

# DECORATIONS POLICY

## POLICY OBJECTIVE

- These guidelines are focused on maintaining the safety of all visitors to RPCV sites;
- The guidelines maintain respect for self and others and are focused on maintaining the aesthetics of RPCV sites.

## GENERAL DECORATION GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO ALL AREAS

- Artificial flowers are permitted whilst they remain in good condition;
- RPCV approved temporary markers (i.e. interim markers placed at the gravesite for a short-term period to recognise the grave site of the deceased prior to creating a permanent memorial) are permitted. No other temporary markers are permitted;
- Concrete beams (i.e. a concrete strip that marks the plot row and number in which a headstone or plaque is placed) must remain in their natural state. Under no circumstances are concrete beams to be painted, decorated in any way or coloured in;
- A maximum of three items are permitted on each gravesite/memorial, ensuring it does not become overcrowded and cluttered;
- Memorialisation items are not to extend beyond the boundary of the gravesite or impede in any way upon neighbouring sites;
- Any item that may be considered offensive, derogatory or not in keeping with the cemetery aesthetics are not permitted under any circumstances and will be removed by RPCV at its sole discretion; and
- Approved ornaments and containers that form part of a monument, headstone and base are permitted.

## RESTRICTED ITEMS FOR ALL AREAS

- Metal spikes used to hang decorations;
- Items hanging from trees;
- Any other item that will or has deteriorated (i.e. teddy bears, plastic ornaments);
- Photo frames, visitors books, candles, toys or wind chimes (excluding designated children's areas – refer to conditions below); and
- Glass, ceramic, metal or plastic vases and jars used for real or artificial flowers are not permitted.

## RESTRICTED ITEMS FOR LAWN GRAVES AND CREMATION MEMORIALS

- Decoration, other fencing or lighting around lawn graves or cremation memorials;
- Edging, curbing, special stones and bark;
- Anything placed or planted in the ground around the grave/memorial;
- Any solar or battery operated lights that are not approved by RPCV; and
- Any protrusion at all on neighbouring graves.

## RESTRICTED ITEMS FOR MONUMENTAL GRAVES

- Fragile or breakable fences; and
- Anything placed or planted on paths, thoroughfares, roads or inside/outside the monument boundary.



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## DESIGNATED CHILDREN'S AREA ONLY

- A maximum of three (3) items permitted on each memorial to ensure it does not become overcrowded and cluttered;
- Memorialisation, tributes and ornaments are to be strictly placed within the concrete edgings and not to extend beyond the boundary of the grave or impede in any way upon neighbouring sites;
- All memorialisation items must be located on the concrete beam and not protrude onto or into the lawned area; and
- Strictly no glass or ceramic objects, including jars, bottles and vases.