

Approved Monumental Masons

Monumental Masons are required to become an approved Council contractor to install memorials within our district cemeteries. Their work is carried out in accordance with New Zealand Standards for Headstones and Cemetery Monuments (NZS4242:2018). The New Zealand standard for Headstones and Cemetery Monuments stipulates the type of materials that can be used for headstones and memorials to ensure these are robust and will last for a minimum predicted service life of 50 years. Most natural stone and some non-ferrous metals would be considered suitable, talk to a monumental mason for further advice.

Materials that do not meet NZS4242:2018 standards are wood, glass, steel, composite materials, fibreglass and plastic or other unsuitable material as determined by our Council. Any applications indicating the use of these materials will not be accepted.

You can find a list of Monumental Masons that are already approved to carry out headstone and memorial installations in our cemeteries at tcdc.govt.nz/memorialoptions

The application form to apply to be a Council contractor is available at tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery

A detailed list of maximum dimensions for memorials in each cemetery is available at tcdc.govt.nz/memorialoptions

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Memorials

Rules and How to Apply



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A monumental mason can help you decide on a suitable memorial for your plot and can explain the rules that apply. A memorial permit must be obtained from our Council and any other cemetery fees paid in full prior to installation.

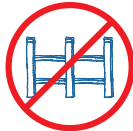
Choosing an approved memorial provides family the opportunity to honour their loved one in a way that is befitting and will be durable and long lasting.

Gardens, fences, structures, shell, rocks, landscaping timber or other materials are not permitted on or around lawn plots. These items hinder maintenance, sometimes fall into a state of disrepair, and even encroach onto other families' graves.

If you would like to plant a memorial plant or install a structure in remembrance of your loved one, contact us to discuss options that may be available, such as the donation of a memorial seat or planting in a suitable area within a cemetery.

You are welcome to place small items on the concrete berms, provided these are not glass or any other breakable items, until such time that family are ready to have a headstone/memorial installed. Please be considerate when placing items on the concrete berms so they are contained just on your loved ones grave. White wooden temporary markers can be left at the head of the grave but will be removed and left on the concrete berm if they fall into a state of disrepair.

Any inscription, including symbols, deemed to cause offence will not be permitted.



The majority of plots within our cemeteries do not have in-built vase holders and it is recommended you discuss requirements with your chosen monumental mason.

Permits are not required for Returned Services areas.

The information contained in this brochure does not apply to memorials in private cemeteries, burial grounds or urupās.

Family members or their assigned representatives are responsible for cleaning and maintenance of memorials. The best way of cleaning is to use soapy water and a cloth or soft bristle brush. Alternatively, contact a monumental mason for assistance.

Our Council reserves the right to have a memorial removed if installed without a permit, or where criteria set out by our Council has not been met. Costs associated with removal will be charged to family.

Who can apply for a memorial permit?

The original plot purchaser/s are authorised to apply for a memorial permit.

If the original plot purchaser/s is no longer living, all Executor/s of the original plot purchaser/s are expected to apply or alternatively all the Trustee/s of the original plot purchaser/s will be accepted upon supply of a Statutory Declaration to our Council found at tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery

In the instance where this is not possible, we may consider an application to install a memorial providing all close family members agree to the proposed memorial (Parent or step parent, child or step child, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister, including half brother or sister, spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner). In the rare circumstance there is no family of the deceased but a memorial is wanted please contact us to discuss.

Our Council does not assume a mediator role if there are disagreements between family members and will act in good faith when receiving applications.

We also reserve the right to decline an application where there is any doubt that family disagreements exist.