and payment of the fee as determined by the Council from time to time.

4. Monumental and Lawn Cemeteries Generally

Graves - Removal of Flowers and Wreaths

Flowers and plastic wreaths will be removed from new graves after an appropriate period, to allow filling and levelling, as normal subsidence of soil takes place.

It is suggested that following the initial burial, only fresh flowers be left at memorials and monuments. These may be removed generally on a weekly basis to enable mowing of lawns and tidying up, except where interments have recently taken place, in which case the flowers will be removed when withered.

Plastic flowers will be permitted on monuments in that section of the cemetery, and removal of these will be left generally to the discretion of the relatives, however the Council will retain the right to remove them as they reach a state of deterioration.



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Interments

Ashes may not be a first interment in any monumental or lawn section.

Ashes may only be interred in a lawn or monumental grave subsequent to a traditional burial.

Ashes may be removed from a niche if required and interred with a burial in a monumental or lawn grave.

Where ashes are removed from a niche for interment with a burial the Council refund the cost of the niche reservation.

Other Regulation

- A. No person shall interfere with any plant, flower, shrub, tree or lawn or commit any nuisance
- B. Under no circumstances are any decorations to be fixed to headstones or monuments.
- C. Animals are not permitted in the cemetery grounds.
- D. Traffic speed limit is restricted to 10 kph.

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