



POLICY

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The City wishes to offer a way to acknowledge people, organisations and events that have made a significant social and/or cultural contribution towards the development of the City of Kwinana.

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Legal Authority	Local Government Act 1995 Section 2.7 – Role of Council

Policy:

This policy provides guidance on the requirements to gain approval to memorialise a person, association or event with a plaque or tree within a park or reserve and the design, installation and ongoing maintenance responsibilities

Placement of Ashes

Ashes may be scattered (not buried/interred) in a small private ceremony within the City's owned or managed property with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

Memorial Plaques and Trees

The Chief Executive Officer may authorise the installation of commemorative plaques on the limestone wall of the Wells Park retaining walls.

The City is to consider the installation of plaques and trees commemorating the anniversary of significant events unique to the City's history and development or to provide information of interest to the general community relevant to the plaque's specific site or location.

No new commemorative plaque is to be considered which commemorates a person, event or occasion already memorialised in the City of Kwinana unless there are exceptional circumstances. Special anniversaries may be acknowledged.

The plaque can be no larger than 100mm x 100mm, with the surrounding plinth or support / surround no larger than 150mm x 150mm, and all costs associated with purchasing the plaque, plinth or support/surround and engraving the chosen message are the responsibility of the donor.

Requests are to be assessed against the primary contribution criteria and if unsuccessful, the secondary contribution criteria listed below. Applications should be forwarded to the City of Kwinana on the 'Application for Memorial' Form at Annexure A.

Wells Park Memorial Wall

The City has set aside a location specifically for the installation of plaques that meet certain criteria as listed below. This location was chosen for its historical significance, is easily accessible and has appropriate facilities nearby which people may use and make the event more meaningful. The criteria for placement of plaques on Wells Park Memorial Wall are:

- Plaques are to be attached to the Wells Park retaining walls face of the wall only.
- The positioning and erection of plaques is to be undertaken by City staff.
- The plaque is to be supplied by the applicant.
- The plaques are to be made of marine quality stainless steel with stainless steel mountings.
- The plaques are to be 150mm in length and 150mm in height.
- All general conditions for the placement of a plaque in accordance with this policy are to be adhered to.

Roadside Memorials

Every year, too many people lose their lives on Western Australian roads and when touched by tragedy, family and friends find a roadside memorial can help comfort and heal, as it provides a tangible record of a life lived and serves as a reminder to the community to drive carefully.

Main Roads WA have developed a Roadside Memorials Policy and Guidelines to help families deal with such tragedies and to assist in understanding the requirements of installing a suitable roadside memorial at the safest location. It should be noted that the policy is intended to provide guidance and each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

The City of Kwinana supports the Main Roads WA Roadside Memorials Policy and guidelines.

Memorial Grove – Magenup Lake, Wandí

In February 2005, Council approved an area within Magenup Lake Reserve off Leslie Road, Wandí, to be set aside for the placement of plaques/memorials and gave permission for Men of The Trees and Bowra and O'Dea to do so.

Applications for use of this Memorial Grove are to be assessed in accordance with this policy and must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

Assessment Criteria for approval of Memorials

Primary contribution to the City of Kwinana

- The person, organisation or event covered all City of Kwinana suburbs;
- The person, organisation or event resided / was based in the City of Kwinana for more than 10 years;
- The person, organisation or event contributed more than 10 years of their life towards the development of the City of Kwinana;
- The person, organisation or event contributed to 3 or more sectors of a community eg sport, education, arts, culture, youth, mature age etc;
- That no other memorial exists on the reserve. If this is the case, specific consideration to the existing memorial is to be given before another memorial request is assessed, including, where appropriate, contacting the existing memorial applicant and
- The person, organisation or event is to have a relevant relationship to the proposed site.

Secondary contribution to the City of Kwinana

- The person passed away in an unexpected manner or at a young age;
- The same type of park amenity or another form of public art requested does not exist within close proximity on the reserve; and
- The location and type of amenity does not negatively impact on residents surrounding the reserve.

General Conditions for Placement

The Chief Executive Officer's determination of the application, content details, site selection, exact positioning and installation details of any commemorative plaque or tree is final.

Unless otherwise agreed, the donors of the approved commemorative plaque or tree are required to pay for the design, manufacture, installation, and maintenance of the commemorative plaque or tree.

Approval must be sought and granted by the City of Kwinana prior to the installation of a plaque or tree.

Any existing plaque or tree or memorial cannot be taken as a precedent for future approval.

Approval is not to be granted if in the opinion of the City the commemorative plaque or tree is considered offensive or has the potential to offend.

The City may at any time temporarily remove the plaque for maintenance purposes.

Should the plaque or tree be lost or vandalised; repair and replacement costs remain the responsibility of the donor of the plaque or tree.

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The plaque or tree may be permanently removed if the use of the site significantly changes and future development plans may require the relocation or removal of a memorial. This would be at the discretion of the City of Kwinana following consultation with the family or organisation concerned, whichever may be applicable.

In accordance with the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board policy, commemorative plaques in the City are approved for a set period of 25 years, at which point tenure may be reviewed at the discretion of the City of Kwinana.

In the event the commemorative plaque or tree is damaged or requires repair and the original donor is unable to be reached, the memorial may be repaired or removed. The City must be informed of changes to contact details for all applicants for memorials in the event that they need to be contacted.

Failure to maintain the plaque following notification by the City may result in the removal of the plaque at the City's discretion.

The City shall maintain a register of memorials and contact details for all applicants.

Application for Memorial Form

PARTICULARS OF PERSON MAKING APPLICATION

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

*I have read and acknowledge the City's of Kwinana's Policy "Scattering of Ashes, Memorial Plaque and Tree Requests"

*Signature: _____ Date: _____

Type of Memorial/s: Plaque Tree *Roadside

Location: Wells Park Memorial Wall Magenup Lake Memorial Grove

*Other

*If Roadside or Other, detail location: _____

Justification in accordance with Policy: Primary/Secondary Contribution Criteria:
(Provide covering letter if considered appropriate)

Plaque wording (if applicable): _____

Office use only

Location assessed suitable: Yes No Reason (if no) _____

_____ City Officer: _____

Chief Executive Officer's Approval: _____ Date: _____

TRIM References: Application: _____ Approval Letter: _____

Details updated in Register of Memorials: Yes City Officer: _____