



Memorialisation

Memorials pay respect and provide a place for remembrance. By planning ahead you can ensure peace of mind.

There can be great comfort in establishing a permanent symbol to a loved one's remembrance – a point of focus and confidence in having created a historical record. A memorial for a loved one aids individuals in the grieving process and is a tangible record of a life lived.

We offer a variety of memorials to meet the needs of families commemorating a loved one. Contact us to find out more about purchasing a memorial site.

Ashes memorials

Memorial sites in a memorial garden or columbarium wall are available for the placement of cremated remains.

Columbarium niche wall

Sites are available at Coomera, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Pimpama and Southport Lawn Cemeteries. These may be purchased as a single, double or triple site (subject to availability). Ashes are interred in the chosen site and a memorial plaque placed over the site.



Southport Lawn Granite Columbarium Wall and Ashes Memorial Gardens

Ashes memorial gardens

Sites are available at Mudgeeraba, Southport General and Southport Lawn Cemeteries. These may be purchased as a single, double or family site (subject to availability). Ashes are interred in the chosen site and a memorial plaque placed over the site.



Southport General Rose Garden

Ashes scattering

Mudgeeraba and Southport Lawn cemeteries have garden areas available for the placement of a memorial plaque only, where no interment of ashes is required.

A memorial plaque can be purchased through the City of Gold Coast (City). The plaque will be supplied and fixed to a memorial rock within the chosen cemetery.

Additionally, a request for a loved one's ashes to be scattered within cemetery grounds is also available.



Southport Lawn Ashes Scattering

Natural Burial Area

Natural burial areas provide a unique, dignified and environmentally sustainable alternative to traditional interment practices.

To help create and preserve the environment, no headstones or markers are permitted in these areas.

The City can arrange for a memorial to be placed on a communal memorial tree at the entrance to the burial area.

Lawn Cemeteries

Lawn sections cater for burials where a monument or grave surround is not required. A memorial tablet or plaque is placed on the grave site in accordance with *Council's Local Law No 13* (Cemeteries). The remaining grave site surrounds are then turfed and maintained by our staff.

No ornamentation on the grave, or objects fixed to the plaque other than a supplied vase, are allowed.

A memorial tablet will have an upper and lower surface dimension of 530 millimetres x 530 millimetres and be either;

- (i) moulded concrete block 40 millimetres thick fitted with either a cast bronze, non ferrous metal or stone plaque which is not more than six millimetres raised above the surface of the concrete; or
- (ii) granite/marble tablet, minimum 50 millimetres to maximum 75 millimetres thick.

Memorial tablets may have a 13 millimetre diameter vase hole located 50 millimetres from the top and situated on the vertical centre line.

Privately supplied headstones or memorial tablets require approval. An application outlining the proposal of work is to be submitted prior to any installation. A fee, to be determined by the City, must be paid on presentation of the submission.



Lawn Beam Sections (grave sites)

We have developed a number of sections (lawn beam construction) within its Southport Lawn and Mudgeeraba cemeteries, where a monument or grave surround is not required.

The remaining grave site surrounds are turfed and maintained by our cemeteries staff. These sections are located at Mudgeeraba and Southport Lawn cemeteries.

Southport Lawn

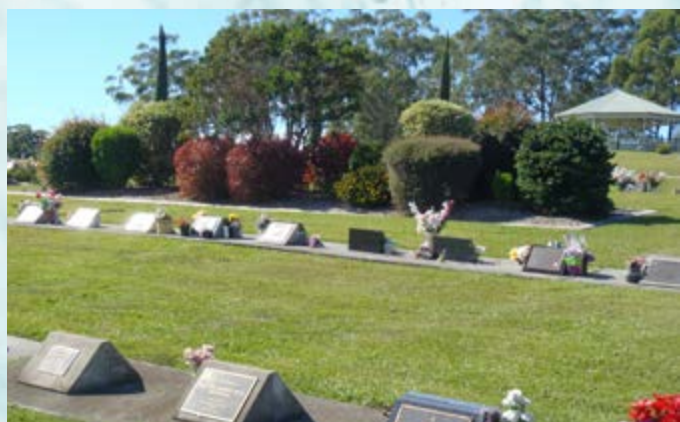
A memorial tablet/plaque is placed on an elevated tablet (desk) in the beamed section in accordance with *Local Law No 13 (Cemeteries)*.

The desk face size for holding memorial tablets within these sections is 480 millimetres (width) x 330 millimetres (height).

Plaques or memorial tablets to be placed on these desks cannot be larger than the desk face size. Only our staff are authorised to install the memorial tablet. A permit to construct a memorial tablet must be obtained from the City of Gold Coast (City) commencing on site.



Southport Lawn Cemetery



Southport Lawn Beam section

Mudgeeraba

The following conditions apply to the erection and installation of a headstone/memorial tablet in the monumental lawn beam section of the cemetery;

- (i) A headstone or memorial tablet may be centrally placed on the lawn beam located at either the head or foot of the grave.
- (ii) Where a memorial tablet is supplied, all costs of inscription are based on the range of approved specimen memorial tablets. Any additional costs, including an installation fee, are to be met by the applicant.
- (iii) Privately supplied headstones or memorial tablets require our approval. An application outlining the proposal of work is to be submitted to us prior to any installation. A fee to be determined by the City must be paid on presentation of the submission.
- (iv) Materials permitted in the construction of a headstone/memorial tablet can be either stone, concrete, metal or any other material which has a proven durability in excess of 70 years and is approved by an authorised person. Maximum width, depth and height of the headstone or tablet is: width 600 millimetres (**excluding** base), depth 300 millimetres and height 600 millimetres (**including** base). Maximum base width 1200mm.



Mudgeeraba Lawn Cemetery



Mudgeeraba Lawn Beam section

Monumental sections (grave sites)

Standard headstone and grave surrounds can be placed in monumental sections. A section for above ground vaults is available at Southport General Cemetery.

Monumental cemeteries

Headstone or monuments in monumental cemeteries may be installed by private arrangement through a Monumental Mason. A permit to perform monumental works must be obtained prior to commencing work – a relevant fee applies.

On receipt of the application, checks are made to ensure construction is in accordance with the Australian Standard AS4204-1994 (Headstones and Cemetery monuments) guidelines and the length and width of the monument does not exceed the gravesite dimension.

If a monument is not required, a City-supplied memorial plaque can be installed on the grave as an alternative. Application for this can be made through the City of Gold Coast.



Temporary monument

Written approval is required for a temporary monument to be placed on a grave site. A letter must be forwarded outlining details of the temporary monument including a time frame for completion of the monument.

Responsibility of burial right holder

Shrubs (not trees) may be planted on the grave site. Ongoing maintenance of the site and shrubs is the responsibility of the burial right holder and/or family.

We do not accept responsibility for the maintenance of any monument. A monument always remains the responsibility of the burial right holder or family and descendants.

We reserve the right to remove any monument (after due notice to the family or descendants) if it becomes a danger to cemetery staff or visitors. See below.

Excerpt from *Local Law No. 13 (Cemeteries)*

Removal of memorials

- (i) City of Gold Coast staff may remove or reposition a memorial in a cemetery if it has become unsafe or has fallen into a state of disrepair.
- (ii) If there is no immediate danger to the public, we must, before removing or repositioning a memorial, give family members of the deceased whose identity and whereabouts are known, reasonable notice of intention to remove or reposition the memorial.
- (iii) We are not obliged to reinstate a memorial which is removed or repositioned.