

Memorials on Roadsides and Public Open Spaces

COUNCIL POLICY NO. 105

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Gannawarra Shire Council recognises that members of the community may wish to establish a memorial for persons, events or disasters in public open spaces and road reserves.

Council will deal sensitively with all requests for the establishment of memorials.

In dealing with requests, the following criteria will be considered:

- a. In respect to public open spaces, only memorials recognising a significant contribution by an individual or group to the cultural, political or social development of the Gannawarra Shire, or identifying the location of a significant event or disaster, will be approved.
- b. A memorial should be located in a position where it will not distract drivers' attention, interfere with the role of any traffic control item, be hazardous to passing traffic or hinder use of a Council facility.
- c. The amenity and particular values of public open space remains protected after the establishment of a memorial.
- d. A memorial should not prevent appropriate maintenance of a road reserve (VicRoads' Clear Zone Guidelines should be used to assess this).
- e. Applicants should be made aware of any possible risks in visiting roadside memorials and should be advised on safe practices in this regard, eg stopping clear of traffic.
- f. The establishment of a memorial will bear no cost to Council.
- g. The location should be chosen to minimise risk.

Council may decommission a memorial on the following basis:

- a. High levels of community anxiety and negative feedback.
- b. Changes to the open space environment that may impact negatively on the memorial.
- c. At the request of the applicant (and at no cost to Council)
- d. Where the level of significance may have waned considerably.

2. PROCESS

Memorials on Roadsides and Public Spaces – Establishment Procedure details the process to be followed for the establishment of memorials.

3. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy within twelve months after a general election of the Council.

At the time of review, this policy was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all Council policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna offices or online at www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au.

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Director Infrastructure and Development on (03) 5450 9333.

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