

Cemetery Guide



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Introduction

The operation of Midcoast (MCC)- Manning Region Cemeteries is in accordance with the Public Health Act 2010 and associated regulations, the Cemeteries & Crematoria Act 2013, and the Local Government Act 1993.

MCC – Manning Region, manages 17 Cemeteries throughout the Local Government Area. They offer peaceful, natural bush settings, some with stunning mountain and river views.

The following information is supplied to assist those who may wish to reserve a site, or need to purchase a site for an immediate burial or placement of ashes.

If further assistance is required, you can contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 6592 5399 during office hours 8.30am - 4.30pm (Monday - Friday) or email tareecouncil@gtcc.nsw.gov.au.

Cemetery Locations and General Information

Bo Bo Creek - 28 Hillview Lane, Burrell Creek

Bo Bo Creek Cemetery is located off The Bucketts Way, approximately 23kms west of Taree. It contains monuments dating back to 1888.

Coopernook - 23 Two Mile Creek Road, Coopernook

Coopernook Cemetery is located on George Gibson Drive, off the Pacific Highway approximately 27kms north of Taree. It occupies a small site on a hillside just west of the Pacific Highway and is surrounded by trees on three sides. Earliest inscriptions date from 1889.

Dawson River - Cemetery Road, Cundletown

Dawson River Cemetery is located off Lansdowne Road, 9kms north of Taree. It occupies a large undulating site by the river. It succeeded earlier cemeteries at Taree and displays inscriptions dating from as early as 1848. The Dawson River Lawn Cemetery occupies a large site at the far end of the General Cemetery. The extensive lawn area is complimented by several columbarium walls and gardens for the placement of ashes and memorials. It was established in the mid-1960s.

Elands/Bulga - Doyles River Road, Bulga

Elands/Bulga Cemetery is located approx 40kms north-west of Wingham with burial plots available.

Failford - 9-13 St Peters Close, Failford

Failford Cemetery is located just off the Pacific Highway, 25kms south of Taree. This burial ground occupies a narrow, gently sloping site surrounded by trees with many of the graves dating back to 1882.

Killabakh - 1215 Comboyne Road, Killabakh

Killabakh Cemetery is located 9kms north of Wingham. It was dedicated in 1908 and contains monuments dating from 1910. It includes denominational and general portions as well as a small columbarium wall.

Krambach - 66 Cocumbark Lane, Krambach

Krambach Cemetery is located off Firefly Road, approximately 4km south of Krambach Village (approximately 43kms west of Taree). It is divided into denominational and general portions, all

of which are clearly signposted. There is also a small columbarium wall on the site with inscriptions dating back to 1885.

Lansdowne - 23 Newbys Lane, Lansdowne

Lansdowne Cemetery is located approximately 24kms north of Taree. It is divided into portions for Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and General.

Marlee - 6 Marlee Cemetery Road, Marlee

Marlee Cemetery is located off Bulga Road, approximately 13kms from Wingham and was established in the 1860s. The earliest monument found is in the Presbyterian portion, dated 1861. The site is divided into denominational portions, the largest of these being the Anglican portion.

Mitchells Island - 36 Leslies Lane, Mitchells Island

Mitchells Island Cemetery is located off Beal Avenue, off Manning Point Road, approximately 30kms east of Taree featuring stunning river and mountain views with inscriptions dating back to 1866.

Moorland - Pacific Highway, Moorland

Moorland Cemetery is located approximately 33kms north of Taree. It occupies a small site just east of the Pacific Highway and is surrounded by trees on three sides. There is also a small columbarium wall on the site. Earliest inscriptions date back to 1894.

Oxley Island - 102 Oxley Island Road, Oxley Island

Oxley Island Cemetery is located approximately 16kms east of Taree, off Manning Point Road in the quaint village overlooking farmland. According to the Manning Valley Historical Society, this cemetery dates from 1878, with the first recorded burial being in 1884. St Barnabas' Anglican Church was built on land adjoining the cemetery in 1922 but this was subsequently sold and is now a private residence.

Redbank - 406 Old Bar Road, Pampoolah

Redbank Cemetery is located approximately 9.5kms east of Taree mid way between Taree and Old Bar. It occupies a deep and narrow site. It is divided into general and denominational portions but does not include a lawn section or columbarium.

The Bight - 145 Tinonee Road, The Bight

The Bight Cemetery is located approximately 2.5kms south-east of Wingham on the Wingham/Tinonee Road in a peaceful bush setting. Earliest inscriptions date back to 1859.

Tinonee - 6451 The Bucketts Way, Tinonee

Tinonee Cemetery is located approximately 13kms west of Taree just outside the village of Tinonee. It is divided into portions for Anglican, Catholic, General, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church. The monumental inscriptions date back to 1875. A columbarium has been recently added.

Wingham - 71 Glenyarra Road, Wingham

Wingham Cemetery is located approximately 2.5kms south-west of the township. Divided into denominational portions and has columbarium walls and memorial gazebo garden. It occupies a large, open, rolling site with inscriptions dating back to 1860.

Cemetery	Burial	Columbarium Wall	Gardens
Bo Bo Creek	✓		
Coopernook	✓		
Dawson River	✓	✓	✓
Elands/Bulga	✓		
Failford	✓		
Killabakh	✓	✓	
Krambach	✓	✓	
Lansdowne	✓		
Marlee	✓		
Moorland	✓	✓	
Mitchells Island	✓		
Oxley Island	✓		
Redbank	✓		
The Bight	✓		
Tinonee	✓	✓	
Wingham	✓	✓	✓

Reservations

To reserve a burial plot or niche in one of MCC – Manning Region Cemeteries, an *Application for Exclusive Rights Reservation Form* must be completed and lodged with appropriate fees to Council. Once a site has been reserved, the reservation is secured, and proof of reservation will be given to the customer.

Immediate Use

Applications for immediate use will be organised and coordinated by the Funeral Director, directly with Council.

Plaques and Monuments

Council Supplied Plaques

Only Council supplied and placed plaques and monuments are permissible in all lawn, garden and columbarium sites. The Grantee will be required to lodge a completed *Council Supplied Memorial Plaque Form* and pay any appropriate fees to Council prior to the commencement of work.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all spelling and details are correct. Any amendments and/or alterations required after the supply and/or placement of a plaque where Council is not at fault will require payment in full prior to the commencement of any re-work.

Unauthorised monuments, memorials, nameplates, plants, plastic flowers or containers are prohibited in any area other than General Sections and may be removed by Council without notification.

Vases

Only Council supplied vases are permissible in all areas other than General Sections. These are readily available at all cemeteries.

Photos on Plaques

A 6 x 8 inch photo on a plaque can be arranged at the time of lodging an Application for Memorial Plaque.

You will need to supply a colour or black and white photo (digital preferred) at the time of lodgement.

Site	Type	Material	Size (mm)	Comment
Dawson Lawn (Single/Double Depth)	Burial/Interment of Ashes	Granite	425 x 175	Maximum 29 letters per line (including spaces), Maximum 7 Lines (Single), Double Depth – Maximum 3 lines each, Interment - Maximum 3 lines each interment
Dawson Rose Garden	Interment of Ashes	Stainless Steel/ Sandstone Plinth	80 x 60	Maximum 80 letters (including spaces)
Dawson Columbarium Wall	Interment of Ashes	Stainless Steel	140 x 115 Old 150 x 200 New	Maximum 175 letters (including spaces)
Dawson Memorial Gazebo Garden	Interment of Ashes	Granite	200 x 150	Maximum 175 letters (including spaces)
Dawson Memorial Garden (Single Depth)	Interment of Ashes	Bronze Sandstone Pedestal	150 x 110 200 x 250 x 75	Maximum 9 lines Maximum 9 lines
Dawson Memorial Garden (Double Depth)	Interment of Ashes	Bronze Sandstone Pedestal	150 x 110 200 x 350 x 75	Maximum 9 lines Maximum 9 lines
Moorland Krambach Killabakh Tinonee	Interment of Ashes	Bronze (Bevelled Edge)	200 x 150	Name line - 15 letters (including spaces), Additional lines – 25 letters (including spaces), Maximum 13 Lines
Wingham Columbarium Wall	Interment of Ashes	Stainless Steel	200 x 150	Name line – 16 letters (including spaces), Additional lines – 30 letters including spaces, Maximum 7 Lines
Wingham Memorial Gazebo Garden	Interment of Ashes	Granite	200 x 150	Maximum 175 Letters (Including spaces)

Undertaking own Monumental Works

The Grantee is permitted to undertake their own plaque and monumental works in General Areas of a Cemetery by completing a *Request to Undertake Monument Work Form* and lodging it with appropriate fee to Council prior to commencement of works.

Once the application has been processed, an approval will be forwarded to the Grantee, along with

location information and maps. All monumental works must be carried out by a qualified stonemason or Licensed Builder.

Cemetery Maintenance

Council's cemeteries (not individual graves) are maintained to acceptable standards by Council Contractors.

Often, well intentioned placement of unauthorised monuments, plantings, vases etc can cause a hazard or impediment to Council's maintenance of the site. As a result, Council has the right to remove without notification any unauthorised monuments, plantings, vases, plaques or other items that do not comply with Council standards and conditions.

Burials on Private Land

Where a person is seeking permission to perform a burial on private land, they must do so in accordance with the [NSW Health Burials on Private Land – Approval by Local Authority Guide](#). For further information, contact Council's Environmental Health Department.

Historical Burials

Historical Burial Registers have been compiled and published by the [Manning Wallamba Family History Society](#). The registers include unmarked graves and burials on private property.

National Trust of Australia Cemeteries Master List

In 1981, [The National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) set a goal to record all known burial sites in NSW. The aim was to identify, document and assess the significance of over 4,000 burial places and to understand and record their historical and cultural value for the community, indeed for the nation, and to promote their conservation.

Australian Cemetery Index

The purpose of the [Australian Cemeteries Index](#) is to provide a searchable database for all cemetery inscriptions that have been recorded by the authors and contributors over several years. It is intended to be a useful tool for those researching their family history. It includes photographs of headstones and memorials.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Grantee?

A Grantee is the person that the Right of Interment has been granted to.

What is a Right of Internment?

A Right of Interment is an exclusive right granted by Council for use of a burial, cremation or memorial site. The holder of the Right of Interment (The Grantee) has the authority to determine who can be interred or buried in the grave or cremation plot, and to request the installation of headstones, inscriptions or memorials on the site.

What happens to a reserved plot/site when I am deceased?

If the plot will not be occupied by the Grantee, then the Right of Interment will become part of the Deceased Estate and will be managed by the Executor accordingly.

Does the Grantee own the land where the grave/interment site is?

No. The ownership of the land, wall, garden and memorials remains with Council. The Grantee's entitlement is limited to use and access of the burial site described in the Right of Interment.

Can anyone apply to have a burial/interment into a reserved plot?

The Grantee (or appointed agent, normally a Funeral Director) are the only persons that can give instruction for a burial in a reserved plot. An application must be made for an Interment Permit.

How many burials can take place in a grave site?

Some graves are prepared to accept two (2) burials (double depth) however dependant on the soil type this may not always be possible. You will need to check with Council for further information.

Can the ashes of a cremated person/s be placed in a grave?

Yes. As well as two (2) burials, ashes can also be interred into a single grave. Consideration must be made however in relation to the number of names that can be shown on the memorial marker. (Usually a maximum of 6 names).

How do I know the details of the site I would like to reserve?

Visit the Cemetery that you would like to reserve your plot in and select a location. It is advised to select a few preferences in case your preferred option is already reserved. Once your preferred site has been selected, visit Council's Customer Service Centre who will be able to confirm availability, location and any conditions and restrictions that may be relevant to the plot you have chosen. You will then be provided with the Section, Row and Allotment/Niche information to be included in your Application for Exclusive Rights Reservation.

What do I do if I do not have a reserved site and require a plot for immediate use?

Your Funeral Director will liaise with Council and make all necessary arrangements. Any associated Council costs will be managed by the Funeral Director as a part of their service fees to you.

What is an Application for Burial or Interment of Ashes Permit?

An Application for Burial or Interment of Ashes Permit must be lodged with Council by the Funeral Director prior to a burial or an interment taking place, for a reserved or immediate use

plot. The burial or interment must be carried out by a qualified Stonemason or Undertaker which will be arranged by the Funeral Director. Any associated Council costs will be managed by the Funeral Director as part of their service to you.

How do I relinquish a reservation?

You will need to advise Council in writing if you would like to relinquish a reservation, attaching the original Right of Burial/Reservation Certificate.

Council will then process and refund the amounts already paid (less 10% administration costs) by cheque to the Grantee.

How do I go about making funeral arrangements?

Council has no involvement in Funeral arrangements. A Funeral Director should be contacted who will assist you with all the necessary arrangements including any permits that are required through Council.

Can I pre-pay my Funeral?

For advice on pre-paid Funeral Bonds/Funeral Payment Plans contact a Funeral Director.

How do I engage a Gravedigger?

You will need to contact a Funeral Director for all grave digging requirements.