



 Rockhampton Memorial Gardens

Rockhampton Region Cemeteries

Rockhampton Regional Council manages six cemeteries throughout our Region, with five open to new interments and two are heritage listed.

Our cemeteries are thoughtfully designed to provide a serene resting place to all who have been laid to rest.

We have intentionally created tranquil environments for visitors, so they may pay their respects and remember their loved ones.

Rockhampton Memorial Gardens

The Rockhampton Memorial Gardens is set amongst 44 acres of landscaped gardens within a bush setting, providing a natural and peaceful final resting place for your loved ones, while allowing visitors a tranquil place to pay their respects and reflect in quiet contemplation.

Services available include:

- Crypt burials in reserved graves
- Ashes interments in granite columbarium
- Ashes interments in informal garden plots
- Ashes interments in reserved crypts or memorial blocks
- Ashes scatter garden
- Pre-term babies memorial
- Non-denominational chapel and reception area
- Garden services
- Full set up for burials and ashes interments

North Rockhampton Cemetery

The North Rockhampton Cemetery was established more than 130 years ago, and its history is reflected in the many historical monuments throughout.

A small portion of the cemetery was set aside to honour some of our war veterans and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Cemetery is a monumental cemetery only.

Services available include:

- Burials in monumental areas including pre-existing or reserved graves
- Ashes interments in pre-existing or reserved graves
- Memorial Wall for plaques to honour loved ones whose graves are unknown
- Full set up for burials and ashes interments

Gracemere Cemetery

The Gracemere Cemetery began as a monumental cemetery circa 1922 with a lawn section added later. A significant number of headstones mark the resting place of some of the early pioneers of the district.

Services available include:

- Burials in the lawn section
- Burials in pre-existing or reserved graves (including monumental area)
- Ashes interments in ashes wall
- Ashes interments in pre-existing or reserved graves
- Full set up for burials and ashes interments

Bajool Cemetery

The Bajool cemetery is a small cemetery that was established in 1897. It is predominately a monumental cemetery with a small lawn section established in recent times.

Services available include:

- Burials in the lawn section
- Burials in pre-existing or reserved graves
- Ashes interments in pre-existing or reserved graves
- Full set up for burials and ashes interments

South Rockhampton Cemetery

The South Rockhampton Cemetery (also referred to as the Rockhampton General Cemetery) began operation around 1864 when the original burial ground near the present-day Col Brown Park along the Fitzroy River was deemed unsuitable and closed. During the next century the cemetery became the final resting place for thousands of the men, women and children from all walks of life, who helped create the region we all enjoy today.

The cemetery was officially closed and heritage listed in 1993. Many historically important and interesting memorials can be found here with the earliest headstone recorded as 1862.

Mount Morgan Cemetery

Established more than 120 years ago, the Mount Morgan Cemetery is steeped in history. The monumental section of the cemetery is heritage listed and contains many examples of fine monumental craftsmanship, cultural diversity and historical significance. Such examples include the Linda Memorial, erected in 1909 in memory of miners who perished in disastrous mining accidents, to the Chinese Heung Lew or incense burner.

Today most burials take place in the lawn section which was added to the cemetery in recent years.

Services available include:

- Burials in the lawn section
- Burials in pre-existing or reserved graves (including monumental area)
- Ashes interments in ashes wall or granite columbarium
- Ashes interments in pre-existing or reserved graves
- Memorial Wall for plaques to remember loved ones whose graves are unknown
- Full set up for burials and ashes interments



Visiting our cemeteries

All our cemeteries have been created to provide a resting place for all who have been laid to rest.

Our goal is to create a peaceful environment for visitors to honour the memories of their loved ones. Therefore, we kindly ask that you read the list below for what is allowed at each of our sites and adhere to the rules which are in place to respect all who have been laid to rest in our cemeteries. Failure to follow the guidelines below may result in staff removing non-conforming items during routine maintenance at each site.

Our cemeteries are home to local wildlife, which is why we adhere to a strict non-plastic policy to protect them from harm.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in following our guidelines on acceptable items to leave at each site, ensuring that our cemeteries remain a peaceful sanctuary for all who visit, wildlife included.

We deeply respect those buried in our cemeteries and strive to maintain clear boundaries to prevent disruption to neighbouring graves.

Therefore, please keep all floral adornments contained to the appropriate site on either the grave cover, headstone, beam or marker, and refrain from painting adornments or placing items on surrounding areas.



Non-conforming items

For the safety of our staff and public, the following items are not allowed:

- Glass, china, ceramic or other breakable ornaments or receptacles
- Wind chimes, windmill ornaments, solar or battery powered lights or ornaments
- Candles
- Stuffed toys or items that will disintegrate
- Balloons
- Items that will rust, break or disintegrate including alcohol containers
- Items with hooks, spikes or sharp edges
- Items that are spiked into the ground
- Artificial turf or similar products
- Pot plants
- Items that are placed on trees, shrubs or plants
- Items that are left in communal areas like lawn, gardens or pathways
- Any form of fencing, border or garden edging

While we understand your desire to grieve your loved one, we must also prioritise the safety and well-being of all staff and visitors to our cemeteries.

Any items that do not comply with our guidelines will be removed as part of maintenance at each site. Except for perished items such as deteriorated floral arrangements, reasonable attempts will be made to contact the holder of burial rights to collect any removed item/s as soon as practical. Where an item fails to be collected, the item will be retained for up to four weeks before being considered for disposal. For more information on our cemeteries, please see our website.



Welcomed tributes

Fresh, dried or limited artificial flowers are acceptable items that can be placed on memorials. Please remove any plastic wrapping and rubber bands from the flowers and place in the bins situated about the grounds. Please place any floral tribute on the beam of the memorial and be careful not to encroach on neighbouring sites.

Monumental section

Grave covers, headstones, or beams may be installed on the grave 12 months after the burial to allow Council to manage ground subsidence. During the first 12 months, adornments may be left at the head of the grave. Any items left on the body of the grave during the first 12 months will be removed without notice, where safe to do so.

During the first 12 months, a small timber cross no more than 50cm high may be placed at the head of the grave to mark the site, however it must not impede Council's ability to top up the soil as required. If placing a plaque and/or marker on a grass top grave, a concrete beam must also be installed to ensure the plaque and/or marker is sufficiently raised off the ground to reduce damage to the installation and ensure maintenance activities can be undertaken efficiently and safely.

A Memorial Installation Permit Application Form must be completed and forwarded to Council, along with payment of the applicable fee, prior to any work being conducted on a monumental site. All installations must be in accordance with the Cemetery Related Activities Policy and Procedure, available at: www.rrc.qld.gov.au/AboutCouncil/Policies-and-Procedures/Community

All acceptable items must be placed on the grave cover, headstone or beam. No adornments are to be placed on grassed areas.

Columbarium/Niche Wall

A small single stem vase may be purchased and attached to the plaque allowing loved ones to leave a small floral tribute. No other adornments are permitted to be placed on or around the wall or surrounding garden or grassed area.

Groves (crypts)

Floral tributes may be placed in the receptacles installed near the tags or on the memorial blocks. No adornments of any kind are to be placed on grassed areas, memorial blocks or memorial walls within the groves (bronze plaques are excepted on memorial blocks and walls).

Garden plots

Granite markers with bronze plaques only are permitted to be placed in the garden plots. Floral tributes may be placed in the plastic vases provided by Council.

Any other item on a garden site must be placed within the allocated site.

Lawn section

Concrete, granite, sandstone or marble markers or desks, and bronze plaques are permitted to be installed on the beam.

Floral tributes should be placed in non-breakable vases. All items must be placed within the allocated area of the beam and must not intrude on any other site. No adornments are to be placed on grassed areas. There is to be no painting of the beams.

