

MEMORIAL GARDENS

1. Application should be made to the Bishop through the Archdeacon for a consent for the permanent setting apart of a Memorial Garden.
2. The Bishop and Archdeacon should have prior knowledge of the plans, site and the general idea of the planning. If possible scale drawings and photographs showing the location with relation to the Church should be supplied. It is suggested that the Archdeacon be invited to the site before any formal application is made.
3. Such a garden should be of adequate size and ideally should abut against a permanent wall of the Church. Future needs relating to the building and/or gardens should be taken into account, as should permanent placement of underground utilities.
4. No person shall officiate at an interment other than an authorised member of the Anglican Church of Australia, who shall use the Anglican Church Services, unless otherwise approved and directed by the Parish Priest.
5. Ashes must be placed in the ground and not remain in plastic containers. It is recommended that the ashes be placed in a biodegradable bag (Biobag) prior to interment. It is recommended that where families have this in mind that they advise the funeral director at the time of arrangement and certainly before the ashes are collected.
6. Families should be advised that the ashes cannot be removed or returned to them should they decide to place their deceased relatives elsewhere.
7. A suitably qualified person should be appointed to administer records of the Memorial Garden. The Registry should be advised of the persons full name, address and telephone number. Records should include full name, date of death, date of interment and specific location if the garden is designed that way.
8. Any monies received should be set aside for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. A separate financial statement should be prepared and tabled at the vestry meeting.
9. The size of the plaque should be of a standard size and affixed permanently to a wall.
10. The use of Columbarium walls is not permitted.
11. Reference should be made to the cemetery guidelines regarding suggested fees.