

Roadside tributes

Roads and Maritime Services understands that placing a roadside tribute may help the grieving process for those who have lost someone to road trauma.

Please contact us to discuss options and the best location for a roadside tribute to ensure your safety and that of road users.

We want to support you with this process, while road safety remains our paramount concern.

Care should be taken when visiting tribute sites by parking in a safe location and keeping well clear of the road.

Requirements to erect a tribute

The first step is to contact us to select a safe location for people visiting a memorial and for drivers.

The tribute itself must:

- Not create a distraction, e.g. not on a sharp bend, no lighting or fluorescent materials
- Not be made of a breakable material.

The dimensions of the tribute must not be more than:

- Height: 50cm
- Width: 40cm
- Depth in the ground: 40cm.

Tribute sites should only be on local, regional or arterial roads. It is illegal to stop on a freeway or motorway for any reason other than an emergency, so these roads are not appropriate tribute sites.

Roadside areas, especially on busy roads, are generally not the most appropriate locations to place tributes. There are safer places where tributes can be placed.

Consider the following if the location of the tribute is roadside:

- Is the tribute well clear of the passing traffic for a vehicle to safely pull off to erect or visit the tribute?
- Can vehicles safely re-enter the roadway after erecting or visiting the tribute?

Consideration must be given to residents when choosing a tribute location. Issues can include property access, visual impact and the wishes of these property owners.

It is the responsibility of the family wanting to erect a tribute to address these issues.

Roadside tributes should be removed after an appropriate period of mourning. We acknowledge this can vary depending on individual circumstances.

Relocating and removing a roadside tribute

During roadworks and maintenance we may need to move a roadside tribute. In such an event, we will endeavour to:

- Identify tributes within the road area that may be affected by the work
- Contact the family, if known, and advise them about the proposed roadwork and the need to relocate the tribute
- Consider the family's views on how best to re-erect or relocate the tribute.

If we identify a roadside tribute is a road safety hazard, we will remove, store and/or relocate the tribute. Every effort will be made to contact those concerned before this action is taken.

For more advice or to speak to someone from our team:

- Leave a query under the 'contact us' tab on the Roads and Maritime website: www.rms.nsw.gov.au
- Call the Roads and Maritime contact centre on 132 213, Monday to Friday 7am-7pm (excluding public holidays).



© Flickr.com by PappyV, April 2007