

## **7 Memorials for Graves**

### **7.1 Beam Construction**

The Council shall construct a continuous concrete beam at ground level or below as a single beam 600 mm deep by 1200mm wide on which the foundation work and memorial will be placed.

### **7.2 Memorial Installation**

Erection of Monuments: Owners of the exclusive right of burial, or if the owner is deceased, the immediate next of kin, may give permission for a memorial plaque or headstone to be erected.

Only one headstone memorial per plot is permitted.

Concrete base work for all memorials shall not stand higher than 150 mm above the highest point of the concrete beam or ground level, whichever, is the higher, and laid to the satisfaction of the Council and in accordance with sound engineering principles as set out in Standards New Zealand NZS 4242:1995, Headstones and Cemetery Monuments.

If the headstone is installed incorrectly, Council reserves the right to order its relocation or removal.

The base work shall, where required, provide insets for flower containers.

Concrete base work for all memorials shall leave a clear space of at least 150mm front and back from the edge of the concrete beam.

All headstones shall not be wider than 1 metre, if it is erected in respect of a single grave and must not be wider than 2 metres if it is erected in respect to two or more adjacent graves.

All headstones shall stand no higher than 1.2 metres above ground level in total.

All memorials to be constructed of granite or similar suitable material as approved by the Council, which is considered durable for a minimum of 100 years. Concrete shall be finished in grey cement, or colour cements to the Managers approval.

Monumental installation and removal forms must be filled out and lodged with Council prior to any monumental work commencing.

Memorial beams and base work in the RSA plots shall comply with the standards specified by Veterans Affairs New Zealand.

No person shall make use of any footpath or roadway in any cemetery for the purpose of mixing cement or mortar other than on a watertight platform, and shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that no damage is done to footpaths, roadways, grass and plots.

The Council does not accept any responsibility for wear and tear damage or vandalism to headstones.

### **7.3 Old Sections**

The owner of an Exclusive Right of Burial in older memorial sections of any cemetery may erect a monument and other works in accord with the following provisions:

- A memorial shall not exceed a height of 1.2 metres
- Any kerb erected around a grave shall not exceed 300 mm in height
- A grave may be covered in permanent materials
- Memorials will be placed in line and facing the same direction as established memorials surrounding the plot.

### **7.4 Memorial Maintenance**

The owner, next of kin or their representatives of any plot are responsible for maintaining all memorial headstones, kerbs, enclosures and other monuments in good order and repair. Subject to the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 the Council may remove at any time, memorial headstones or memorials of any kind which fall into a state of disrepair or decay. In the event of there being no one available to effect repairs or permit removal, a photographic record of the memorial shall be taken before removal and filed with cemetery records.