

Fact Sheet



A Guide to Selecting a Gravesite at Bellbrae



Selecting a gravesite is an important part of the planning and grieving processes, so we encourage individuals and families to be aware of the individual's wishes as well as the requirements of the Cemetery Trust. Our cemetery offers a variety of settings and gravesite options as peaceful resting places for you or your loved one.

It is important to note that there are established areas in the cemetery that will determine what type of monument you can install.

The Bellbrae Cemetery Trust highly recommends a visit to the cemetery and walk around the grounds, observing what you might like about the different grave types, headstones and monuments. In addition to burial of ashes, there are 3 main gravesite options, which are explained overleaf.

As you explore the Cemetery or scan the map in our shelter, you may notice reference to historical religious precincts as well as section markers e.g. Baptist - Lawn A. These "religious" precincts were put in place when the cemetery was first established in the mid 1800's. They form part of the cultural heritage the Trust is charged and mandated with maintaining. Although in practice the religious aspects are not in active use, it is generally accepted that all plots and garden memorials, regardless of precinct, are non-denominational and are available to, and in use by, families of varied faiths.

All monumental works must be approved by the Trust, prior to commencement, to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and Australian Standards. This includes selection and installation of plaques.

Bellbrae Cemetery has a No Glass / No Ceramics Policy.

Our Secretary will guide you through the selection process and advise of the related fees & documentation.

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Individual Rock / Bench seats for visitors use are located throughout the cemetery – they can be dedicated by families. Conditions & fees apply. e.g. No interment rights / One bronze plaque permitted. Further details available from our Secretary.

A. Cremated Remains

At Bellbrae Cemetery we offer a number of options for the interment of cremated remains / ashes.

Formal gardens

Our Rose, Lavender or Rosemary gardens enjoy classic floral planting where loved ones ashes are buried around the border.

A commemorative plaque is then attached to a freestanding mount or the garden surround depending on the design.

Native bush gardens

This option is typically under or around a native tree. The area is landscaped to make the most of the natural setting.

In these areas commemorative plaques are attached to a freestanding mount.

Standard Gravesites

Standard gravesites can be purchased specifically to bury ashes of a family group. This may include a combination of coffin burial(s) plus ashes or simply ashes. (A maximum of 4 ashes can be buried). Some standard size gravesites are specifically reserved for ashes burial – usually due to their proximity to an established tree.



B. Lawn Beam Gravesites

Lawn Beam gravesites are low to the ground, formed concrete paths that include a “desktop” where personalized plaques commemorating your loved one are attached. These sites can also include a granite / concrete vase. The area immediately in front of the beam is always kept clear for mowing and maintenance. **No other structure or planting is permitted.**

This option can be found in both the new and established areas of the cemetery. They have been placed to maximise the spacious and rustic bushland grounds of the cemetery.

C. Headstone Only Gravesites

This option has become increasingly popular at Bellbrae as it complements our rural, bush setting

For these gravesites, the grave marker is usually made of Granite, Marble or Rock and is placed at the head of the grave. Personalized plaques commemorating your loved one are then either attached or incorporated into the design.

The area immediately in front of the headstone is always kept clear for mowing and landscape maintenance. For these graves, **the headstone is the only structure permitted.**

There are various areas in the cemetery that offer this “Headstone Only” option especially in the area towards the northern section of the cemetery where the established native trees provide a shaded and tranquil setting.



D. Traditional Full Monuments

While the Full Monument grave sections at Bellbrae Cemetery were historically divided into religious and non-denominational areas, they are now open to all. These sites provide for individually crafted monuments to be erected and are typically much larger than a headstone. A full monument is placed over the whole grave area. This can be single or sometimes double when a family plot is established.

Traditional Full monuments usually consist of kerbs, a base stone and a headstone. A monument can be covered by a granite slab, called a ledger or pebbles, called a Pebble top. Maximum allowable height is 950mm.



Gravesite Option:

Selected By:

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Name Of Holder of Right of Interment	
Signed:	Signed on behalf of Trust:	
email:		