

Monumental Lawn Allotment Information Sheet

A monumental lawn allotment is a lawn grave which comprises a memorial by way of a headstone installed on the concrete beam at the head of the grave.

The cost of the headstone is not included in the allotment purchase price. The purchase price includes the allotment, the first burial in the grave, a one off maintenance fee (in perpetuity) and the memorial permit application fee. In accordance with Canberra Cemeteries policy, all graves are dug to double depth at the time of the first burial. This provides the opportunity for a future burial to occur in the grave. Most graves can be dug to triple depth at the time of the first burial if required. There is an additional fee to have triple depth.

Post burial documentation will be sent to the Exclusive Rights Holder (ERH)* of the Allotment a short time after the burial. This usually takes no more than 3 weeks and will include a covering letter, the memorial permit application form, a list of local stonemasons and information on the construction of monuments. A Certificate of Exclusive Right of Allotment may also be included if the allotment was purchased at the time of the burial.

To initiate the construction of the monument, the ERH will need to complete the memorial permit application form with the chosen stonemason, who will then return it to Canberra Cemeteries for processing. The memorial permit will be issued to the stonemason after the application has been approved. The approval process takes no more than 2 weeks. Canberra Cemeteries requires the headstone to be erected within 2 years of the first burial occurring. It is strongly encouraged that the monument construction be done as soon as possible after the burial occurs. Please note that in the interim period between the burial and the headstone being installed, a temporary grave marker will be provided.

White crosses are not permitted on the grave. Please note, there is no provision for a vase in a monumental lawn allotment. If the family wishes to make provision for flowers or a small planting at the grave, they will need to incorporate a vase or small garden bed in the monument.

Cleaning and maintenance of the monument is the responsibility of the family. Canberra Cemeteries is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds only.

Canberra Cemeteries will not be responsible for any personal, valuable or sentimental items that are placed on the grave.

Available at Gungahlin.

**The Exclusive Rights Holder of the Allotment is the person who completes the Application for Exclusive Right of Allotment form prior to the burial occurring or at the time of the allotment purchase. They become the sole authority on any future matters regarding the allotment, including burials and memorialization.*

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