

Policy Number M006 MEMORIAL ASHES SCATTERING POLICY

Purpose

The Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc. recognises the strong connection many members, participants, volunteers, owners, trainers, and supporters have with the Club and the sport of harness racing. This policy provides a respectful and compassionate framework for requests to scatter the ashes of deceased persons at the Club's racecourse and grounds.

Guiding Principles

The Club acknowledges that, for many people, the racecourse holds special memories and significance. Requests will be considered with sensitivity, dignity, and respect while ensuring that Club operations, safety requirements, and the interests of all patrons are maintained.

Eligibility

Applications may be considered for individuals who have had a meaningful association with the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc., including:

- Life Members.
- Members and volunteers.
- Owners, trainers, drivers, and stable staff.
- Employees of the Club.
- Individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Club or the harness racing industry.
- Other persons with a demonstrated connection to the Club, as determined by the Committee.

Approval Process

1. Requests to scatter ashes must be submitted in writing to the General Manager.
2. The request should include:
 - The name of the deceased.
 - Their association with the Club.
 - The name and contact details of the person making the request.
 - Any preferred location and proposed timing.

3. Approval will be granted at the discretion of the Club's Board of Management.
4. The Club reserves the right to approve, decline, or impose conditions on any request.

Locations

- Ashes may only be scattered in locations approved by the Club.
- Requests involving the racing surface, stabling areas, or other operational areas will be assessed having regard to safety, maintenance, and racing requirements.
- Memorial plaques, markers, or permanent structures are not permitted unless separately approved by the Club's Board of Management.

Conduct of the Ceremony

- Scattering of ashes should be undertaken in a discreet and respectful manner.
- Ceremonies should generally be limited to immediate family and close friends unless otherwise approved.
- Activities must not interfere with race meetings, training schedules, maintenance works, or other Club events.
- The Club may nominate a suitable time and location for the ceremony.
- The use of decorations, balloons, confetti or flowers is not permitted
- the Club views the racecourse as a place of shared memories and wishes to provide families with a compassionate avenue to honour loved ones, while balancing the operational requirements of a working racing facility.

Environmental Considerations

- Only cremated ashes may be scattered.
- Metal ID tag contained in the ashes must be removed beforehand
- Ashes must be dispersed in a manner that minimises impact on the environment and the racecourse.
- No containers, urns, plastic materials, or non-biodegradable items are to be left on Club property.

Privacy and Respect

The Club will treat all requests and ceremonies with compassion and discretion. Personal information relating to the deceased and their family will be managed in accordance with applicable privacy requirements.

Disclaimer

The Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc. accepts no liability arising from the scattering of ashes on Club property. Approval granted under this policy does not create any right, entitlement, or expectation for memorialisation or future access to any specific location.

Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Management to ensure it remains appropriate, respectful, and consistent with the values and operations of the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc.

Approved by: Board of Management, Pinjarra Harness Racing Club Inc.



Signature

Dale Putland

Name (print)

General Manager

Position

28 August 2026

Date