

Reference Number: 2023/975

16 June 2023



Email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 31 May 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

"The following information for current fees, and what the fees were in 2018 and 2013. (If these costs vary across cemeteries, please provide all).

- ***Cost of a burial plot***
- ***Digging or interment fees***
- ***Any additional fees for burials on weekends, public holidays, and after hours***
- ***Cremation fees at a council crematorium***
- ***Any additional costs for cremation services on weekends and public holidays."***

Part of the information relating to burial costs in 2013 and 2018 is enclosed. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information on current burial fees under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA that the information requested is publicly available.

<https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Cemeteries/Cemetery-Fees-and-Charges>

Horowhenua District Council does not provide cremation services for our district. This is managed through private funeral directors.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

Steve McTaylor-Biggs
Executive Sponsor

2013

Cemetery Fees - 2013/14 Effective 1 July 2013

Plots		
Adult		\$1,387.50
Child (up to 13 years)		Free
Lawn Ashes		\$665.50
RSA Plot		Free
RSA Ashes Plot		Free
Stillborn		Free
Memoriam Ashes Garden Plots		\$517.00
Ashes Wall (Foxton only)		\$107.50
Remembrance Wall (Foxton Only)		\$107.50
Te Pungarehu Bush - Ashes Scatter		\$77.00
Reserved Plots		
Reserved plots are only available at Shannon, Manakau and Foxton Cemeteries. Reserved plots, returned to Council, will be refunded at 50% of the purchase price. The plot cancellation fee also applies.		
Burial		\$2,100.00
Lawn Ashes		\$1014.00
Memoriam Ashes Garden Plot		\$809.00
Interment Fees		
Burial Fee (14 Years and over, Including Services Personnel)		\$973.00
Child (up to 13 Years)		Free
Child (up to 12 Months)		Free
Ashes		\$205.00
Other Cemetery Fees		
Double Depth (More than One Burial)		\$180.00
Triple Depth (More than Two Burials - Available at Avenue Cemetery Only)		\$256.00
After Hours		\$640.00
After hours extra fees will apply to interments that begin after 1pm Saturday and 4.00pm weekdays.		
Out of District Fee per Plot (Additional to Standard Fee)		\$630.00
Applies to interments where the deceased was not living in the District or was not a ratepayer at the time of the death.		
Monumental Permit		\$31.00
A monumental permit is required for all headstone repairs and new headstones and plaques including ashes garden plaques within the cemetery.		
Disinterment		Cost
Cutting and Removing Concrete		Cost
Sundays and Public Holidays		\$1,280.00
Sunday and Public Holidays fee applies to all interments on Sundays and public holidays with the exception of Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, Christmas, Boxing and New Years Day, when no interments are permitted.		
Manual Records Search Fee - Per Entry		Cost
Plot Cancellation (Reserved Plots)		\$200.00

2018

Cemetery Fees - 2018/19 Effective 1 July 2018

Plots		
Adult		\$1,600.00
Child (up to 13 years)		Free
Lawn Ashes		\$800.00
RSA Plot		Free
RSA Ashes Plot		Free
Stillborn		Free
Memoriam Ashes Garden Plots		\$620.00
Ashes Wall (Foxton only)		\$150.00
Remembrance Wall (Foxton Only)		\$150.00
Te Pungarehu Bush - Ashes Scatter		\$100.00
Reserved Plots		
Reserved plots are only available at Shannon, Manakau and Foxton Cemeteries. Reserved plots, returned to Council, will be refunded at 50% of the purchase price. The plot cancellation fee also applies.		
Burial		\$2,450.00
Lawn Ashes		\$1,200.00
Memoriam Ashes Garden Plot		\$950.00
Interment Fees		
Burial Fee (14 Years and over, Including Services Personnel)		\$1,175.00
Child (up to 13 Years)		Free
Ashes		\$260.00
Other Cemetery Fees		
Double Depth (More than One Burial)		\$310.00
Triple Depth (More than Two Burials - Available at Avenue Cemetery Only)		\$420.00
After Hours After hours extra fees will apply to interments that begin after 1pm Saturday and 4.00pm weekdays.		\$700.00
Out of District Fee per Plot (Additional to Standard Fee) Applies to interments where the deceased was not living in the District or was not a ratepayer at the time of the death.		\$700.00
Monumental Permit A monumental permit is required for all headstone repairs and new headstones and plaques including ashes garden plaques within the cemetery.		\$55.00
Disinterment		Cost
Cutting and Removing Concrete		Cost
Sundays and Public Holidays Sunday and Public Holidays fee applies to all interments on Sundays and public holidays with the exception of Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, Christmas, Boxing and New Years Day, when no interments are permitted.		\$1,500.00
Manual Records Search Fee - Per Entry		Cost
Plot Cancellation (Reserved Plots)		\$230.00