

Plaques & Memorials in Columbarium

To place a plaque or headstone within Council's Cemeteries, an **Interment Right** must be issued and paid in full.

Plaques & Plinths

Bronze plaque set upon cement plinth
Dimensions: 381mm (W) x 279mm (H)

Columbarium and Memorial walls
Dimensions: 145mm (W) x 127mm (H)

Note: Plaques & plinths must be ordered through Council.

Headstones & Monuments

Monuments or headstones must be arranged by families through a Monumental Works provider of their choice. All installations must comply with Council regulations.

The Cemetery Authority is not responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial (e.g., plaque, monument, or structure).

The Cemetery Authority reserves the right to remove any structure deemed unsafe, dilapidated, or unsightly.



Fees & Charges 2026-2027

The current Fees and Charges schedule is available on Council's website:

www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au



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Cemetery Information 2026-27

Council Cemeteries

Kangaroo Island Council manages five cemeteries, with three currently operational:

American River, Kingscote, and Penneshaw, and two historic sites: **Emu Bay** and **Pioneer (Reeves Point)**. All cemeteries are open daily from dawn to dusk.

American River Cemetery

Lot 210 Redbanks Road, American River

Burial allotments are available, along with brick columbarium niches and a memorial wall.

Kingscote Cemetery

330 Bullock Track, Kingscote

Burial allotments are available, along with brick columbarium niches and a memorial wall.

Penneshaw Cemetery (Heritage SA)

12 William Walker Way, Penneshaw

Burial allotments are available. Penneshaw Cemetery is a listed site of State Heritage significance under Council's care and control. Burials are permitted without approval from Heritage SA. However, prior to any works within the cemetery (such as the erection of headstones, plaques, urns, etc.), a Development Application must be submitted through Council and forwarded to Heritage SA (DEWNR) for approval. Development Applications are required only for Core Heritage Areas: A and B, and a State Heritage referral fee will apply.



Historical Cemeteries

Emu Bay Cemetery - Historical

Lot 457 Wallaby Run, Emu Bay

This historical cemetery is no longer in use, and there are no available records of those buried here.



Pioneer Cemetery (Reeves Point) - Historical

25 German Row, Kingscote

This site preserves the remains of the early settlers who arrived on Kangaroo Island in 1836.



Cemetery Information

Interment Right (Lease)

An Interment Right is issued for the burial or interment of ashes for a period of 99 years. These can be pre-leased or issued upon notification of a death. Kangaroo Island Council grants a license for the exclusive right of burial or interment in the next designated space within the cemetery.

At the end of the Interment Right period, if family members do not renew, the plot may be reused.

Relinquishment of an Interment Right must be submitted in writing to Council.

Burials

All arrangements for burials must be made through a Funeral Director of the family's choice. Funeral Directors are required to liaise with Kangaroo Island Council before finalising a burial date, as a minimum of three working days' notice is required.

Interment of Ashes in the Columbarium

Interment of ashes in the columbarium is arranged directly between a family member and Kangaroo Island Council.

Landscaping

Planting on memorials within the cemetery grounds is not permitted. Ornaments, floral tributes, or other items must not be placed on or in lawn areas outside of the approved plinth of a headstone, as they hinder maintenance operations.

