



Footings - Why do we need them?

Fact Sheet No 9

Footings

Memorial Footings are installed to ensure memorials comply with Headstones and cemetery monuments Australian Standard AS 4204:2019. The standard is a document developed by the Stone Mason industry to provide a minimum structural design criteria and performance for construction of new and renovated memorials or repair of memorials. RPCV have no scope to have the requirements of the Standard changed.

Footings are generally below ground level and not visible, but each site and memorial type may require a different approach. A footing and a plinth may be constructed as a single unit making it visible above the surface.

The footing and memorials are generally attached, however, to accommodate future interments, the location in a garden, or the material of the memorial may determine if the memorial is left detached from the footing. A footing installed to accommodate a memorial for an initial interment may need to be removed to allow future interments, and a new footing then installed to accommodate the old or an updated memorial.

Additional footing costs will be charged to the Holder of the Right when arranging the reinstatement or replacing a memorial.

Insurance and work permits

All works undertaken in our cemeteries must be completed to the Australian Standards. All works undertaken are completed by qualified staff or contractors who are insured for the purposes of undertaking the works. All contractors including Stone Masons must apply for a permit to undertake works within any RPCV cemetery.

What size is a footing?

The size of footings varies depending on the particular memorial.

But what if I don't want to have a footing?

In RPCV cemeteries, the soil type requires all memorials to have footings installed. This stops the memorial sinking into the ground.

I want to put the footing down myself, how hard can it be?

RPCV does not allow members of the public to install footings in RPCV cemeteries.

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