

NATURAL BURIAL AGREEMENT

(FDRS024)



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CASHIER HOURS:
8:30am – 4:30pm
MONDAY- FRIDAY

Agreement No: _____

Application No: _____

Date Received: _____

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Surname			
Other Names			
Address			
Telephone No		Email Address	

LOCATION

Plot Number		GPS Location	
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AGREEMENT

The Shire of Narrogin hereby authorises the natural burial of the remains of a human without a grant, subject to the terms and conditions set out on the reverse of this Agreement and on payment of the prescribed fee.

In signing this agreement, I _____ acknowledge that I have read /had read to me the Natural Burial Agreement Terms and Conditions of Issue as set out on (strike out as appropriate) the reverse of this Agreement and agree to be bound by those terms and conditions.

Signed by the Applicant

Signature.....Date

Signed on behalf of the Shire of Narrogin

SignatureDate

The signing on behalf of the Shire equally binds the Shire to the terms and conditions of Issue.

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Receipt No		Date of Issue		Expiry Date	
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Natural Burial Agreement Terms and Conditions of Issue

In the absence of a grant being issued, the Applicant _____
and the Shire of Narrogin agree to the following:

1. Until such times as the Act is amended or a new Act is proclaimed, the provisions of the Cemeteries Act 1986 shall apply to the provision of natural burials.
2. The Agreement shall be for an initial term of 25 years.
3. Subject to clause 5, renewal of the Agreement is guaranteed for a further term of 25 years.
4. Further renewal of a term up to 25 years shall be by mutual agreement between the applicant and the Shire of Narrogin.
5. An application for renewal must be made during the currency of the Agreement.
6. Should the applicant die before the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Agreement shall remain in force for the duration of the term of the original agreement.
7. Where the person satisfies the Board in the form of a statutory declaration that they may exercise the rights previously granted to the holder of the Agreement, that person may exercise those rights.
8. Each burial site shall be for one interment¹ only, however, allowance will be made for the placement of ashes.
9. Sites shall be allocated at the sole discretion of the Shire of Narrogin.
10. Exhumations will only be undertaken where authorized by law.
11. Each grave will be accurately recorded and mapped.
12. All burial graves will be dug to a single interment level 1.4m². Where two burials are accommodated at the one time, the first interment will be 1.8m and the second 1.4m.
13. The Shire will be responsible for the preparation, digging and backfill of the gravesite. Mourners may assist with backfilling of the grave
14. Graves will be prepared to existing OSH standards using grave preparation machinery if required. Lowering devices may be used.
15. Soil removed in preparation for the burial will be placed adjacent to the gravesite.
16. No soil will be removed from the cemetery. Soil replaced at the gravesite after burial will be left to settle naturally.
17. No other materials or soils shall be included in the gravesite that are not indigenous to the area or are not biodegradable, except for the lead strip in clause 23.
18. The deceased must be transported and interred in an approved casket or coffin, constructed of a biodegradable and untreated material derived from a sustainable source.
19. The deceased shall be dressed in natural fibres or wrapped in a shroud of natural fibres.
20. Under no circumstances will the body of the deceased be accepted for natural burial where full or partial embalming has occurred.
21. Casket/coffin handles and nameplate must also be made of biodegradable material.
22. Caskets and coffins shall not contain any non-biodegradable items.
23. A substantive lead strip bearing the surname of the deceased person stamped in legible characters, each character being not less than 10mm in height is required under the Shire of Narrogin, Cemetery Local Law 2016.
24. Cremated remains interred in the designated gravesite shall be contained in a biodegradable container that is non-retrievable. Alternatively, cremated remains may be placed directly into the earth.
25. Only natural flowers, presented in the form of a single stem or bouquet are permitted at the time of the funeral and at no other time. Flowers must be secured with cotton or other biodegradable material. No bowl or other form of receptacle is to be used. Products such as floral oasis are not to be used.
26. Subject to clause 25, tributes, tokens and any other items of remembrance, including flowers or plantings of any kind, are not permitted and may be removed by the Shire without prior notice and disposed of.
27. No headstone or memorial, marker, stone, vase, tribute or any structure temporary or otherwise may be placed or erected at the gravesite.
28. A communal memorial of commendation shall be erected by the Shire at the entrance to the natural burial area.
29. All landscaping will be developed, managed and maintained by the Shire. Plantings shall be at the sole discretion of the Shire.
30. Plants indigenous to the area shall be planted by the Shire at the gravesite within one year of the burial and from an approved species list. The shire has exclusive right to maintain, prune or replace any plantings as required.

Initials of Applicant _____

Initials of Shire Employee _____

1. The gravesite may at the CEO's discretion be prepared for two burials where the burials are take place at the same funeral ensuring that the gravesite is disturbed only once.
2. Depth of grave is subject to the approval of the CEO.