



Fact Sheet

Selecting and Installing a Plaque

The Cemetery Trust is required under the Cemetery and Crematoria Act (2003) to ensure all monuments apply with relevant legislation and Australian Standards, and are of a type / material that ensures they endure for perpetuity. In light of this, all plaques are required to be of bronze or similar enduring metal. The Trust has also determined prescribed sizes for all plaques applicable by area / grave type as detailed below.

The purchase and costs are the responsibility of the family or individual.

In all cases, an initial plaque, changes to existing plaques and any additional plaques, can only be installed once an application is completed either by the Right of Interment holder or their stonemason. This application must detail the design, size and material. Once approval is given and the relevant fee(s) paid, work may proceed.

The number of plaques possible on each grave position is determined by the related bodily burial / ashes interments. These will vary throughout the cemetery.

Temporary plaques made of non-lasting material will be removed after 6 months.

Location / Type	
Traditional Full Monument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodily Remains and/or Ashes 	Usually includes an engraved headstone but could also accommodate a bronze plaque attached to the headstone. Additional interments may be marked by individual bronze plaques.
Lawn Beam Graves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodily Remains and/or Ashes 	Lawn beam graves allow for a bronze plaque to be installed on the 'booktop' provided (380 by 280mm). Any additional burials or ashes interments can be shown on existing plaque, or a new revised plaque installed. No items can be added to the grass area adjacent to the beam.
Headstone only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bodily Remains and/or Ashes 	May include either an engraved 'formal' headstone which could also accommodate a bronze plaque attached to headstone. Maximum plaque size 380 x 280mm. The possible size will vary according to the individual rocks and headstones. Or A selected rock (900 x 900mm max) with bronze plaque attached. Additional ashes interments may be marked by individual bronze plaques (380 x 280mm).
Rose / Hedged Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashes 	One bronze plaque is permitted and is to be mounted in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Gardens A & B (153 x 153mm) on plinth supplied by family. All other Memorial Gardens (180 x 115mm) - on the face of garden bed edging.
Tree Canopy - Native Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashes 	One bronze plaque is permitted (190 x 110mm) – mounted on the sloping face of the plinth supplied by BCT.
Rock Seats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Interment 	A single bronze plaque (380 x 280mm) may be installed on the side of the rock.
Bench Seats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Interment 	A single bronze plaque may be installed – position and size determined by Trust.

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Further Information

Monuments, headstones, flower vases or bronze plaques may be purchased from, and installed by, a recognised Monumental Mason.

Monumental Masons who have recently operated at the Bellbrae Cemetery are:

- Bartlett Bros - phone 03 5222 3406
- W. M. Buckle & Sons - phone 1800 013 461
- Stephen Pratt Memorials - phone 03 5229 4751
- The Headstone Company - phone 1800 012 027 Mobile 0448 121 464

N.B. This information is provided as a general guide – The Bellbrae Trust does not endorse or recommend a particular supplier. Families are strongly recommended to research their requirements and practice due diligence and care when selecting their supplier.

Floral Tributes and Vases

Floral tributes may be placed in temporary containers for a limited period following a burial, usually less than 3 months. These should be of a heavy-duty material such as stone or pottery.

In the Lawn Grave sections and Memorial Gardens of the Cemetery, it is strongly recommended that granite flower vases be used for permanent installation. They are approved by the Trust and available for purchase from Monumental Masons.

Flower containers made of glass or other fragile material are not permitted as they are a risk to Cemetery safety and will be removed without notice.

The Trust supplies plastic flower spike vases for visitor use.

In addition

The lawn section of the cemetery is designed to allow these areas to be mown close to the installed plaque mounting plinths. You are asked to respect this by keeping the lawn area free of obstructions.

No tree, shrub or other vegetation (including lawn) may be planted in the Cemetery or on or near a grave without the prior written approval of the Trust.

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