

BURIAL PERMIT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

The Narromine Shire Council manages all cemeteries in the Narromine Shire. The Council has a "Policy", which sets out conditions of use that affect the cemeteries and those who enter them. If you would like a copy of the Policy please contact the Narromine Shire Council Office.

- 1. The Council is responsible for the administration, maintenance and appearance of the cemetery.
- 2. A Right of Burial, if granted, is not an easement but a licence: it is irrevocable once a body has been buried in the licensed plot.
- 3. If you decide at some future time that the Right of Burial you have obtained will not be needed you can relinquish it to Council.
 - a. Only unused (vacant) Rights of Burial can be relinguished.
 - b. You must return the original Right of Burial Certificate you were issued to Council.
 - c. Council will refund you the amount originally paid for the Right of Burial.
- 4. Right of Burial can be transferred by completing a Transfer Right of Burial application form.
- 5. Council may, subject to the provisions of the Cemeteries Legislation Amendment (Unused Burial Rights) Act 2001, revoke exclusive rights of burial.
- 6. Reservations can be made at any time by contacting Council. All reservation fees must be paid for at the time the reservation is made.
- 7. All graves are dug double depth unless otherwise requested.
- 8. Digging of graves shall be undertaken by Council staff (or those contracted by Council)
- 9. When the removal of monument slabs and headstones are required, Council staff will take all reasonable care not to cause any damage, however if a monument slab or headstone is inadvertently damaged during this process Council will not be held responsible for any repairs.
- 10. Crosses will be provided for all burial unless:
 - The Funeral Director, next of kin or the executor of the deceased persons estate have requested that no cross be provided.
 - The grave has an existing headstone or monument.
- 11. Ensure the recording of burials comply with the provisions of Clause 24 Public Health (Disposal of Bodies) Regulation 2002. Additional information may be recorded for family history purposes.

- 12. All activities that take place in the cemetery grounds shall comply with relevant Workcover and Occupational & Safety regulations.
- 13. Headstones in the Lawn Cemetery must be to Council's specifications. Application forms to erect headstones in the Lawn Cemeteries and the Non-denominational monumental sections.
- 14. By "Lawn Cemetery" we mean the ALL of the area that makes up the Lawn Cemetery.
- 15. All Council Cemetery fees are reviewed annually by Council and are adopted in Council's Management Plan.
- 16. Council cemeteries have areas that are set apart for the use of various religions but such setting apart does not entitle the authorities or members of any religious group to control in any manner the making of interments in any division so set apart, or to exclude any body from being buried therein.
- 17. Interment of ashes must be carried out by Council staff.
- 18. Flowers, wreaths, artificial flowers and ornaments will be removed from gravesites by Council staff if in their opinion they have deteriorated to such an extent as to detract from the appearance of the cemetery.
- 19. No trees, shrubs or flowers are to be planted by the public in Council cemeteries.
- 20. Bronze memorial plaques have been selected for their long lasting qualities. However, plaques will exhibit signs of natural ageing or may be affected by the elements and environment. The resultant changes should not be confused with faulty
- 21. Plaques can be restored to their original condition at the expense of the grantee.

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- 22. Interments must be conducted by an approved undertaker instructed by the next of kin or executor of the estate of the deceased.
- 23. Exhumations shall be carried out in accordance with the "Guidelines for Approval and Approval Procedures for Exhumations" produced by NSW Health.