

Council Policy – Cemeteries: Grant of Right of Burial at Serpentine or Jarrahdale Cemeteries

Responsible Directorate	Operations
Responsible Business Unit/s	Operations
Responsible Officer	Manager Operations
Affected Business Units	Operations

Objective

The objective of this Policy is to ensure the extended availability of burial plots for persons with a personal connection to the area, application for burials at Serpentine and Jarrahdale cemeteries are only accepted for persons with a demonstrable personal link to the district of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Scope

The Shire manages and maintains two cemeteries, Serpentine and Jarrahdale, both of which offer picturesque rural character with the option for burials or ashes placement. The Shire's intention is to ensure the extended availability of burial plots for persons with a personal connection to the area, and applications for burials are only accepted for persons with a demonstrable personal link to the district of Serpentine Jarrahdale

Policy

1. Persons making an application for a grant of right of burial at the Serpentine or Jarrahdale Cemeteries are required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer a personal link to the district of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
2. A demonstrable personal link to the area does not limit burial rights to a current local resident or family member and can extend to a former resident, or other person with some other personal, social or cultural link with the area.
3. The Chief Executive Officer may refuse an application on the grounds that no personal link has been demonstrated

Definitions

Not applicable

Related Documents

- Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

- *Local Government Act 1995*

- *Cemeteries Act 1986*

Amendment Record

Relevant Delegations			
		Date	Resolution Number
Council Adoption		28/11/1988	F196
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2	24 May 2004	SM047/05/04	
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