

Flowers, Vases, Memorabilia, Tributes, plants and shrubs

Gladstone Regional Council understand the need to show love and remembrance through the placement of floral and ornamental tributes. These guidelines clearly outline what kind of tributes can be left at graves, ashes plots and memorial sites.

Flowers

Fresh flowers on graves, or memorial sites, is preferred. Flowers should be securely placed in an appropriate vase, these are available on location at some Cemeteries and may also be purchased from Funeral Directors. Vases or receptacles that are not appropriate will be removed by Council staff.

Artificial flowers are only permitted at Bororen Cemetery. Artificial flowers that are not secure, left loose or strewn about by wind or animals or have become faded or dishevelled, will be removed and disposed of.

Council will take every precaution to ensure that floral tributes on memorials, monuments or graveside will remain intact whilst in good condition but will not be held responsible for premature removal either by its staff or members of the public.

Memorabilia and Tributes

To maintain the safety of employees, contractors, and visitors, and to preserve the aesthetic visual appeal and prevent excess litter, placement of items made of glass, ceramics, tinsel, windmills, flags, solar lighting or other such decorations is not permitted in any Gladstone Region Cemetery.

Respect your neighbour

Items must not impede on, or over, neighbouring graves or plaques. Statues and ornaments must be no higher than 100mm.

Planting of Trees and Shrubs

As per Gladstone Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011 all plants and trees within the Regions Cemeteries remain the property of Council. Planting of trees and shrubs in Monumental, Historical and Lawn Cemeteries is not permitted by members of the public.

Removal of items by cemetery staff

Cemetery staff are required, as part of their regular duties to remove floral and ornamental tributes in order to carryout routine maintenance. This also ensures Cemeteries are maintained to a standard that enables the entire community to visit cemeteries that are beautiful, tidy and safe.

Although a sensitive task and one that the cemetery staff gain no satisfaction from performing, the practical reality is that all tributes will age or wither. All tributes will at some point, need to be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff. It is an unfortunate task, but one that needs to be performed.

Items removed and are considered of value are marked with identification and placed in storage for a period of one (1) month, and thereafter disposed of by Council. To arrange collection contact Council on (07) 4970 0700.