

NARRABRI LAWN CEMETERY – FLORAL AND OTHER TRIBUTES POLICY

Responsible Department:	Infrastructure Delivery
Responsible Section:	Parks and Open Spaces
Responsible Officer:	Manager Parks and Open Spaces

Objective

- To provide a clear direction and consistent approach in relation to the decoration of plinths at the Narrabri Lawn Cemetery;
- To keep the general appearance of the cemetery consistent.

Introduction

Cemeteries and burial sites are very significant places to people, for obvious reasons. While some people express themselves and their feelings for loved ones passed by adorning the grave site with elaborate decoration, others prefer simpler adornment. It is important that Council regulate the decoration of the lawn cemetery to ensure the amenity of all graves for everybody. This policy seeks to strike a balance between the two (2), so that people can pay their respects to those no longer with us, while respecting the preferences of others.

Policy

1. Grave Decorations

- 1.1. No floral or other tribute is to be placed on the lawn area outside the extent of the approved plinth.
- 1.2. Containers (vases and the like) required to hold floral tributes are restricted to one article for each grave with this container being placed in a special opening provided in the plinth.
- 1.3. Solar powered lights are restricted to one article for each grave with the light being placed in the special opening provided in the plinth.
- 1.4. No use is to be made of glass jars and containers, which will detract from the general appearance of the park.
- 1.5. No fixtures or fittings are to be attached to the plinths or placed on the lawn area.
- 1.6. No tree, shrub or other plant is to be placed or planted in the lawn section other than by Council.

2. Removal of Grave Decorations

- 2.1. Aged flowers and wreaths will be regularly removed from the grave by Council after an appropriate time has lapsed.
- 2.2. Should it become necessary for Council to remove vases and other items and Council forms the view that these items are valuable, they will be registered and stored at Council's Works Depot.
- 2.3. Stored items will be available for return to owners on request at the Narrabri Administration Building, for a period of up to six months, after which they will be disposed of.

3. Review

3.1. This policy will be reviewed within 12 months of an Ordinary Council Election or such other time on an as-needs basis.

References

- *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

History

Minute Number	Meeting Date	Description of Change
222/2006	April 18, 2006	Adopted
26/2012	February 21, 2012	Reviewed
607/2013	September 3, 2013	Reviewed
164/2017	August 15, 2017	Reviewed
	September 1, 2021	Rebranded
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