

**REGULATIONS:
LITTLE YARRA BUSHLAND
NATURAL BURIAL AREA**



The Upper Yarra Public Cemetery Trust hereby directs that the following rules shall apply to the designated Bushland Burial Area of the Upper Yarra Public Cemetery.

Bushland Natural Burial Area

1. Only one interment shall be permitted in each grave.
2. The Trust will enhance the existing bushland setting by planting Indigenous vegetation near or on used graves from time to time, in accordance with the Trust's Vegetation Management Plan. No other planting will be permitted.
3. The area will be maintained by the Trust in accordance with the Vegetation Management Plan. No other vegetation management will be permitted.
4. The Trust shall keep a survey plan showing the exact location of each grave.
5. Application for an interment shall be on the form supplied by the Trust.
6. The applicant and the funeral director must certify that:
 - a. the bodily remains have not been partially or fully embalmed
 - b. the coffin is constructed of renewable or recycled materials such as wicker, reeds, bamboo, plantation softwood, recycled paper, recycled cardboard or recycled softwood
 - c. the coffin has at least four strong and securely fixed handles capable of bearing the required weight
 - d. a name plate is affixed to the outside of the lid, engraved with the name of the deceased and the date of death
 - d. the body of the deceased is dressed only in fully biodegradable materials, such as cotton or linen
 - e. all bodily remains being transported within the cemetery comply with r.13 of the Regulations, that is, bodily remains must be enclosed in a coffin or other receptacle that is clean and hygienic and constructed of substantial material that prevents any offensive or noxious emissions or matter escaping
 - f. all interments comply with the requirements as described in ss.113-120 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003

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7. Memorials

- a. The installation of a memorial in the Bushland Burial Area is optional.
- b. The only memorial permitted in the Bushland Burial Area is one of the following:
 - i. a single timber post 100mm by 100mm and 600mm in height at the head of the grave, inscribed with the name, age and date of death of the deceased. The timber post is supplied and installed by the Trust

OR

 - ii. a bronze plaque measuring 153mm in width by 128mm in height, showing the personal details of the deceased fixed to a common timber structure located at the entrance of the Bushland Burial Area
- c. The installation of any other memorial or item to identify the grave is not permitted.

All unauthorised memorials shall be removed by the Trust.

8. Floral Tributes

- a. Only natural flowers are permitted to be placed on graves.
- b. Flowers containing support wires, cables or supports or hydration bases or vases will be removed
- c. Artificial flowers are not permitted and may be removed by the Trust.