

Dear Peter,

I was going to drop this off to you when I was at the beach last week but Doreen + all the children were with me so didn't get to stop by.

We had a discussion about it at one of our meetings. + Subhara, Gai + Michael had a followup meeting. Out of that came the feeling to get an idea about what people want to happen for themselves. This sheet in no way has a finality as far as decision making - it was put out to make people as well to begin to consider what they may wish to happen when their body departs this earthly plain - it will also be part of an ongoing discussion about it. We knew you would be interested and may have something to say in relation to council. Please call Subhara, Gai or

Michael if you want further
information. I hope to see
you soon and I do hope
life is fulfilling and contented
for you.

With lots of love
Mudita.

P.S Also enclosed is a copy of
Retreat Information.

7 August '92

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you will remember we were asked by council to discuss with them our policy of dealing with our dead and to come to a mutually satisfactory agreement. Gai, Subhana and Michael will soon be meeting with council to discuss cemeteries and related beyond-this-life subjects. It is an opportunity to address as a group the issue of our inevitable transition. To help us represent the views of the whole community, we'd like you to respond to this questionnaire. Please give your form to one of us before ~~14/8/92~~.

- 1) Do you want to be buried or cremated?
- 2) If cremated, how would you like your ashes disposed?
- 3) If burial then where would you like to be buried?
- 4) Would you like a collective cemetery, individual sites, or both?
- 5) Where would you like to be buried?

second choice?

- 6) If we had a cemetery, where would you like it to be?
- 7) Do you want gravesites marked?

how?

- 8) Is there a special way you would like to be treated following your death?

- 9) Should we only allow members of Bodhi Farm to be buried here?

peter ♡

finally I send you on this piece re possibilities n burial sites.

I'm sorry I didn't get it to you ages ago.

I'm just sending off a note to Denise & Leah w a bunch of photographs & thought you might enjoy a few too - from our visit to Alf's & from the lovely naming ceremony you missed

see you at ♡ polidias

love
gai

regulations changed in 1987 & they've not tightened them up until now - prompted by Tumbable case (still no paperwork - v. tricky situation)

to avoid delays & confusion & distress, I want paperwork done in advance

it requires some thinking about WHERE so that sites can be registered as grave sites, then it becomes a much simpler matter should a death ~~or~~ occur unexpectedly

if site is registered you can then just ring C, say a burial will take place & they need only come & check the grave ~~spec~~ has been done correctly

10 is not absolute - very negotiable

need to map out area & sites & register it with Kieran - he's happy to talk about it

6.6.92 raised at meeting
Michael, Subhana & Gai to negotiate w Peter re sites.

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Mr Wade-250500
FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Environment & Development Services

January 15, 1992

The Secretary
Bodhi Farm
509 Wallace Road
THE CHANNON NSW 2480

Dear Sir/Madam,

CEMETERIES ON PRIVATE RURAL LAND AND INTERMENTS OF DECEASED PERSONS IN SAME

Council wishes to inform your community that the creation of any cemeteries on private rural land and the interment of any deceased persons requires a formal application and approval from Council before any interments may take place on the property.

Council may approve of the establishment of a cemetery on private land where the following conditions can be complied with.

81. Application in writing shall be from the owner/s of the land and shall include the following information:-
- (a) Proof of ownership of the land.
 - (b) Written approval of the Body Corporate Neighbourhood Association or other similar owner governing body where the property is held in such ownership. Such approval shall refer to the resolution of the governing body granting its approval to the application and shall include approval of the proposed cemetery location, number of proposed allotments and the like.
 - (c) Accurate details to an approved scale showing the precise location of the cemetery as related to permanent existing observable landmarks. Council reserves the right to require that the location of the cemetery be set out and be verified by a registered surveyor.
 - (d) Accurate details to an approved scale showing the layout of the cemetery including each grave site and proposed dimensions of same. (sites are usually 1.2 m x 2.4 m)
82. The land on which the cemetery is to be located shall have minimum area of five (5) hectares and such land shall not be contained within a drinking or domestic water supply catchment area.

approval can
not be
withheld
except on health
grounds.

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3. The proposed cemetery shall be sited a minimum of 100 metres from the boundary of the land and any habitable buildings (other than the applicants dwelling) on the land.
 4. A maximum of ten (10) burial allotments shall be provided in the cemetery. The controlling body of the land shall keep a register of all interments within any cemetery on the land.
 5. The boundaries of the cemetery shall be permanently marked with posts, fencing or other approved method.
 6. The operation of the cemetery and the interment of deceased persons in same are carried out in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 68 of the Local Government Act and the Public Health Act, 1991 Regulations.
 7. No interment shall take place unless a "Permit for Burial" is issued by Council. A copy of the death certificate issued by a medical practitioner or the coroner is to accompany the application for a Burial Permit, together with the application fee.
 8. No interments in the cemetery shall take place until the excavated grave has been inspected by Council's authorised person.
 9. The application fee for establishment of a private cemetery on rural land shall be set by Council in its annual fees and charges (the fee for 1992 shall be \$130.00). This fee is not refundable.
 10. The application fee for a "Permit for Burial" including the grave inspection shall be set by Council in its annual fees and charges. (the fee for 1992 shall be \$80.00)
 11. Any other criteria considered necessary by the Chief Environmental Health Officer.
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Council requests that your community consider it's needs in relation to the provision of a cemetery or cemeteries on the Multiple Occupancy, as this issue may be difficult to resolve expeditiously if an urgent interment is necessary.

For further enquiries please contact Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer Mr. Kieran Wade, at the Council's Administration Centre, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, on telephone 250 500, between the hours of 8.30am and 10.00am, Monday to Friday.

Yours faithfully,

T J Doherty
CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

per:- *Kieran Wade*

minimum guidelines - very open to suggestions

FILE NO: S/224

POLICY NO: 06.02.11

POLICY HEADING: CEMETERIES ON PRIVATE RURAL LAND AND INTERMENTS OF DECEASED PERSONS IN SAME

FUNCTIONS: HEALTH SERVICES - PUBLIC HEALTH

OBJECTIVE: To control and regulate the establishment of cemeteries and interments on private rural land.

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10. The application fee for a "Permit for Burial" including the grave inspection shall be set by Council in its annual fees and charges. (the fee for 1991 shall be \$75.00)
11. Any other criteria considered necessary by the Chief Health and Building Surveyor.
12. That the Chief Health and Building Surveyor be authorised to vary this policy where in his opinion it is appropriate in light of the circumstances of the case to do so.