

ROADSIDE MEMORIALS

APPROVALS

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POLICY OWNER	Manager Infrastructure Planning and Technical Services		
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OBJECTIVE

Council recognises that some members of the community may wish to commemorate/indicate a road fatality by installing a roadside memorial. Council will deal sensitively with issues associated with memorials but does not encourage the placement of roadside memorials within the road reserve due to the potential road safety impacts of such memorials.

SCOPE

This policy sets out guidelines for the for installation, placement, maintenance and removal of roadside memorial alongside Council roads.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM	MEANING
Council	Isaac Regional Council / IRC.
Road	Roads governed and managed by IRC as set out under Section 59 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Roadside Memorial	Any object placed within the road reserve to commemorate or indicate a road fatality. Memorials may include wooden crosses, coloured posts and flowers, etc. Monuments (permanent commemorations) are not permitted within a road reserve.
Roadside Monument	A Roadside Memorial intended as a permanent fixture.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy has been developed to ensure roadside memorials are placed in a safe location for family and friends, can be easily maintained, not cause issues for adjacent property owners and will cause minimum distraction or hazard to other road users.

Several roadside memorials have been erected within the Isaac Region commemorating the loss of loved ones following fatal road crashes. The size, shape and type of memorials vary; and the locations of the memorials are sometimes placed at inappropriate places on the verge of roads.

Roadside monuments are not permitted within a road reserve.

LOCATION

Applicants should be made aware of any possible risks in visiting roadside memorials and should be advised on safe practices in this regard, stopping clear of traffic. Wherever possible, the location should be chosen to minimise risk.

- A memorial shall be in a position where it will not distract driver attention from the driving task, or interfere with the role of any traffic control item.

- A memorial shall be in a position where it will not be hazardous to passing traffic and/or pedestrians, or prevent appropriate maintenance of the road reserve.

APPLICATION & INSTALLATION

No formal application form exists however applicants should submit documentation in writing to Manager Infrastructure Planning & Technical Services for approval. This application should include a background on the proposed memorial and justification for such an installation together with location plans and photographs of the surrounding location so that it may be accurately located by Council when assessing the application.

A memorial must be constructed of material or installed in a way that will not cause injury if struck by a vehicle.

Roadside memorials should be contained within the following dimensions:

- Height 750mm
- Width 500mm
- Depth 400mm

Council may install or assist in the installation of approved roadside memorials, ensuring its placement is in accordance with Council requirements and consideration is given for the safety of road users.

VISITING AND MAINTENANCE

Council will not accept responsibility for the maintenance of any roadside memorial, or the loss, damage, removal or relocation of roadside memorials that may occur due to road maintenance, construction activities or vandalism.

RELOCATION AND REMOVAL

There may be times when road works are required at the location of a roadside memorial. When this is needed, Council will safely and carefully relocate the memorial for the duration of the works and then replace it if practicable.

Every attempt will be made by Council to contact and consult those affected prior to the removal or relocation of a memorial. If the memorial obstructs the completed road works, it may be moved to a new location. All reasonable efforts will be made to contact the persons who applied for erection of the memorial.

In instances when a roadside memorial becomes a road safety hazard, relocation or removal will occur in a safe manner. All reasonable efforts will be made to contact the affected persons before removal or relocation.

Any objection or complaint from nearby residents, or from users regarding any aspects of memorials, including the activity of visitors to the memorial, should be carefully considered and if necessary, the memorial should be relocated or removed.

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Local Government Act 2009* (LGA)
- Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities & Roads)

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NIL