

Grave Surrounds, Covers or Monuments on Graves

Do Council arrange monuments and monument covers?

Council does not arrange or perform monumental work for graves in our cemeteries. It is the responsibility of the family to engage a suitably qualified stonemasons or tradespersons to perform the works.

Can I do the work myself or do I have to engage the services of a monumental stonemason?

All works must be carried out by suitably qualified stonemasons or tradespersons and their details to be supplied to Council in your application.

How do I apply to erect or refurbish a monument?

You will need to complete an Application to Erect a Monument or Application to Refurbish a Monument form which is found on our website at www.wdrc.qld.gov.au. Both the applicant and the stonemason of your choice will need to sign the application and provide Council with a diagram of the proposed masonry work. The form is to be submitted to Council for approval along with payment of the relevant fee.

How do I know if Council has approved my application?

Once your application is assessed and approved Council will send an approval letter to you with our terms and conditions for the work to be undertaken. No work is to be undertaken prior to approval.

When can the masonry work take place?

Dates and times for the works to be undertaken are to be submitted to Council. A minimum of 2 business days' notice must be provided to Council prior to any approved works commencing. Although Council try their best to accommodate requests some dates and times may be declined due to operations at the relevant cemetery.

What are Council's expectations of the stonemason at the Cemetery?

The approval holder will make sure the area is secure to ensure the safety of all visitors to the cemetery. The site must also be reinstated to the previous standard with all rubbish and debris removed from the cemetery.

Who is responsible for maintaining the monument?

It is the responsibility of the right of burial holder to maintain the monument. Should the monument become damaged, vandalised or fall into disrepair it is the burial holders responsibility to make any repairs.

What if I want to organise a second interment when there is a monument cover in place at the grave?

Graves and where applicable adjoining graves with monuments, may require the complete or partial removal of grave surrounds, cover or monuments on the grave for a second interment. It is the responsibility of the burial holder to organise these works through a stonemason. Where it is necessary to re-open a grave by breaking up and removing a concrete cover/monument, Council will not be responsible for re-instatement of the memorial following a burial.