

# Arranging a Monument in Cemeteries in the Shire of Wickepin



## Can anyone place a Monument on a grave site?

No, only the holder of the Grant of Right of Burial can arrange to place a monument.

## My ancestor is buried in an unmarked grave in the Cemetery. Can I place a Plaque or Monument on the grave?

You will need to contact the Shire office to find out if a current Grant of Right of Burial exists for the grave site. Shire staff will then be able to assist you with the process of placing a monument for your ancestor.

## What is a Monument?

A monument is any form of grave stone or covering.

## What do I need to consider?

Some of the basic things to consider are:

- Do I want a full covering?
- Will it need to be reopened such as a double grave?
- What maintenance will be required?

## Why do I need to consider this?

If you have a double burial site where only one burial has taken place it will need to be reopened for the second burial. In this case a solid slab may not be appropriate until all burials have taken place.

A solid slab may be damaged when removed and will need to be moved by a monumental mason rather than the shire works team. This could be much more expensive. It will also need to wait up to 12 months for the soil to subside before placing back on the burial.



## Does the Shire have any restrictions?

Yes, there are restrictions in relation to dimensions and materials. There are also requirements relating to the weight, footings and construction. No part of your monument may exceed your grave allocation. The Shire must approve any wording on monuments. See the Shire of Wickepin Cemetery Guide for full details.

**Ensure you have your application form completed and approved before you place your final order with the masons.**

## Who Maintains the Monument?

Ownership of the monument belongs to the holder of the Grant of Right of Burial or their heirs and successors. As such these people are responsible for maintaining the monument.

The Shire of Wickepin staff may remove any structure that has become dilapidated or unsightly.

The Shire of Wickepin staff may also remove aged flowers, wreaths and other items that detract from the general appearance of the cemetery without notice.