

Roadside Memorials

Council recognises that some members of the community may wish to commemorate / indicate a road fatality by installing a roadside memorial. A roadside memorial can be defined as a physical token or object placed within a road reserve by the responsible person that symbolises the memory of persons involved in a road fatality.

Whilst Council deals sensitively with issues associated with roadside memorials, it also has a responsibility to ensure the roadside memorial is in a safe location, can be easily maintained, will not cause distress to adjacent residents, and will cause minimum distraction or hazard to road users and visitors to the site.

What you need to consider...

When installing a roadside memorial, you need to consider:

- **Safety** – memorials must be small in size and not compromise the safety of road users or visitors to the memorial site;
- **Community** – consideration must be given to the surrounding community by respecting and retaining the views of local residents; and
- **Location** – memorials cannot impede Council, utility or emergency service operations and are not to be affixed to power poles, regulatory traffic signs, in medians or on roundabouts.

Consultation

Residents may find roadside memorials, particularly in urban settings, upsetting as they are a reminder of an incident that occurred near their property. Council therefore requests that the views of adjacent residents located within 100 metres in each direction of the proposed roadside memorial site are obtained and respected prior to proceeding with the construction and installation of any roadside memorial.

Construction and Installation

Construction and installation of any memorial will be your responsibility and at your cost.

A roadside memorial must be:

- Small enough to ensure minimal distraction to road users;
- A moveable structure or a small plaque;
- Constructed of appropriate material (e.g. wood, flowers); and
- Installed in a way that will not cause injury if struck by a vehicle.

Roadside memorials are not permitted to:

- Exceed one metre in height;
- Be monuments constructed of heavy materials (e.g., concrete or stone);
- Comprise large objects;
- Be reflective or illuminated (including solar lights); or

- Have more than one memorial for each incident.

Indemnity or Public Liability Insurance

You will not need to arrange indemnity or public liability insurance for the roadside memorial.

Maintenance

Maintenance of the memorial will be your responsibility, and you must exercise due care and attention when undertaking such activities. It is your responsibility to keep the site tidy and prevent it becoming overgrown.

Council will always exercise due care and attention when carrying out any road reserve maintenance and in the vicinity of the memorial, however, it does not accept responsibility for any maintenance of the memorial, or any loss or damage that may occur as a result of roadside maintenance.

Similarly, Council does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage that occurs to the memorial as a result of vandalism or destructive weather events.

Relocation and Removal

At times, Council may need to remove or relocate the roadside memorial. Should the removal or relocation of a roadside memorial be required, Council will make every effort to contact you prior to doing so.

If you have not notified Council of your roadside memorial then we may not be able to make contact with you, so please ensure you complete the Roadside Memorial Notification Form to keep your information up to date.

A roadside memorial may be removed or relocated as a result of:

- Roadworks in the vicinity of the memorial;
- Modifications to the road layout;
- The memorial becoming unsafe or a hazard to road users;
- Council receives objections or complaints from residents regarding any aspect of the memorial or the activities of visitors to the memorial; or
- If the roadside memorial is not maintained.

If Council needs to remove or relocate a roadside memorial, it will do so safely and carefully and then return the roadside memorial to its original position if possible.

How long can the memorial stay in place?

All memorials should be considered temporary, but may remain in place indefinitely, provided they are regularly maintained and do not become a road safety hazard. It is your responsibility to ensure the roadside memorial always remains compliant with Council's Roadside Memorials Policy.

Tell Us About Your Roadside Memorial

You do not need a permit to install a roadside memorial that complies with Council's [Roadside Memorials Policy](#), however, Council asks that you submit a [Roadside Memorial Notification Form](#). By letting us know, we can contact you if we ever need to remove or relocate your roadside memorial.

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