# Services Centenary Memorial Gardens

# **Pre-purchasing**

The greatest gift you can give your family is to pre-arrange your funeral.

The emotional distress that many people experience at the time of a loved one's death can have a paralysing effect upon their ability to think and plan rationally. Answers to simple questions can become a stumbling block that causes the person even more distress; preplanning prevents embarrassment and makes the process of arranging a funeral simpler.

#### **Burials**

There are many things to look for when choosing a final resting place for your loved one, or for yourself.

It can be a very difficult time, especially if you are in the midst of grieving. Centenary Memorial Gardens can help you through this challenging time to put to rest your loved one with compassion and care. Centenary Memorial Gardens is a peaceful reprieve from busy Brisbane, surrounded by bushland reserve, located on the outskirts of the city in Sumner. Our vast reserve is thoughtfully and lovingly arranged with water features, landscaping, flowers, and benches, where you can return to visit your friend or family member. We provide Brisbane funerals, burials, and cremations in a beautiful, serene, and peaceful location.

#### Cremations

Here at Centenary Memorial Gardens, we are one of a few Brisbane Crematoriums, but one that is truly dedicated to offering serene and tranquil locations to lay your loved one to rest after they have been cremated.

We provide cremation services in Brisbane, as well as the opportunity to also place that person's ashes here at Centenary Memorial Gardens. Our landscaped grounds are home for the Federation Chapel, where you can choose to hold the funeral service. The chapel features a unique leadlight window designed for Centenary Memorial Gardens.

### **Memorial Plaques**

Throughout history, mankind has erected memorials to help honour and remember loved ones.

Placing a suitable memorial for a deceased family member or friend can be beneficial to those left behind.

#### **Granite Memorials**

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### **Gumnut Garden**

# "Love me faithfully, just as I will always love you. Love me with your heart and soul for I am with you even though I am far away."

Gumnut Garden is dedicated to preserving the memory of children. An area set aside just for babies, toddlers and children up to seven years where they can be remembered by their Mum's and Dad's as well as brothers and sisters and other family members as someone who touched their lives, even if it was for just brief moments or a few short years.

Visitors pass two statues as they enter the garden, a young boy rides his tricycle with his sister holding on behind while their faithful dog is also there to protect them. "Tricycle Pair" remind us that the children in this garden will be forever young in our memories.

There are seats unlike any others for parents and grandparents to use and in spring visitors can pick flowers from the garden beds and place at the graves of their babies. Here you will find balloons and bears and other favourite things that had special significance to a child. Hedges enclose the garden providing a comforting atmosphere for grieving family members that need privacy. During December parents are invited to decorate their child's grave. Four times each year we remove excess, damaged or unacceptable items from the area to help keep it a safe place for other children to play while their parents are visiting

Memorial plaques can be less formal and available in the shape of a bear or train as well as having images of pets, ballet dancer or angels. All plaques are mounted on the concrete desk provided. Polished granite desks are also available for purchase. All desks are attached to a concrete beam for stability.

### Garden of Reflection

# "We recognise that families want to be able to have choices, not only in life, but in death as well."

The first of its kind in Queensland, this very special garden provides grieving family members the opportunity to visit the ashes of their loved one during the temporary period between the funeral and the permanent placement of the ashes. Just as visiting the burial site can assist families and friends to cope with the sadness of death, so too visiting the ashes soon after the funeral can help with the journey through grief as you continue to celebrate and remember the life of your loved one.

Our commitment to caring for the families who entrust us with the ashes of their loved ones can be seen in the Garden of Reflection. At the time of death many families are unable to make clear decisions and choosing the final resting place is something that takes time and should not be done in a rush or with a feeling of being forced to make a decision just to suit a timetable.

The Garden of Reflection allows families up to three months to come and visit the deceased while at the same time wandering around the grounds to find a site that best suits their needs. The ashes are placed in the garden of reflection the first working day after the funeral, unless other arrangements are in place. There are no fees for the Garden of Reflection.

Centenary Memorial Gardens recognises that the needs of the community are constantly changing and that families want to be able to have choices, not only in life, but in death as well. The Garden of Reflection provides the opportunity to have choices and the time to make them so that in the end, each family knows they have made the best decision.

#### The Secret Garden

### "An elegantly formal setting for a loved one's final resting place."

The Secret Garden with it's fragrant roses, offers families the opportunity to memorialise the ashes of their departed loved one in a setting inspired by the Edwardian era. Radiating out from a central fountain, eight paths bisect four circles forming ever increasingly larger garden beds. The entire garden is surrounded by a hedge that provides privacy for family and friends of the deceased. Entry to the secret garden is via an arch at the end of a concrete path. Red and white roses planted in the Secret Garden carry the colour theme through from other gardens.

## **Rocky Spring Garden**

#### "An intimate and informal area for the memorialisation of ashes."

The series of landscaped individual rockeries provides an intimate and informal area for the memorialisation of ashes in the Rockery. Set on a gentle slope with concrete access paths, the seven rockeries overlook the bushland that surrounds Centenary Memorial Gardens. Families can have the plaque mounted to one of the boulders that have been selected in random sizes and placed in the gardens. Each garden features a different shrub that helps family members identify where their loved one is memorialised.

Currently, we have established rockeries with: Grevillea, Hibiscus, Gardenia, Camellia, Magnolia, Oleander and Tibouchina.

For families who desire informality blended with a touch of colour, the Memorial Rock Garden is the ideal choice.

#### The Avenue

"The Avenue is a golden spectacle to delight the senses as the Yellow Poincianas flower along the sweeping driveway."

Entering the grounds of Centenary Memorial Gardens, visitors follow the gracefully curving driveway along the Avenue of Yellow Poincianas. Balmoral Red Granite tree surrounds provide the base for all the memorial plaques along The Avenue. In this section of the cemetery, all the plaques are the same size and style to suit ashes interments.

#### Lakeside Orchid Garden

# "A tranquil setting where visitors can relax and reflect on the treasured memories of their loved one."

At the edge of one of our lakes you can find the tranquil setting for the gardens that form the area we call "The Lakes." Sitting on the park bench shaded by one of the majestic gum trees that overlooks the lake, visitors can be forgiven for thinking that they have left the city and arrived in the country. The friendly welcome from one of the kookaburra's as you watch the smaller birds darting among the reeds helps you to relax as you begin to reflect upon your favourite memories of a family member resting amongst the boulders and colourful shrubbery that abound in this peaceful setting.