

TOWNSVILLE CEMETERIES FORM # 3
TRADITIONAL BURIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM - PAGE 1 of 1



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TRADITIONAL BURIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(This document applies when a family requests to backfill a grave in accordance to their tradition)

I, _____ (Applicant Name)

hereby advise it is my intention to hold a Traditional Burial at the **Belgian Gardens cemetery** in:

Section / Subdivision: _____ **Grave No:** _____

Traditional Burial Procedure & Workplace Health & Safety

Please tick each box to confirm you have read and understood each item below:

- All traditional burials are carried out at a single burial depth of twelve hundred millimetres or four feet to allow the family to backfill the grave in line with their tradition.
- Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Laws stipulate that graves can only be dug to a depth of twelve hundred millimetres or four feet to minimise the risk of a cave in or entrapment.
- If this traditional burial is the first burial in the grave, the grave can only be used for one coffin burial (and ashes).
- To allow two burials to occur in a grave, the first interment is required to be at a depth of six foot, which needs to be backfilled by cemetery staff (as per Workplace Health and Safety Laws). The second interment is able to occur at a depth of four foot, and would permit the second interment to be a Traditional Burial.
- During the excavation of a single traditional burial grave, head boards and side boards may be required. This is to ensure the grave can be excavated safely in line with the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Law.
- During a traditional burial it will be necessary to remove head and side boards once the coffin has been lowered.
The family will be required to move to a safe distance to allow these boards to be removed safely. This will be done as quickly as possible and in a safe working manner with as little disruption to the ceremony as possible.
- The Funeral Director will advise when it is safe for family members to continue backfilling the grave.
- Townsville City Council will not provide any additional material for the purpose of back filling the gravesite. Once the family has finished the backfilling of the grave, Cemetery staff will remove any additional overburden from the grave and the grave will be re-turfed (in the lawn section only).
- No unapproved structures are to be left at the gravesite. Any unapproved structures or items left at grave sites shall be removed at the discretion of Townsville City Council.
The Cemetery will provide shovels and rakes for the purpose of backfilling the grave.
- I acknowledge the Traditional Burial procedure stated above and agree to abide by any directions given by the Funeral Director or Cemetery staff in the course of the burial service.**
- I acknowledge that the Funeral Director must supervise the burial and all matters relating to Workplace Health and Safety.**
- By signing this Traditional Burial Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that Townsville City Council and the Cemetery staff cannot be held responsible for the health and safety of any person/s attending the Traditional Burial, in the event that an injury occurs as a result of a failure to comply with the terms outlined in this document.**
- By signing this Traditional Burial Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge I have read and understood the terms of the Townsville Cemeteries Statement of Principles.**

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Full Name: _____