

Adelaide Cemetery Authority Natural Burial Ground Terms and Conditions

1. Grants for a term of 99 years will be issued in 4 categories:
 - a) Single burial
 - b) Companion burials
 - c) Single cremated remains interment
 - d) Double cremated remains interment
2. Sites may be pre-purchased but the location of the grave cannot be reserved. Graves will be excavated in strict rotation in accordance with the bush land management plan.
3. All burial Graves will be dug to single level only. Companion sites are available for two people to be buried side-by-side. When the first burial takes place the site next to it will be allocated until needed.
4. Sites will be single burial but only allow for the additional interment of cremated remains.
5. For burial, the body must be transported in a coffin or other sealed and rigid container. Bodies cannot be embalmed.
6. For burial, the body must be contained in a sealed coffin constructed of biodegradable material or wrapped in a Shroud of natural fibres. Any clothing on the body must be of natural and biodegradable fibres. Coffins must be fitted with biodegradable liners. Untreated softwoods, willow, bamboo and cardboard are all acceptable. These materials must all be from sustainable sources.
7. To minimise impact on the environment, soil removed in preparation for the burial will be placed adjacent to the grave site ready for backfill.
8. In liaison with the funeral director families may choose to use a mechanical lowering device or the sticks and straps method for lowering into the grave.
9. Any cremated remains interred in the area will be contained in biodegradable containers and remains cannot be retrieved. Alternatively remains may be placed directly into the earth.
10. The Bushland will be developed and managed using plant species indigenous to the Folland Park Reserve. Planting by Adelaide Cemeteries Authority will be at the horticulturally appropriate time of the year and to a Bushland Management Programme.
11. Within one year of the burial the authority will plant one tree (for burial sites) or shrub (for cremation sites) on the grave with the exception of companion burial sites when a tree or shrub will be planted in the centre of the site within one year of the second burial. Families may choose a tree or shrub depending on the type and location of the site and in accordance with shortlist included in the Bushland Management Programme.
12. Any flowers placed on the grave at the time of burial will be removed after two weeks. Following this period no tokens of remembrance, including flowers, will be permitted on the grave.
13. Fresh flowers may be placed at the communal Memorial and will be cleared weekly. Ribbons, ties and wrappings on flowers must be biodegradable.
14. Each grave will be accurately recorded within the Authority's cemetery management system.
15. No headstone, edging or other stone, vase, embellishment or any other structure shall be placed on or around the grave.
16. A communal memorial at the entrance to the natural burial ground and approved by the authority is available for remembrance of the deceased
17. Adelaide Cemeteries Authority reserve the right to remove and dispose of any unauthorised object or planting from the area.

18. The Adelaide Cemeteries Authority reserves the right to trim and thin the bushland where necessary in years to come.
19. Adelaide Cemeteries Authority will carry out the digging of the grave and any associated work. Mourners may assist, under supervision, with backfilling of the grave by hand.
20. All burials are intended to be last resting places and Adelaide Cemeteries Authority will only agree to an exhumation in exceptional circumstances and at the request of the South Australian Attorney General.
21. All burials will conform to statutory requirements.