

Guidance for the erection of memorials

Before considering the erection of any memorial on your loved one's gravesite, you are required to submit a plan (simple drawing, dimensions and materials to be used) to the Secretary for approval by the trust.

Most grave surrounds and memorials at Beenak Cemetery consist of simple edgings using such things as bluestone pitchers or timber surrounds.

There are several traditional headstones at the cemetery, and these are permitted. Alternatively, a large rock with a plaque is also generally acceptable.

Please note, in accordance with cemetery policy, upon the erection of a gravesite surround and/or memorial, a fee of either 10% of the overall cost, or a minimum of \$165 is payable to the cemetery trust. Non-payment of these funds may result in the memorial being removed by the trust.

Upon approval of your gravesite memorial plans, the trust will notify you. We will at this time also request you confirm an attendance date of either yourself or the party undertaking the gravesite works. This will allow the trust to ensure the gravesite is appropriately measured and marked out for you.

Plants must be limited to small shrubs which will, at their most mature, not be taller or wider than one metre. Any plants which will exceed this size will be removed by the trust, as there is potential for their root system to cause problems to other gravesites and overrun the cemetery and its views.

Gravesite maintenance is the responsibility of family and loved ones. The trust will make all reasonable endeavours to contact responsible parties should the need arise. However, if this is not achievable, reasonable pruning of plants may be undertaken by the trust to ensure the cemetery is not compromised.

Please see the contacts tab on our website and contact the cemetery trust for further information.