

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The St Matthews Anglican Graveyard is owned and operated by St. Matthews Anglican Parish on behalf of the Sydney Anglican Church Property Trust.

It is a highly significant historical site with burials dating back to 1810. There are numbers of First and Second Fleet burials. The conservation of the Graveyard is governed by State Government Regulations, The Precinct's Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and these terms and conditions. We strive to maintain high standards of beauty, peace and tranquillity in the Graveyard The following are designed to support this objective as well as seeking to protect the safety of all those that visit. Some of our historic graves have descendants numbering in the thousands who trace their ancestry from them. No one is permitted to conserve or make repairs, scrape or aggressively clean, reletter or paint graves without written permission. We work closely with the National Trust of NSW and Environment and Heritage NSW in seeking advice re the conservation of the cemetery.

Prohibited items – We may refuse, rectify or remove any ornamentation or changes to a Memorial or Site. We will not allow glass / crockery jars in the Graveyard. We will not allow and will remove items such as artificial flowers, statues, permanent wreaths or floral sprays, boxes, shells and toys and anything that we consider detracts from the beauty of the Graveyard or is a safety hazard, or is in conflict with these Rules.

Removal of flowers – For maintenance of the Graveyard we may remove flowers on a regular basis. We will put up temporary signs when a clean up is foreshadowed. We will endeavour to keep vases, ornaments etc for a small number of weeks afterwards to allow family to retrieve. We will not be held

responsible for removal of flowers by members of the public.

Removal of trees – If any tree or shrub in the Graveyard or on the site becomes dangerous, detrimental, unsightly or annoying, we may remove it, or any part of it.

Landscape – Landscaping is our responsibility. We have complete discretion in relation to decisions on landscaping and any other building or structures in the Graveyard. No person may plant, place or remove any grass, shrub, tree or any other structure without our prior consent.

Alterations – For reasons of beauty, maintenance and safety of the Park, we and only we may realign or alter the position of memorials, burial and/or cremation spaces (including lifting and levelling of plaques).

Access – We may walk or otherwise travel across any part of the Park (including a Site) to enable burial or for any other reasonable purpose.

Removal of people from the Graveyard – Any person engaging in offensive, inappropriate or improper conduct may be removed from the Graveyard.

**Plants** – No one may gather or damage any plants.

**Children** – Children must be properly supervised at all times.

Entering the Graveyard – The Graveyard may not be used as a thoroughfare.

Safety – While we take all reasonable care for the safety of visitors to the Graveyard and their belongings, it is the responsibility of those visitors to ensure their own safety and the protection of their possessions. The Graveyard is a historic precinct. There are many trip hazards and visitors should take care

for their own safety when walking in the Graveyard.

Images of the Park – We can use for any lawful purpose, including online, any visual representations (such as photographs, drawings, maps, film or video) of any portion of the Graveyard including memorials. We may share these visual representations with online memorial service providers.

Graveyard development – We may at any time alter or change any feature (including plants), improvement or structure of the Graveyard.

Changes to Terms and Conditions – In the interest of protecting our high standards of beauty, peace and tranquillity, these Terms and Conditions may be subject to change.

Privacy Statement - We are committed to protecting your personal information. The personal information provided by you in this agreement is primarily collected and used by us memorial related products and services various State legislation requires that we collect and hold additional information in relation to burials carried out by us. We may share your personal information with regulatory authorities, memorial service providers and with contractors and agents we engage to provide products and services on our behalf, but only if it is necessary for the purposes of providing products and services to you or complying with our legal obligations. Should we arrange a repatriation or transfer of ashes we may also be required to disclose next of kin details to a funeral services provider at the destination. If you wish to access or correct your information, complain about a breach of your privacy or if you have queries regarding our privacy policy, please contact our office.