

Lismore City Council Cemeteries & Crematorium Services







Introduction

Lismore City Council's cemeteries and crematorium honour residents who've made Lismore and its villages the diverse and vibrant community it is today.



Council manages six cemeteries and a crematorium catering for burials, cremations and memorials for ashes. Lismore Memorial Gardens is the largest cemetery offering a range of burial and memorialisation options and is the location of the Lismore Crematorium.

Council provides a number of other cemeteries in urban, rural and village settings that give residents the option to be buried and memorialised closer to their homes.

Council continually upgrades and expands its cemetery and crematorium centres to meet the needs of the community.





Lismore Memorial *Gardens*

Owned and operated by Lismore City Council, the Lismore Memorial Gardens has been servicing the Lismore district and surrounding communities since 1966.

Over these 50 years the lawn cemetery has been sympathetically landscaped and now boasts a magnificent floral display.

Contact Lismore Memorial Gardens to discuss what services we offer to suit your family's needs regarding burials, cremations, memorial services and memorialisation.



Lismore Memorial Gardens Service Options

A range of memorial service options are provided at the Lismore Memorial Gardens including chapel, graveside and gardens locations.

Chapel Service

The Chapel at the Lismore Memorial Gardens can seat up to 100 people. The chapel is fitted with an audio visual system allowing the family to show photos and play video. There is an optional outdoor screen that enables attendees of large services who stand under the outside breezeway to also view to the photos and video.



Graveside

Families can choose to have a memorial service graveside. The graveside can be set up with marquees and chairs. A graveside service allows the memorial service and burial to be undertaken within one service reducing travel for mourners.



Outdoor Service Area

The Gummifera Gardens service provides a beautiful outdoor area among the shady trees and local birdsong. This area can be setup according to the family's wishes with marquees for shade and shelter as well as chairs.

This area has sealed pathways for wheelchair accessibility.

The outdoor service area includes a beautifully crafted casket platform, as well access to a private space to retire to for post-service refreshments - we can arrange chairs, tables and power for an urn.





Cremations

Lismore Memorial Gardens provides cremation services for residents.

The crematorium is operated by Lismore City Council staff as a service to the community. The crematorium also allows for cremations without a memorial service.

Ashes from the cremation can be collected by the family at Council's Office or returned to funeral directors. The ashes are placed in a plastic canister with a name plate attached.



Burials

Lismore City Council offers residents a variety of burial service options and locations with different memorial options offered at some cemeteries.

Lismore Memorial Gardens Lawn Cemetery

The Lawn Cemetery provides a beautifully landscaped lawn with rows of memorials interspersed with roses.

Lismore Memorial Gardens Chapel Service

Before burial at the Lismore Memorial Gardens or other local district cemetery, there is an option to use the Lismore Memorial Gardens chapel for a memorial service.

Church Service

Families may wish to hold their loved ones' memorial service at a local Church and then hold the burial at the LMG Lawn Cemetery or other local cemetery — or alternatively there is the option to use the Lismore Memorial Gardens crematorium.

East Lismore Cemetery

The East Lismore Cemetery is the oldest operational cemetery in Lismore. The East Lismore Cemetery allows for large traditional granite and concrete memorials. Lismore City Council still permits burials in this cemetery.



Burials **Rural Cemeteries**

Tucki Cemetery

Located south of the Wyrallah locality the Tucki Cemetery offers scenic views to the surrounding farmland and sugar cane farms and cattle are grazed in surrounding paddocks. The Tucki Cemetery offers traditional memorial burial plots and has a niche wall for ashes interment.

Bexhill Cemetery

Located on the edge of the Bexhill township, Bexhill Cemetery is located next to the open air cathedral that can be used for a memorial service.

Dunoon Cemetery

Located on the southern side of Dunoon, the Dunoon Cemetery offers traditional memorial burial plots and plots along a concrete beam.

Nimbin Cemetery

Located on the northern side of Nimbin, the Nimbin Cemetery offers fantastic views of the surrounding countryside and the hills around Nimbin. Nimbin Cemetery allows for traditional memorial burial plots and has a garden for ashes interment.

Alphadale Cemetery

Located at the locality of Aphadale, the Alphadale Cemetery offers traditional memorial burial plots.



Tucki Cemetery Memorial Beam

Overlooking the hills and farms of Wyrallah area, the Tucki Cemetery provides memorial options for loved ones in a rural setting. The Tucki Cemetery Memorial Beam allows for the interment of both standard burials and cremated remains.

The Memorial Beam provides space for 48 burials and 144 cremated remains. Burials are undertaken into the lawn of the Tucki Cemetery and there is a concrete beam for placement of a plaque or memorial similar to the Lismore Lawn Cemetery. The burial plots can be double depth to allow the burial of two people in the same plot similar to other Council cemeteries.

The Memorial Beam provides space for cremated remains along a middle path of the beam garden. The beam garden will be planted with small natives over time. The cremated remains plots can be single or double plots.

Bushland Cemetery

The Bushland Cemetery provides for simple and informal funerals within the natural bush lands of the Lismore Memorial Gardens. The Bushland Cemetery allows for both burials and interment of ashes.

The Bushland Cemetery is located in a landscape of remnant open forest dominated by forest redgum. A maintenance and rehabilitation program is in place to ensure the Bushland Cemetery site is conserved into the long term.

The Bushland Cemetery allows for protection and conservation of local flora and fauna while still allowing a family to celebrate the life of their loved ones. All burials are GPS marked and you can choose to identify the burial plot with a natural stone and plaque, just a stone or no memorial at all.

Only coffins made from biodegradable materials such as plantation pine, recycled cardboard or woven wicker can be buried in the Bushland Cemetery.





Memorial Options For Cremated Remains At Lismore Memorial Gardens

The Lismore Memorial Gardens provides a range of memorial options to provide a truly fitting tribute for loved ones.

Having choice allows for the individualism of the departed to be reflected in the memorial and to give some comfort to those who make preparations for the final resting place.

Plaques can be made from chrome, cast bronze, sculptured bronze, granite or printed aluminium.

Apart from the choice of personalised, inscribed plaques for both burial and cremation, it is also possible to choose from a variety of memorial sites within the Memorial Gardens.

Gardens, Rockeries and Rose Gardens

There are a number of landscaped gardens around the site including the garden beds and rose beds around the crematorium, and gardens within the Lawn Cemetery. Ashes can be interred under memorials and the memorials generally include a plaque attached to a concrete or granite plinth, natural look concrete stone or a bush rock.

- Garden of Reflection
- Chapel Memorials Gardens
- Two Palms Garden
- Various garden edges



Niche walls

The niche walls at the Lismore Memorial Gardens provide a formal option for interring ashes. Ashes are directly installed within the wall and covered with a memorial plaque. A variety of different walls exist around the facility.

Memorial Beams

Located within the Lismore Memorial Gardens Lawn Cemetery, the memorial beams are for the interment of cremated remains and gives the family the ability to have a larger memorial plaque like that of a lawn burial.

There are two different beam areas at the Lawn Cemetery for the interment of cremated remains these include:

- **The Southern Memorial Beam** – is sold as double plots only for the interment of two cremated remains over time.
- **Northern Memorial Beam** – provides a multi-plot option for families, providing a memorial space for families. Each memorial plot can hold up to eight cremated remains.
- **Special options by request** – We offer an option for families to purchase a tree located onsite for the memorialisation of their loved one. We can arrange to affix a plaque or install a memorial and either scatter or inter ashes at the tree.

If you have a special request for a memorial please do not hesitate to talk to Council staff to discuss your needs.

- **The Scattering Point** – The scattering point is a communal memorial for the spreading of ashes. The scattering point is landscaped and surrounded by natural bushland. The scattering point does not identify individuals but does include a memorial for all the ashes that have been spread there. This site is not wheelchair accessible.





Memorial Options for Cremated Remains at Council's Rural Cemeteries

We offer memorial options available at the rural cemeteries for cremated remains. These include:

Tucki Cemetery

Tucki Cemetery has niche walls available for the memorialisation of ashes as well as a number of trees that can be used for memorial purposes. Tucki Cemetery also has the new memorial beam that allows for the interment of ashes.

Bexhill Cemetery

Bexhill Cemetery has a niche wall available for the memorialisation of ashes.

Dunoon Cemetery

Dunoon Cemetery has a niche wall available for the memorialisation of ashes.

Nimbin

Nimbin Cemetery has a memorial garden that is used for the interment of the ashes. A variety of memorial options are available for this garden.



PLAQUES AND HEADSTONES

Lismore City Council offers a range of plaques for lawn and lawn beam graves at Council's cemeteries. Find out how to arrange a headstone for a grave in a monument area or historical cemetery by contacting Council.

Plaques for graves and cremated remains

Plaques for lawn graves and lawn beam graves are mounted on a concrete base and installed directly onto the lawn or beam. Granite bases are available for an additional charge.

There are various standard plaque sizes dependent on whether the plaque is for a grave, garden or niche wall memorial.

Optional extras to consider with lawn grave plaques include:

- **photographs**
- **emblem features**
- **glass or steel plaques with images that can be designed to personalise the individual.**

Inscriptions directly onto granite bases are also available.

Plaques take approximately four to six weeks for completion and placement on the grave.

Headstones

Headstones for graves in rural or historical cemeteries can be arranged through an authorised monument stonemason. Headstones can be constructed on a grave six to 12 months after the burial, depending on the style of headstone. The monument stonemason you select will advise you on the timeframe and apply through Council for the permit to construct the headstone.

The maintenance of headstones and plaques are the responsibility of the family and descendants.



Cemetery Polices

In order to better manage the Lismore Memorial Gardens Lawn Cemetery Council has developed Trinket Guidelines.

These have been created to reduce the amount of breakable trinkets migrating to lawn areas and to improve the overall appearance of the cemetery. The procedure still allows family to place items on headstones but places restrictions on glass, potted plants and solar lighting.

A copy of the Trinket Guidelines can be found on Council's website.

Lismore Lawn Cemetery and Memorial Gardens Register

Lismore City Council has created a register of all those who have been buried or cremated at the Lismore Memorial Gardens.

You can search through the register by entering a name or part thereof. The register is located on the Lismore City Council website.

Cemetery Maintenance

Grounds maintenance

Maintenance of the cemetery grounds is the responsibility of Council. Grounds maintenance includes:

- mowing
- whipper snipping
- tree care
- topping-up dirt levels in graves
- lifting and levelling subsided plaques
- cleaning-up old and unwanted flowers off gravesites.

If you want to make a request for grounds maintenance, phone Council on 1300 878 387.

Headstones and plaques

Maintenance of headstones and plaques, including restoration of old and dilapidated headstones, is the responsibility of the family and descendants.



Pre-planning for a burial

When pre-planning a burial at a Council cemetery, carry out and consider the following points.

Contact the cemetery to arrange an appointment to:

- pay for interment in an already pre-purchased family grave, or
- view burial plots including the type and location of the grave
- have a Council officer show you the allocated lawn beam grave and complete paperwork (lawn beam graves are allocated by the next available grave).

Where the service will be held:

- at a private church
- the chapel in the cemetery grounds
- garden site at Lismore Memorial Gardens or
- at the graveside.

Contact a funeral director about:

- arranging a coffin
- flowers
- funeral notifications
- legislative paperwork
- transport
- the location of the cemetery and pre-purchased grave location.

Update your will with information about:

- your funeral arrangements (with clear instructions for your executor).

Ensure your next of kin or carer knows where you keep your private papers.

Contacts

For more information or bookings please visit our Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, or phone **6625 0500**.

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