

FLOWER AND ORNAMENT POLICY

**Keeping our Cemeteries
Safe and Looking Great**

Pre – Cyclone Clean up

In October each year, cemetery staff will undertake a clean up of the cemetery grounds and graves prior to the on-set of the wet season. Public Notices will be placed during September each year advising the general public of the pre-cyclone clean up.

All items of a unsightly or hazardous nature that have the potential to become dangerous flying objects during storms will be removed and stored for a period of one month. After one month has transpired, these items will be disposed of at the cemetery's discretion.

For further information please contact:

Thorak Cemetery 8947 0903

Darwin General Cemetery 8930 0583



KEEPING OUR CEMETERIES SAFE AND TIDY A BIG TASK AND ONE THAT WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT YOUR ASSISTANCE.

To enable us to maintain our gardens to a high standard and to provide a safe environment for visitors and staff, the Thorak Regional Cemetery Committee has developed this Flower and Ornament Policy which clearly outlines what we can all do to ensure the environment stays clean, tidy and hazard free. Visitors are reminded that items placed at a gravesite can become dangerous projectiles during storms.

Why do we need a policy?

The policy has been introduced to ensure that you can visit and reflect in an environment that is safe, clean and tidy.

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We welcome a limited placement of fresh or artificial flowers at burial and/or memorial sites.

We do not allow for the placement of glass vases or receptacles, ornaments, flags, photo frames, candles, toys or wind chimes as excess items may encroach on other family owned memorials or graves. These items can be a safety hazard for visitors and staff alike.

You should always dispose of weathered non-biodegradable flowers by placing them within one of the rubbish bins at the cemetery.

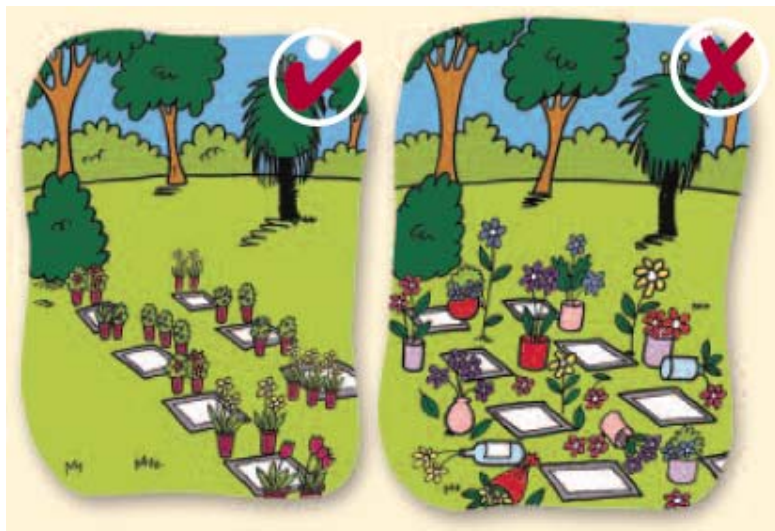
Respect your neighbour

It is important to respect your neighbour and ensure that your tributes do not encroach upon your neighbours memorial. This can cause unnecessary distress to other families.

This policy provides fair guidelines that apply uniformly to everyone.

Making your site 'special'

The Thorak Regional Cemetery Committee recognises that you may wish to personalise a memorial or burial site that you care for. For this reason we ask that you take the time to become familiar with this policy. Your co-operation is highly valued.



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General Guidelines

- Flowers can be placed near your grave/memorial.
- Floral tributes, both fresh and artificial, or other items that encroach on neighbouring memorials or graves will be removed without notice.
- Fresh or limited artificial flowers are welcome tributes. These should be housed in non glass or breakable containers. Visitors are encouraged to remove such items when they become unsightly, weathered or withered.
- Cemetery staff endeavour to keep the grounds neat and tidy by removing withered or weathered floral arrangements and any tributes deemed unsuitable or unsightly. This will be carried out at the cemetery's discretion.
- Glass vases, jars or other receptacles, ornaments, photoframes, candles, toys, windmills and wind chimes etc are not permitted and will be removed.
- Items re-located by cemetery staff may be retrieved from the administration office building. The cemetery reserves the right to dispose of items two weeks after being removed. These items are not to be placed back on the grave or memorial.
- Picking of flowers and plants within the cemetery is prohibited.
- Planting of plants and unsecured pot plants within the cemetery grounds is only permissible with written approval from the Thorak Regional Cemetery Committee or Council.
- Exceptions to the above may be made for anniversaries or special occasions, please contact the cemetery office to make arrangements. Tributes of this nature may remain on the grave or memorial for up to one week before they must be cleared.
- Markers of any kind outlining a gravesite or rocks, pebbles or pavers are not permissible over the grassed areas within Sections A, B or the Gardens of Angels sections. Markers, rocks, pebbles or pavers will be removed immediately from these areas..

