

Islamic Headstone Allotment

Available at Gungahlin and Woden, these areas offer a specific service to Canberra's Islamic Community. These allotments allow for the bricking or concrete lining of the grave prior to interment and allow for a full monumental covering.

Full monuments are recommended as these reduce the need for maintenance such as mowing or weed control on the top of the grave.

Fees: The applicable fee includes: an allotment fee; the first burial; a one-off maintenance fee (in perpetuity); and a memorial permit application fee.

Graves may be dug at no additional cost, to double-depth to allow for two burials. Most graves can be dug to triple-depth if required for an extra fee.

Additional charges apply for supply of bricks and installation of bricks or the installation of concrete grave liners, approved by the Islamic community.



The cost of the headstone is not included in the allotment fee.

Process: Prior to an interment taking place, Canberra Cemeteries requires the completion of appropriate forms which can be obtained from Canberra Cemeteries or your funeral director. Interments can take place 7 days of the week. Please contact your preferred Funeral Director. A *Certificate of Exclusive Right of Allotment* is issued upon purchase of an allotment.

Post-burial documentation will be sent to the Exclusive Rights Holder (ERH)* of the Allotment a short time after the burial. This usually takes no more

than 3 weeks and will include a covering letter, the memorial permit application form, a list of local stonemasons and information on the construction of monuments.

To initiate the construction of the headstone, the ERH* must complete the memorial permit application form with their chosen stone mason, who will then return it to Canberra Cemeteries for processing. A memorial permit will be issued to the stonemason after the application has been approved. The approval process takes up to 2 weeks. Please see Information Sheet: **Construction of Monuments** for more details.

Please note: the addition of any feature/materials on a grave not specified by the applicant in the

Application for a Permit to Construct a Monument is not permitted. This includes the placement of temporary coverings of the grave with borders and pebbles over

grass. These may prevent proper maintenance and may present significant hazards to staff and visitors. Exclusive right Holders will be asked to remove any materials not approved by the original or subsequent applications.

Once a full cover monument is constructed, subsequent burials that require the removal of the ledger will incur a fee.

Cleaning and maintenance of the monument is the responsibility of the family. Canberra Cemeteries is responsible for the maintenance of the grounds only.

Canberra Cemeteries will not be responsible for any personal, valuable or sentimental items that are placed on the grave.

**The Exclusive Rights Holder of the Allotment is the person(s) who completes and signs the Application for Exclusive Right of Allotment form prior to the burial occurring or at the time of the allotment purchase. They become the sole authority on any future matters regarding the allotment, including burials and memorialisation.*

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