



# Sunbury Cemetery Trust

## Places of Interment and Memorials

The Cemetery Trust has Rules that provide for the general care, protection and management of the cemetery.

To assist you with the management of your loved ones' graves, the following summary of Rules adopted by the Trust relating to the placement of vases and mementos on places of interment and memorials in the cemetery is provided.

If after reading this document, you require any clarification of rules relating to the Sunbury Public Cemetery, or have any enquiries, please contact the Trust on 9205 2243 or write to the address below.

### General

#### **Items must remain within boundaries**

A person placing an item on a memorial or place of interment must ensure that the item does not extend beyond the boundaries of the memorial or place of interment. Items must not be placed on the grass in the lawn cemetery.

### Monumental Section

#### **Memorial Items**

The following applies to the whole cemetery but is most applicable to the monumental (old) section of the cemetery.

Approval is required from the Trust for the erection on a grave site of any structure. Only memorials and surrounds constructed of permanent type materials (not including wood) will be approved. Permanent memorials may only be erected by qualified Monumental Masons.

Any monument, headstone or grave surround erected without the permission of the Cemetery Trust may be removed by Order of the Trust.



### **Lawn Cemetery**

The following applies to the whole cemetery but has specific application to the lawn section.

### **Plants on Graves**

A person must not dig or plant anything in the cemetery, including on monuments, without the prior written approval of the Cemetery Trust.

Plantings on graves or adjacent to monuments create difficulties for the proper maintenance of the cemetery. Inappropriate plants can also cause damage to monuments.

### **Vases and Mementos on Graves**

The Trust provides a vase for each grave on the header strip in the lawn cemetery.

The Cemetery Trust prohibits the placing of the following items on a memorial or place of interment, including a lawn grave—

1. ceramic or glass items that are fragile or breakable; or
2. metal items that are likely to rust or deteriorate.

A person must not place any item likely to cause a risk to health or safety on a memorial or place of interment, including a lawn grave.

### **Power of Trust to Remove Objects**

The Trust may remove any of the following from a memorial or place of interment in the cemetery—

1. any object that extends beyond the boundary of the memorial or place of interment;
2. any dead flowers or any other item that is in a poor condition;
3. any object placed on a memorial or place of interment in contravention of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act, the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulations or the Rules of the Trust.

### **Practical Application of the Rules**

The Trust recognises the loss felt by people on the passing of loved ones, particularly in that period immediately following their bereavement. Accordingly, the Trust implements its Rules regarding the placement of temporary memorabilia mindful of the time passed since the most recent interment.

Notwithstanding this, the Trust will remove items that do not comply with its Rules, but every effort will be made to do so in a caring way.