

Media Release

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Council makes temporary amendment to Cemetery and Crematorium Policy

Gladstone Regional Council has made a temporary amendment to its Cemetery and Crematorium Policy that will affect future reservations of burial plots at Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands.

Council resolved at today's General Meeting to temporarily exclude the reservation of burial plots at Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands to allow enough time for planning and construction of additional burial plots at this facility.

Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands opened in 2007, offering three interment options – crypt burial plots, freestanding stone ashes plots and walkway ashes plots.

Crypt burial plots were installed instead of traditional earth burials due to the soil geology, being located on a water plain near South Trees Inlet.

This temporary change to policy will not affect existing reservations.

Due to an increase in reservations and burials over the past 12 months, only five burial plots remain vacant. Following the policy amendment, these five plots will be available for burials, but not for reservation.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said Council officers were progressing in opening additional burial plots by bringing forward an existing works program in the 2021/22 Budget that was originally planned for 2022/23.

"Unfortunately, based on current projections, existing burial plots are likely to reach capacity at Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands prior to the installation of new crypt burial plots," Councillor Goodluck said.

"This amendment will exclude Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands from burial plot reservations until a review is completed after additional crypts are installed.

"The temporary change relates to Section 6.14 of Council's P-2019-03 Cemetery and Crematorium Policy regarding the reservation of plots.

"It also brings Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands in alignment with Calliope and Port Curtis cemeteries, which do not have burial plot reservations.

"Reservations still exist for freestanding ashes stones at Boyne Tannum Memorial Parklands, and in other cemeteries located within the Gladstone Region."

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