

# Future of Cemetery Services



## FACTSHEET – Current Cemetery Services

### Current Cemetery Services

Council manages a number of cemeteries across the Fraser Coast, including:

- **Polson Cemetery (Hervey Bay)**
- **Maryborough Cemetery**
- **Nikenbah Natural Cemetery (natural burials)**
- **Howard Cemetery**
- **Tiaro Cemetery**
- **Munna Creek Cemetery**

**Please note** – Council also manages **Deborah Cemetery** (Netherby) and **Nikenbah Cemetery** – these cemeteries are limited to special circumstances only – for burials.

On average, 220 burials take place across the region each year, with around 100 in Hervey Bay and 120 in Maryborough.

### Polson Cemetery (Corser Street, Point Vernon, Hervey Bay)

Hervey Bay's main cemetery features include:

- **Lawn and Monumental Sections**
- **Columbarium Walls**
- **Wall of Remembrance**
- **Garden Niches**
- **South Sea Islander Memorial and Cemetery**, commemorating the region's South Sea Islander heritage.

### Maryborough Cemetery (Walker Street, Maryborough)

The Maryborough Cemetery is heritage-listed and features two key sections:

- **Monumental Section:** Established in 1873 & home to the historic Mortuary Chapel (1883), this area includes traditional graves & headstones.
- **Garden of Rest:** Opened in 1960, located opposite the Monumental Section. It includes columbarium walls, war graves, garden niches, & a dedicated Children's Memorial Garden.

### Nikenbah Natural Cemetery (Chapel Road, Nikenbah)

Queensland's first natural burial site on Council land, this cemetery opened in 2023 and offers:

- Eco-conscious burials without embalming, headstones, or concrete vaults.
- Landscaping is limited to the removal of overgrowth, with the intent that the cemetery looks and feels, as much as possible, like a natural landscape.

### Howard Cemetery (Cemetery Road, Howard)

Established in 1882, Howard Cemetery sits in a peaceful bushland setting. It provides:

- **Monumental Burial Sites**, serving the local community in a traditional, rural environment.

### Tiaro Cemetery (Bruce Highway, Tiaro)

Located on the Maryborough side of the Tiaro township. This rural cemetery provides:

- **Monumental Burial Options** and
- **Columbarium Walls for ashes.**

### Munna Creek Cemetery (Bauple-Woolooga Road, Munna Creek)

Over 100 years old, this cemetery is nestled in a quiet bushland area:

- **Monumental Burial Sites** that reflect the area's rich history and connection to the land.

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