

Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite Information



Memorials for Ashes

Many people find comfort in providing a lasting tribute to our loved ones through a memorial. The City of Newcastle (Council) offers a range of ash memorials to provide a thoughtful remembrance.

Niche Walls

A Niche Wall is a specially designed wall where ashes of the deceased are placed (only one set of ashes can be interred in each space) and a granite memorial plaque with inscription is installed on the wall.

Memorial Garden Suite

A Memorial Garden Suite is a specially designed garden where ashes of the deceased are placed (only one set of ashes can be interred in each space) and a granite memorial plinth with inscription is installed into the ground.

Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite spaces are available for **immediate use** and for **pre-need** (reservation) at Wallsend Cemetery. Maps are available showing available spaces to purchase. When Council receives the completed application and full payment, Council arranges the purchase of space, and if for immediate use, the ordering of plaque and installation of ashes.

Ashes can also be buried in family graves at Minmi, Stockton and Wallsend Cemetery to allow family members with different preference to be laid to rest together.

Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite Conditions

A person shall not construct or install any monument, memorial, inscription, token plant, floral tributes, containers or such like shall be erected or placed on or within the Niche Wall or Memorial Garden Suite without Council's written permission. Council may remove and / or dispose of any unauthorised monument, memorial etc without reference to any person.

Council reserves the right to realign or alter the position of niches or other memorials at its discretion.

Council will not be liable for the repair, maintenance, upkeep or preservation of any plaque or plinth placed on the Niche Wall or Memorial Garden Suite.

Council shall;

- Maintain, preserve and repair Niche Walls and Memorial Garden Suites.
- Ensure that no monument is erected on the Niche Wall other than the flat black granite wall plaque or in the Memorial Garden Suite, no monument is erected other than the granite plinths of the style and design allowed.
- Supply and install in the Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite, as soon as practicable, upon receipt of written instructions from the Grantee, a memorial plaque / plinth of a standard size and type as determined by Council.

What is a Burial Licence

A Burial Licence is an exclusive right granted by Council (or its predecessors) for use of a burial site, Niche Wall space or Memorial Garden Suite space.

The holder of the exclusive Burial Licence has the sole authority to determine who can be interred / immured (buried) in the burial plot, Niche Wall or Memorial Garden Suite and to allow for the installation of memorials including headstones, inscriptions etc to be placed on the grave, Niche Wall or Memorial Garden Suite.

The ownership of the land, Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite remains with the Council.

Cemeteries

Cemetery	Location	Type of Cemetery
Minmi	Minmi Road, Minmi	Monumental
Stockton	Fullerton Street, Stockton	Monumental, Lawn
Wallsend	Sandgate Road, Birmingham Gardens	Monumental, Lawn, Niche Wall and Memorial Garden Suite