

Public cemeteries

IN THE TARARUA DISTRICT

2025/26

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Public cemeteries in the Tararua District and services available




DANNEVIRKE URBAN

-  **Mangatera**
CEMETERY ROAD, DANNEVIRKE
Lawn burials • Stillborn section
Ashes lawn section • RSA section
Memorial wall • Scattering of ashes
-  **Settlers**
ALEXANDRA STREET, DANNEVIRKE
The Dannevirke Settlers Cemetery is full



DANNEVIRKE RURAL

-  **Matamau**
STATE HIGHWAY 2, MATAMAU
The Matamau Cemetery is closed
-  **Norsewood**
ODIN STREET, NORSEWOOD
Lawn burials • Ashes interment section
RSA section • Columbarium memorial wall
-  **Ormondville**
LOUISE STREET, ORMONDVILLE
Lawn burials • Ashes lawn section
-  **Weber**
WEBER ROAD, WEBER
The Weber Cemetery is closed

EKETAHUNA

-  **Alfredton**
CASTLE HILL ROAD, ALFREDTON
Lawn burials • Ashes lawn section
-  **Eketāhuna Lawn**
MARCHANT STREET, EKETĀHUNA
Lawn burials • Columbarium wall - full
Ashes lawn section
-  **Mangaoranga**
MANGAORANGA ROAD, EKETĀHUNA
The Mangaoranga Cemetery is full apart from the RSA section and reserved plots

THE COAST

-  **Herbertville**
SEAVIEW ROAD, HERBERTVILLE
The Herbertville Cemetery is closed
-  **Pongaroa**
URUPA ROAD, PONGAROA
Lawn burials • Ashes lawn section
RSA section



PAHIATUA

- 📍 **Kaitawa**
HINEMOA VALLEY ROAD, KAITAWA
The Kaitawa Cemetery is closed
- 📍 **Mangahao**
BALLANCE ROAD, PAHIATUA
Administered by the Mangahao Cemetery Trust
- 📍 **Mangatainoka**
CEMETERY ROAD, PAHIATUA
Lawn burials • Ashes lawn section
RSA section • Columbarium wall

WOODVILLE

- 📍 **Kumeroa**
CEMETERY ROAD, KUMEROA
The Kumeroa Cemetery is closed
- 📍 **Old Gorge**
STATE HIGHWAY 3, WOODVILLE
The Old Gorge Cemetery is full, apart from reserved plots
- 📍 **RSA Woodville**
STATE HIGHWAY 3, WOODVILLE
Burials and ashes • Returned servicepersons only
- 📍 **Woodville Lawn**
PINFOLD ROAD, WOODVILLE
Lawn burials • Children section
Stillborn section • Ashes lawn section
Memorial wall

Description of options

- **Lawn burials**

This section in a cemetery is for anyone who wishes to be buried.

- **RSA section**

Available to returned servicepersons and their spouses. These are designated areas for burials and ashes interments in some of our cemeteries.

- **Columbarium wall**

These walls are able to have ashes interred and then a plaque erected on the front of the niche.

- **Memorial wall**

Is for a memorial plaque to be placed only. There is no place for interment of ashes.

- **Scattering ashes - Mangatera Cemetery only**

This is a designated area where family can scatter the ashes of their loved ones.

- **Ashes lawn section**

This is an area within the cemetery that is just for ashes interments. There can be up to two urns interred in an ashes plot.



Cemetery records



Cemetery records are available online and can be searched at:
www.tararua.govt.nz

Our cemetery records include:

- ☒ Name of deceased
- ☒ Date of death
- ☒ Date of interment
- ☒ Cemetery
- ☒ Block and plot number

Fees and charges 2024/25

Interments *(burial)*

• Adult	\$1,800.00
• Child (2–14 years)	\$500.00
• Child under 2 years (including stillborn and neonatal)	\$250.00
• Ashes and urns interred in the ground	\$230.00
• Scattering of ashes in cemetery area - Mangatera Cemetery only (using Council or Council contract staff, no charge otherwise)	actual cost
• Saturdays (all day Saturday – additional to interment charges as above)	
Burial.....	\$900.00
Ashes	\$115.00
• Sundays and public holidays (all day Sunday and public holidays – additional to interment charges as above)	
Burial.....	\$1,800.00
Ashes	\$230.00
• Returned servicepersons in servicemen's plot area or in lawn where no servicemen's area exists	no charge
• Exhumation and/or re-interment	actual cost

Purchase of plots

• Adult - new plot at time of interment	\$1,400.00
• Child (2–14 years)	\$500.00
• Child under 2 years (including stillborn and neonatal)	\$250.00
• Returned servicepersons in servicemen's plot area or in lawn where no servicemen's area exists	no charge
• Ashes plot (lawn)	\$400.00
• Columbarium wall niche	\$350.00
• Memorial wall plaque site	\$80.00
• District wide burial plot reservation fee (maximum of two plots)	\$2,800 per plot
• Adjoining burial plot reservation fee (maximum of one adjoining plot, purchased at the time of interment of a loved one).....	\$1,400.00 per plot



Miscellaneous

- Out of district additional fee
(for persons not resident nor ratepayers in the district) **\$2,000.00**
- Permit to erect memorials **\$80.00**
- Breaking concrete **actual cost**
- Manual records search
(per entry, per hour)..... **\$160.00 + actual costs (if any - eg. travel to cemetery)**
- Resoiling old removed concrete plots **actual cost per plot**
- Kerbing resoiled old concrete plots **actual cost per plot**
- Transfer of burial rights **\$160.00**
- Plot cancellation (reserved plots) **\$200.00 per plot**

Commonly asked questions

Can I scatter ashes in a public cemetery?

Yes you can, but only within the special areas provided at the Mangatera Cemetery only.

Who looks after the headstones and memorials?

The upkeep of headstones and memorials is the responsibility of the family of the deceased.

Can I reserve a plot?

Yes, you can. The full cost of the plot must be paid in full at the time the plot is reserved.

Can we transfer a reserved plot(s) to other people or family if we no longer require them?

Yes, you can. The Council will need a letter from you stating who you are wanting the plot to go to, and also your copy of the exclusive right of burial will need to be returned and a new one issued.

How many coffins can be buried in a single plot?

Up to two coffins can be buried in a single plot.

How many ashes can be interred in a burial plot?

Up to four ashes urns can be interred in a lawn burial plot.

Can I choose a plot?

Yes, you can choose a plot in most cemeteries.



What do I need to do to put up a headstone or memorial?

A permit is required from Tararua District Council prior to the erection of any monument, memorial, headstone, foundation, or any other structure. The permit application is usually completed by the monumental mason.

Can we dig the grave?

No. Under current regulations, only Council staff are authorised to dig graves in any of our cemeteries.

Can we fill the grave?

In most cases this is possible but is cemetery dependant.

Can we hold a service on the weekend?

Yes, but it will incur after hours costs.

Can we bury a body without a coffin?

Interring a body without a coffin is not permitted.

Do you have a natural burial area?

No, we do not provide an area for natural burials. The nearest burial site to Tararua is the Clareville Natural Cemetery, in Carterton.

Can I bury my pet in the cemetery?

No, animals cannot be buried in our cemeteries.

Can I be buried in a plot owned by someone else?

Yes, you can, as long as we have a copy of their written permission.

Can I place ornaments and decorations on the headstone?

Yes, decorations placed on the headstone are permitted.

Can I place ornaments and decorations on the grave?

Temporarily, yes, fresh flowers, large flower arrangements and small decorations can be left on the soil of a new grave immediately after burial. Maintenance staff will remove these flowers and decorations once they begin to deteriorate or when the grave is levelled.

Can I create a border or enclosure over the grave?

No, permanent grave decorations are not permitted on the lawn in Tararua District cemeteries. Permanent decorations are a hazard to visitors and cemetery contractors, and will affect the safety of future burials.

Can I donate a tree or seat for placement in the cemetery?

With design and location approval from Council, a memorial tree or seat may be permitted, providing all installation and maintenance costs are met by the family.



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