

Do you need advice on cemetery monuments or headstones?

It is in your best interests to use a professional who has the skills, equipment and knowledge.

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For your peace of mind, select a member of the Monumental Masons Association of SA which requires its members to honour a strict Code of Practice and to comply with relevant Australian Standards.

For further information contact the

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Cleaning and Maintenance of Granite Monuments



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The polished granite finish of your monument will remain everlasting and unaffected under all climatic conditions although the external appearance may appear dull or diminished.

Cleaning

In most cases the only maintenance required is the removal of dirt and dust using a cloth or sponge with water. After washing, the granite should be rinsed with clean water.

It is not recommended to use abrasives like steel wool, a wire brush, scourers or harsh cleaning solutions as these may damage the inscription or even the monument itself, causing costly repairs.

It is not necessary and may be detrimental to the polished granite surfaces, if wax or polish is applied after cleaning. The granite has been polished to last forever. It does not require additional artificial polishes.

After many years the inscription on the Headstone may need regilding or repairing. It is recommended that this work be carried-out by a Member of the Monumental Masons Association. This is your guarantee of professional standards and service. It might be worthwhile and economical to have your Monument cleaned at this time.

In a few Cemeteries, some Headstones have become dull and whitish in colour. These monuments are generally adjacent to lawn areas that are watered frequently especially during the summer months. Constant evaporation of "hard" or "bore" water can cause a build-up of deposits on the polished granite surface.

For light deposits:

Using the soft side of a cuttlefish float (cleaned and sand free) and a little water, rub the surface with a constant pressure to produce a slurry. Wash off with water and repeat, if necessary. Cuttlefish floats may be available from your Monumental Mason or a retail store.

For stubborn deposits or those allowed to build-up over a long period of time, consult a member of the Monumental Masons Association for professional service and advice.

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