

Burials

Purchasing a Burial Plot

When purchasing a plot, you are in fact purchasing exclusive right of interment and not the land itself, this remains the property of Whangarei District Council. Exclusive Right of Interment expires after 60 years if the plot has not had an interment take place.

The types of burial plots available to purchase currently are –

Plot Type	Cemetery	Interments per Plot	Description
Standard	Maunu	2	Standard lawn plot with concrete berm for headstone placement.
Family	Maunu	2	Family Burial Area, plots are set back to back with an area set between for headstone placement. Minimum purchase of 2 plots. Groups of 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 available
Natural	Maunu	1	Natural burial area, there are some restrictions with this area, refer Natural Burial section.
Children	Maunu & Onerahi	1	Each cemetery has sections set aside for children up to the age of 12yo
New-born & Stillborn	Maunu	1	The stillborn walkway located in the Children's Forest Glade provides an option for family without have to purchase a full size children's plot.
At this time, there are no other burial plots available in any Council run cemetery.			

As many plots have been pre-purchased, please see cemetery staff you can show you what is available in each area.

Arranging a Burial

Burials can be arranged through either a funeral director or directly with the cemetery. To arrange a burial directly, please contact the cemetery team to who will guide you through the process.

You will need to complete –

- Burial Warrant Application Form
- Purchase & Fees Form

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death

For any burial to take place, a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death or Coroner's Authorisation must be given to cemetery staff as stated in sections 46AA and 46A of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Payment Methods

All fees must be paid in full before a burial can take place, Council does not offer the facility of credit to private individuals. If this may be of concern, it is recommended seek further advice from a Funeral Director.

Payment can be made in person at any Council service center, Credit Card via phoning the main service center or internet banking.

Internet Banking payments will need to be made at least one working day before desired booking time for the revenue team to confirm payment. i.e. Wednesday burial, payment by Monday night | Saturday burial, payment by Thursday night.

Customer Service Center	Phone	Internet Banking	
Forum North Rust Ave, Whangarei	(09) 430 4200 Visa and Mastercard accepted	Account #	12-3115-0040516-002
Ruakaka Service Center Takutai Place, Ruakaka		Reference Field 1	Cemetery
		Reference Field 2	Plot Number
		Reference Field 3	Reserved / Deceased Surname

How does a burial work?

Before your arrival, the cemetery team will prepare the plot to the specifications outlined in the Burial Warrant Application. Due to health & safety regulations, plots can only be dug by cemetery staff.

Upon arrival at the cemetery, a staff member will greet the funeral director and give them an overview of the plot. This gives cemetery staff the opportunity to pass on any issues, health & safety issues, and ensure correct procedures are followed i.e. direction of casket, how the lowering device works. If no funeral director is present, then the person in their place will need to make themselves known to cemetery staff for this briefing.

The funeral director or family member will then conduct the funeral and lower the casket when required.

If backfilling has been request, staff will need to be notified when the family is ready start. Staff will then remove any mats and/or lowering device and provide shovels. All the council cemeteries have a considerable amount of rock throughout the soil and in order to keep the fees lower, we do not buy in soil to backfill plots. What has been removed during digging will be what is used to backfill.

Family wishing to backfill will also need to comply with our health & safety regulations and direction from staff. Closed footwear is mandatory.

If backfilling has not been requested, staff will wait until all family members have left, then fill the plot in and make good the surrounding site.

Family Burial Area



Maunu Cemetery has a dedicated area for families to purchase plots in central groups. These groupings of plots allow for a central monument to be installed.

Plot groupings range from two plots up to six plots and each individual plot has capacity for two burial interments. Ashes may also be interred in these plots.

To purchase plots within this area, please speak to one of the cemetery team and they will be able to show you what is available.

All plots with a grouping must be paid for together. Standard burial charges apply when the plots are required for use.

Natural Burials



Maunu Cemetery offers a unique approach to natural burials, plots are set amongst the existing native bush.

Specific plots cannot be purchased in the area, instead when a plot is required, the next suitable position within the area will be assigned.

What is a Natural Burial?

The idea is that the burial is as natural as possible, with minimal impact to the environment. This means there are certain restrictions on both the deceased and caskets, along with the method of burial.

Burials in this area are dug to 800mm, this is so the casket sits in the active layer of earth and will break down at a faster rate than that of a traditional burial plot. Because of this, plots are only suitable for single burials.


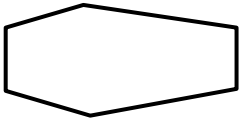
What is allowed?

	Permitted	Not Permitted	Required
Casket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untreated timber including bamboo • Natural material / fabric shrouds with untreated timber base boards • Natural lining material / fabric (i.e. cotton) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated timber • Untreated plywood • Synthetic fabric / material lining • Plastic / metal casket hardware (i.e. handles) • Metal/s • Nothing accompanying the body inside the casket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-ferrous metal engraved name plate – Full Legal Name
Deceased		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embalming • Synthetic fabric / material clothing • Watches, phones, electronic devices 	
Plot Marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untreated wooden cross/marker (painted lettering permitted, not to be replaced claimed by nature) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial stones or plaques 	
Tributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh flowers (no plastic wrapping) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic flowers, trinkets, flower holders – anything that is not fresh flowers 	
Misc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedding of any type 	

Burial Warrant Application

Deceased Details	
Surname	First Names
Date of Birth	Date of Death
Age	Gender
Place of Birth	Place of Death
Last Address	
Next of Kin	Relationship
Address	

Booking Details	
Cemetery	Plot Number
Day <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	
Date	Time

Burial	
Plot Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open	
Plot Type <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Returned Service <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Child (<12yo) <input type="checkbox"/> Infant (<3yo) <input type="checkbox"/> Stillborn <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim <input type="checkbox"/> Natural	
Options <input type="checkbox"/> Grave Mats <input type="checkbox"/> Lowering Device (<i>Maunu Only</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo (<i>Maunu Only</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Sticks & Straps <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling	
Casket Dimensions	<i>Please indicate casket shape</i>
Standard size is 2100mm length x 770mm width If oversize, please provide measurements	 
Length _____mm Width _____mm Height _____mm	

Ash Interment	
Plot Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open	
Plot Type <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Returned Service <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Natural	
Scatter <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Glades of Remembrance 1 2 3 (<i>please circle area</i>)	

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Authority to Open

For a burial or interment to take place in a pre-purchased plot or a plot where an interment has already taken place, either section A or B will need to be completed –

Previously Interred

Surname	First Names
Surname	First Names

A	I am the exclusive right of interment holder / executor and hereby consent to a burial / interment taking place in this plot
Surname	First Names
Date	Signature

B	I being the funeral director / agent for the family have carried out due enquiry and am satisfied that the use of this plot is authorised
Funeral Director Name	Company
Date	Signature

Applicant Details

Surname	First Names
Phone	Email
Address	
Date	Signature

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Receipt Number	CSR Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge to Funeral Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Family to pay	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Banking <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Service <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card

This Burial Warrant is hereby granted by the Cemeteries Manager	
Date	Signed

Cemeteries Purchase & Fees

Applicant Details	
Surname	First Names
Address	
Phone	Email

Plot Details	
Cemetery	Plot Number
Cemetery	Plot Number

Purchased in the name(s) of -

Surname	First Names
Surname	First Names

Option	Description	Cost (\$)	\$ or ✓
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Burial Plot Options			
Standard	Maunu Cemetery only	\$2,800.00	
Returned Service	For qualifying service members, Maunu only	No Charge	
Natural	Maunu Cemetery only	\$2,800.00	
Family Burial Area	Maunu Cemetery only	# of plots 2 3 4 5 6	\$3,500.00
		<i>Price is per plot</i>	
Child (<12yo)	Maunu or Onerahi Cemeteries	\$735.00	
Newborn & Stillborn	Maunu Cemetery only	\$150.00	

Burial Fees			
Standard Plot Digging	Digging of any adult plot	\$900.00	
Offsite Digging	Digging of any plot outside of a Council Cemetery	\$1400.00	
Child Plot Digging	Digging of any plot for children 1yo – 12yo	\$346.00	
Newborn & Stillborn	Digging of any plot for Stillborn and children up to 1yo	No Charge	
Grave Mats	Covering of the graveside	No Charge	
Lowering Device	Maunu Cemetery only	\$70.00	

Sticks and Straps	Used in place of the lowering device	No Charge	
Gazebo	Maunu Cemetery only, Wind permitting (non-refundable)	\$54.00	
Oversize Casket	If larger than 2100mm length or 770mm width	\$179.00	
Breaking Concrete	If needed to access plot for digging	\$179.00	
Saturday Surcharge	For any burial on a Saturday (excluding Ash Interments)	\$291.00	
Late Arrival Penalty	Arrival 30 minutes or more after booking time	\$239.00	
Staff Call Out Fee	Sundays, Statutory Holidays & before 1:30pm the day following	\$530.00	

Ash Interment Plot Options

General	Maunu, Onerahi and Kamo Cemeteries	\$650.00	
Returned Service	For qualifying service members, Maunu only	No Charge	
Rose Garden	Maunu Cemetery only	\$700.00	
Natural	Maunu Cemetery only	\$650.00	
Family Burial Area	Maunu Cemetery only	# of plots 2 3 4 5 6	\$850.00
		<i>Price is per plot</i>	

Ash Interment Fees

Interment	Burial of ashes in any plot	\$104.00	
Scattering	Maunu and Kamo Cemeteries	\$59.00	

Memorialisation Options

Pillar Plaque	Section on rose garden or natural ash area pillars (<i>plaque not included</i>)	\$250.00	
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I understand that I am responsible for payment of all fees applicable to the services I have requested / use.

Full Name	
Date	Signature
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge to Funeral Director	Family to pay <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Banking <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Service <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card

Information – Physical plots remain the property of Whangarei District Council, when purchasing a plot, you are purchasing the Exclusive Right of Interment in the plot of your choice. Exclusive Right of Interment is valid for 60 years from the date of purchase. If a burial/interment has not taken place in that plot within that time, the Whangarei District Council reserves the right to revoke the Exclusive Right of Interment in accordance with the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

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Receipt Number	CSR Name	Date
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