

POLICY 3129

OBERON LAWN CEMETERY GUIDELINES

1. Objective/Scope

The Oberon Lawn Cemetery is a lawn cemetery set in the centre of the Oberon Cemetery offering a picturesque, low maintenance burial option in a non-denominational section of the cemetery.

The facility is designed as a circular lawn cemetery and it is Oberon Councils responsibility to maintain the area so that it is consistent with the overall design.

In an effort to maintain the cemetery to the highest possible standard the following guidelines have been determined and are enforced by Oberon Council.

2. Graves

All grave sites are provided a concrete plinth on a concrete base to attach a memorial plaque to. The remaining area of the gravesite is planted with grass seed after burial and is maintained by council during routine mowing. No memorial items, flowers etc. can be placed on this area. Any items that interfere with routine mowing will be removed.

Fresh or artificial flowers may be placed in the receptacles provided directly behind the concrete plinth. Vases are permitted subject to the following conditions;

- Vases must be made of plastic, bronze or similar weather hardy material (glass not permitted)
- Vases are not to be taller than the concrete plinth
- Vases must be paced on the concrete base not the grass

Gravesites must remain neat and tidy and must not deter from the simplistic beauty of the site.

3. Plaques

At the time of burial a standard plaque is pre-paid with the funeral expenses. All Lawn Cemetery plaques are arranged through Oberon Council in order to maintain consistency.

If a lawn cemetery plaque is not ordered by the family/next of kin one (1) year following interment then Council will write to them asking them to contact Council to make arrangements for a plaque. The contact letter will be sent by Council to the next of kin details as supplied by the funeral director.

If no response is received to this letter within 28 days or if the family/next of kin indicates that they will not arrange a plaque then Council will order and affix a standard plaque which will include the following, as per information supplied to Council by the funeral director at the time of interment:

- Name of the Deceased
- Date of Birth and Date of Death

The plaque will be standard dark brown in colour with a solid border.

Council reserves the right to remove without notice any memorialisation or plaque that does not comply with this Policy; that is unsafe; that is inconsistent with the overall design of the Lawn Cemetery or that is considered inappropriate or offensive.

4. Number of internments

Each grave site has the capacity to receive up to four (4) interments with a maximum of two (2) burials (stacked) and two (2) cremations. A second interment into the same plot is permitted only where the first interment has been placed at double depth.

5. Reservations

Reservations cannot be made for a particular location in the lawn cemetery and plots are allocated on an as needed basis. Plots can be pre-purchased, however the exact location cannot be guaranteed.

Staff Assistance

Council staff are available to assist with any queries relating to the cemetery. An appointment can be made by telephoning the Administration Centre during office hours on (02) 6329 8100.

Fees and charges

The fees for Oberon Lawn Cemetery are reviewed annually; therefore quotes provided may be subject to change.

Related Documentation

- The Transfer or Sale of a Right of Burial Policy
- Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013
- Public Health Act 2010
- Regulations of the Public Health Act (NSW 1991)

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