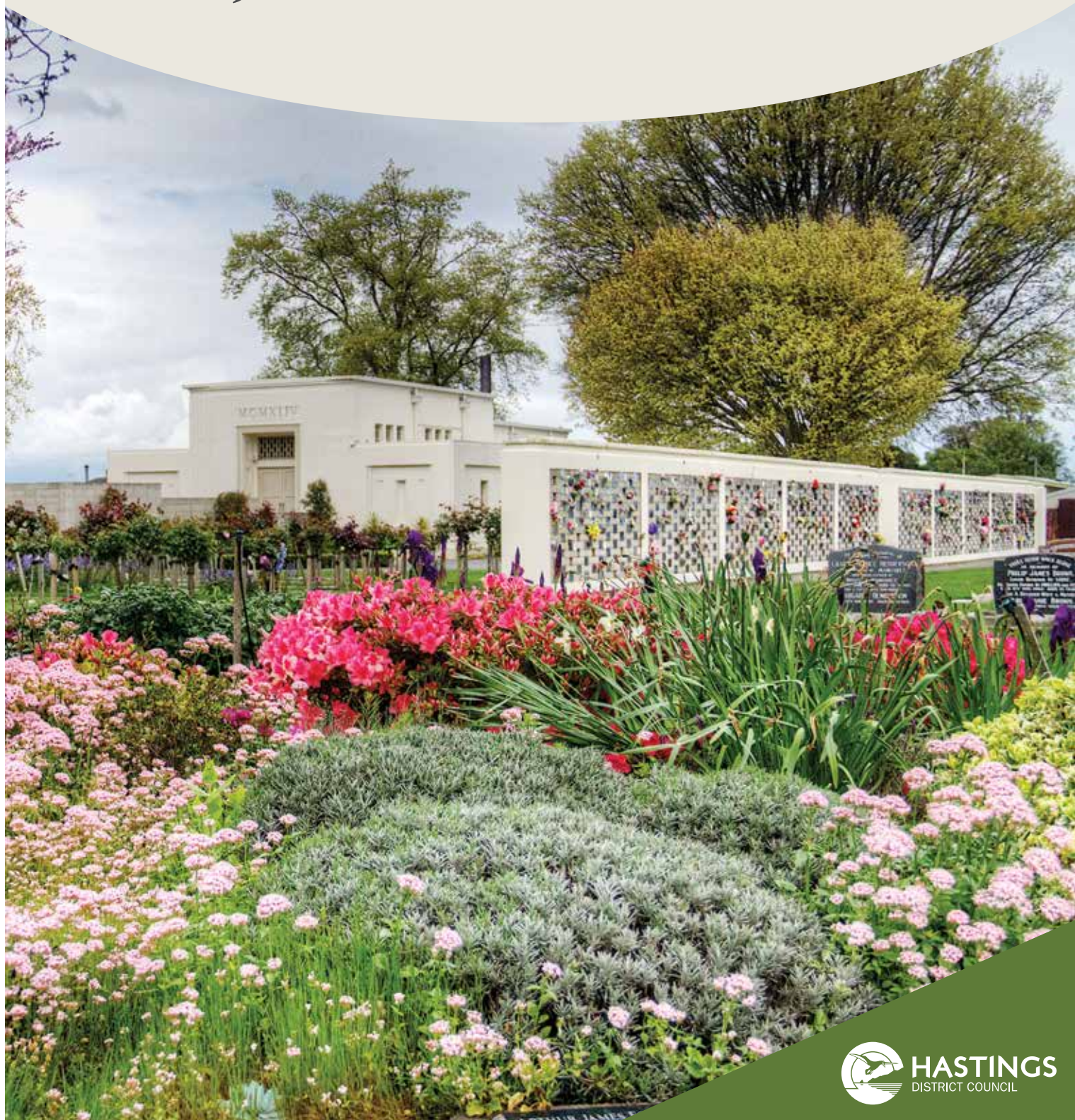




# HASTINGS CEMETERIES & CREMATORIUM HANDBOOK



**HASTINGS**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



# FOREWORD

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In compiling this Cemeteries and Crematorium Handbook, Hastings District Council staff have been very conscious that we are dealing with a deeply important and sensitive part of the lives of our community. How we care for our deceased loved ones is one of the most intimate and personal experiences for each of us.

As a community, our cemeteries are an expression of the respect we show to those who have gone before. They are to be places of contemplation, of serenity and prayer, of respect for our history and the stories of our people. They are places to come to grieve, to remember and to give thanks.

Cemetery services are delivered by Council's Community Facilities and Programmes Unit.

All requests for cemetery information or services should be referred to the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager in the first instance.

This handbook incorporates information relating to all of the key operational areas of Council cemeteries. It reflects our desire to provide an environment and services that support the needs of the community, and is intended as a ready reference for funeral directors and other customers.



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# INTRODUCTION

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## Council operates cemeteries at:

- Hastings;
- Havelock North;
- Puketapu; and
- Mangaroa.

## Opening hours

The cemeteries are open to visitors all year round. Burials are to be completed between the hours of 10am and 5pm (to allow time for the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager to have the grave filled in), Monday to Friday. During winter, burials are to be completed between the hours of 10am and 3.30pm.

Saturday burials are 10am to 12noon. An additional fee may be charged to cover extra costs associated with burials on weekends and public holidays and outside of normal operating hours.

Please refer to the Cemetery and Crematorium Fees on Council's website for further information on costs involved.

[www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cemetery-and-crematorium-fees](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cemetery-and-crematorium-fees)

## Contact details

Email: [cemetery@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:cemetery@hdc.govt.nz)

Phone: 06 878 8255

# CONDITIONS

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The conditions applying to cemeteries and activities in cemeteries contained in this handbook were made in accordance with the Hastings District Council Cemeteries Bylaw 2007, and legislation relevant to the activities in cemeteries, including the:

- Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and any amendments;
- Burial and Cremation (Removal of Monuments and Tablets) Regulations 1967;
- Hastings District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2009; and
- Property Relationships Act 1976.



# DEFINITIONS

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## Burial or interment

Means the burial or deposition of a human body, or a container of ashes resulting from the cremation of a human body, in a grave.

## Exclusive Right of Burial

Is a right to burial in a particular cemetery plot.

## Grave

A plot that has or is about to have an interment.

## Monument

Includes any headstone, plaque, panel, memorial or concrete kerbing.

## Plot

A numbered lot in a cemetery where a burial or interment can occur.

## Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager

The person, and any assistant of that person, who is authorised by Council to carry out work on behalf of Council in any cemetery.

## Spouse or partner

Has the same meaning as in the Property Relationships Act 1976.



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# I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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## 1.1. Opening hours

Cemeteries operated by Hastings District Council are open for public visiting seven days a week.

Hastings Cemetery and Havelock North Cemetery gate opening hours are from 8am to 4.30pm.

Gates are locked for vehicle access only. Pedestrian access is available at all times.

Mangaroa Cemetery and Puketapu Cemetery do not have locked gates.

The facilities will be closed for burials and cremations on the following days:

- New Year's Day;
- ANZAC Day;
- Good Friday;
- Hawke's Bay Anniversary; and
- Christmas Day.

## 1.2. Cemetery fees and forms

Cemetery fees are set by Council on an annual basis and are available on the website or by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre. Fees relate to plot purchase, burial and memorial work.

Burial plot fees must be paid prior to any burial taking place.

Where a person other than a Funeral Director is organising the burial, that person will need to contact the cemetery office, complete the appropriate forms and pay all fees prior to burial taking place. A copy of the original Medical Certificate of Cause of Death or Coroner's Authorisation for Release of Body must accompany the application.

All relevant forms can be found on the Hastings District Council website.



## 1.3. Booking procedure for burial and ash interments

The Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager is to be notified of an intended burial. The minimum notice for an Application for Interment form to be received by the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager is no fewer than two working days prior to the time of the interment.

The Funeral Director, or person organising the interment, must submit an Application for Interment form.

## 1.4. Locating graves

The cemeteries database can be viewed online at [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cemetery-database](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cemetery-database)





## 2. PURCHASING A PLOT

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### 2.1. Allocation of plots

The Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager allocates plots. Where a family wishes to obtain a plot in a particular area the request will be accommodated if possible, providing there is no conflict with the effective management of the cemetery.

### 2.2. Exclusive Right of Burial

Council charges a fee to purchase a burial right (Exclusive Right of Burial). This fee only relates to the purchase of the burial right and other fees will be payable at the time of a burial. Council reserves the right to refuse to sell any Exclusive Right of Burial. The Exclusive Right of Burial is required to purchase either an ash or burial plot.

A person purchasing an Exclusive Right of Burial will receive a Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial upon receipt of full payment. An Exclusive Right of Burial is granted for a term of 60 years.



## 3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

### 3.1. Caskets

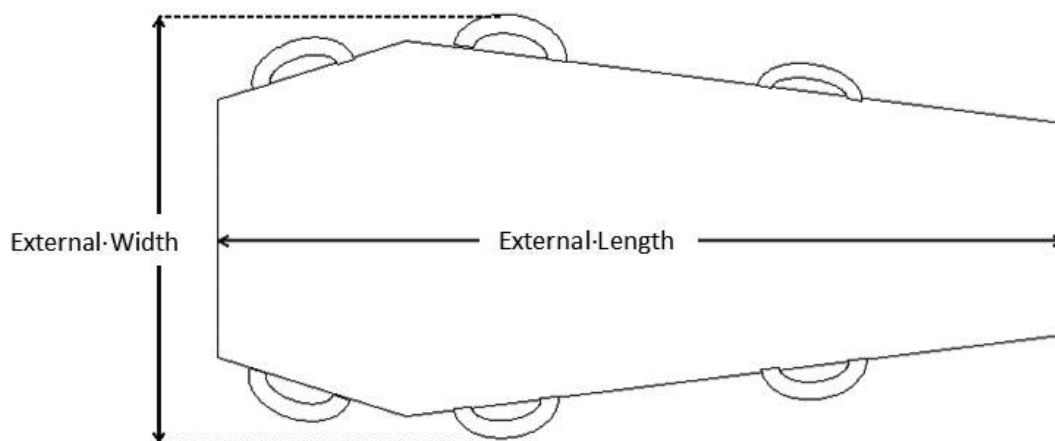
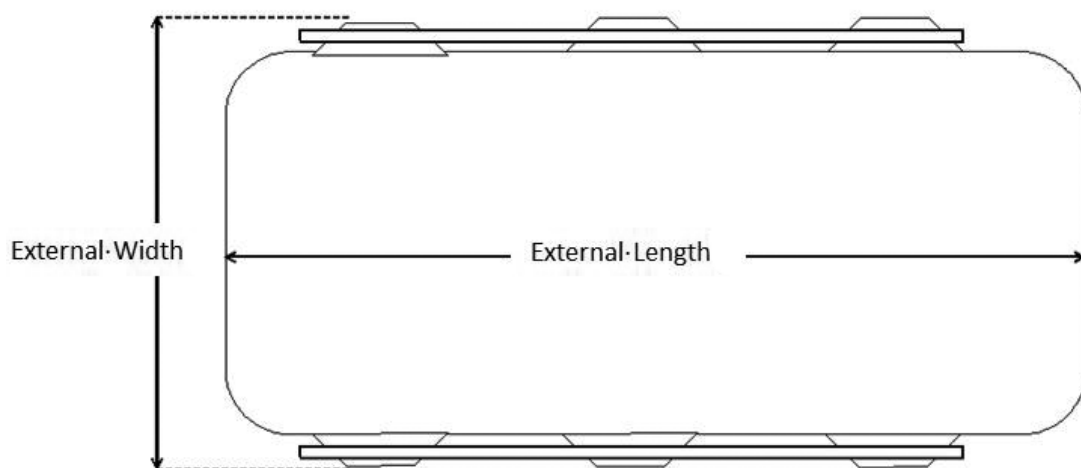
For health and safety reasons, any casket that exceeds 400mm in depth will only be buried at single depth.

The casket size and shape, including the type and size of the handles, are to be recorded on the Application for Interment form. Council retains the right to determine the definition of a suitable casket.

Caskets are either shaped or oblong as per the images.

### 3.2. Site safety at gravesite

The Funeral Director is responsible for the safety of the members of the public at the gravesite.





## 4. BEHAVIOUR IN CEMETERIES

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### 4.1. Vehicles

No private vehicle is to be left, or taken into any cemetery when the cemetery is closed.

Except for a hearse or Council authorised vehicle, vehicles are only permitted on marked roadways or any open area clearly designated for vehicles. The indicated speed limit (20km/h) and traffic rules are to be observed at all times.

The drivers of all vehicles must yield right of way to any funeral procession (cortege) in any cemetery.

If the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager indicates that a vehicle should stop or move, the driver must respond as directed.



### 4.2. Advertising and soliciting of custom

No advertising or soliciting for custom is permitted in any cemetery.

### 4.3. Photography or filming

Only filming and photography for private use is permitted.

No one, without the written consent of Council and the consent of the family, may take photographs or television footage for any media purpose. No commercial filming (television footage) or photography is permitted in any operational cemetery without prior permission.

No one may disturb or interrupt a funeral.

### 4.4. Control of dogs within cemeteries

Dogs on leads are allowed in Council cemeteries and must abide by the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Hastings District Council Dog Control Bylaw.



## 5. INTERMENTS

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No interments can take place in any Hastings District Council cemetery unless permission has been obtained from the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager. The appropriate fee must be paid prior to the burial taking place, and the Application for Interment form has been lodged with the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager.

### 5.1. Hours for interments

The cemeteries are open to visitors all year round. Burials are to be completed between the hours of 10am and 5pm (to allow time for the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager to have the grave filled in), Monday to Friday.

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The expected time of arrival in the cemetery is to be given on the Application for Interment form. If the expected arrival time is going to change by more than 15 minutes of the original notified time, the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager must be notified of the new time.

No interments will be scheduled on Christmas Day, Good Friday, ANZAC Day, Hawke's Bay Anniversary Day, or New Year's Day.



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### 5.2. Eco-burials

Eco-burials (also referred to as natural burials), are a form of burial where the natural decomposition of a body is encouraged. The aim of an eco-burial site is to encourage indigenous restoration.

Criteria for an eco-burial:

- Caskets, coffins or body coverings shall be biodegradable, made of untreated wood, and not contain any chemical or substance that prevent breakdown of the materials used.
- Caskets and coffin linings are to be biodegradable and not of synthetic fibre.
- Caskets and coffin handles and ornamentation are to be removed before burial.
- Body coverings or shrouds shall be placed on a solid base of natural untreated timber for burial and firmly fastened to the base to prevent movement of the body when transferring and lowering.
- Body coverings or shrouds, including clothes, must be non-toxic and biodegradable including zips, buttons, and any personal items or keepsakes to be buried with the body.
- At the time of interment caskets, coffins, body coverings or shrouds must not be leaking fluids or have an offensive smell.
- The body is not to be embalmed or contain any chemicals that would slow or prevent the natural breakdown of the body in the soil (embalming with approved eco-embalming formulations is allowed).
- Graves are single depth only and may not be more than 1200mm below ground level.
- No other markers or ornamentation shall be placed in or on the grave.
- The GPS co-ordinates of the eco-burial will be recorded.
- Disinterment is discouraged (except as required by law).

### 5.3. Burial of stillborn babies

A stillborn baby can be interred in a new infant plot where available. This may be purchased in the stillborn area of a cemetery. The definition of a stillborn baby is one that weighed 400g or more, or was delivered after the 20th week of pregnancy.

### 5.4. Burial of pre-born babies

A pre-born baby can be interred in a new infant plot, which may be purchased in the pre-born area of a cemetery (where available). The definition of a pre-born baby is one that died or was terminated prior to the 20th week of pregnancy, and weighed less than 400g.

### 5.5. Grave preparation

Only an approved Council contractor or person authorised by Council is permitted to dig a grave for the burial of human remains, or ashes of human remains, in a Council cemetery.

Council contractors must be approved within SiteWise to undertake work for Council.

### 5.6. Subsequent interments in a grave

Where a second or subsequent interment takes place, and the grave has a concrete cover or surround, only an approved Council contractor is permitted to break the concrete.

The Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager can provide a list of approved contractors. Any costs involved with breaking the concrete and reinstating the concrete cover or surround is the responsibility of the owner of the grave and must comply with all the monumental specifications for that cemetery.

### 5.7. Ash interments

The bookings and forms required for ash interments are managed in the same way as a casket interment.





## 5. INTERMENTS

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### 5.8. Service Areas

Ex-Service Personnel who have had war service or service that is defined as equivalent to war service, and their spouses or partners, may be buried in a Service Area.

If the interment of a deceased veteran is to be in a Service Area, a standard ex-service memorial as a plaque is available at a subsidised rate through Veterans' Affairs New Zealand. In a Service Area only the standard ex-service memorial is permitted. The memorials are of a uniform style and there is no provision for personal messages or photographs.

If the interment is to be in a public cemetery (but not within the Service Area), the next of kin can order a standard ex-service memorial, either a plaque or headstone, at a subsidised rate.

Proof of eligibility from Veteran Affairs need to be supplied with the Application for Interment. Failure to provide this information could result in the Interment Application in a Services plot being declined.

#### 5.8.1 Specifications for Service Person's interment

- Only Service Personnel and their spouse or partner may be interred in the Service area.
- The Service Person must be the first deceased to be buried.
- Double depth interments are permitted in the Service area to allow the spouse or partner of the deceased veteran to be interred in the same plot. A double plaque commemorating both deceased persons is provided at a subsidised rate.
- If the spouse or partner wishes to be interred to the side of the Service Person, they will have to pay the fee to purchase the burial right for the adjoining plot.
- Children cannot be interred in a Service Person's plot unless they are eligible for interment in the

Service area in their own right.

#### 5.8.2 War Service eligibility and contacts

Please refer to Veterans' Affairs New Zealand website for eligibility.

[www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/honouring-veterans/memorials-html/](http://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/honouring-veterans/memorials-html/)

Application for Ex-Service Memorial or for recognition of a Service Area please apply to:

Supervisor Services Cemeteries  
Veterans' Affairs New Zealand  
P O Box 5146  
Wellington 6145

Freephone (NZ): 0800 483 8372

Email: [veterans@xtra.co.nz](mailto:veterans@xtra.co.nz)

For copies of Service records, please refer to New Zealand Defence Force Archives:

[www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/nzdf-archives/](http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/nzdf-archives/)



## 6. MONUMENTS (HEADSTONES/PLAQUES)

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### 6.1. Monumental work

Only a Monumental Mason who is approved by the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager can undertake work associated with any monument in a cemetery. The Monumental Mason will preferably be a member of the New Zealand Master Monumental Masons Association.

The owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial, or in lieu of the owner, the immediate next of kin (or their agent), may give permission for a monument to be erected, or for wording to be added to an existing monument.

An Application for Monumental Work is required for any monumental work being undertaken in a Council cemetery. This is to ensure the headstone is placed on the correct plot and also to ensure adherence to the bylaws. The Monumental Mason applies for the permit on behalf of the plot owner or family.

### 6.2. Installation of monuments

All monuments including headstones and plaques are to be constructed in accordance with relevant bylaws and legislation, and to the satisfaction of Council's permitted memorial sizing.

- Concrete beam means the beam for setting memorials and bases on.
- Upright headstone means erected vertically on base.
- A base is placed for upright memorials. It may be of plastered concrete, granite or marble. A sub-base of plastered concrete is used on sloping or uneven beams for levelling up purposes.
- The New Zealand Standard 4242:1995 Headstones and Cemetery Monuments is to apply to all erection of memorial work.
- All structural materials used in the cemetery monument shall exhibit high atmospheric-corrosion resistant properties and have a minimum predicted service life of 50 years.
- All memorial headstones or plaques shall be erected level and plumb in both directions in accordance with standard trade practice.
- All memorial bases shall line up in adjacent rows horizontally in accordance with the layout.
- Where a concrete base is installed for a memorial it should be poured or set on beam with nib access cut in beam or dowelled to prevent side or end movement, particularly where the beam is laid on a sloping lawn.
- Where a granite or marble base or plinth is installed, it shall be pinned to the beam or to the concrete sub base.
- All upright memorials and bases are to be securely pinned or dowelled to avoid tipping by accident or vandalism. The requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment Act must not be compromised.



## 6. MONUMENTS (HEADSTONES/PLAQUES)

- Dowelling must consist of metal, resistant to atmospheric corrosion, such as copper alloy or stainless steel. Mild steel rod or galvanised rod is not permitted. Refer to NZ Standard 4242:1995 Headstones and Cemetery Monuments. Fibre rod described as high tensile FRP rod 12.75mm in diameter is also acceptable.
- For memorials up to 900mm high, dowelling shall be not less than 10mm in diameter and 140mm in length with dowel penetration being of equal part with each structural element. For memorials 900-1200mm in height dowelling shall be not less than 12mm in diameter and not less than 200mm in length.
- All concrete work shall be performed to sound construction practice and consist of not less than 5 parts of clean shingle and sand to 1 part cement.
- All plaster shall be mixed in the proportions of 1½ -3 parts clean sharp sand to 1 part cement with plasticizer added if desired.
- All plaster shall be applied uniformly and smoothed with a steel or wooden float finish or sponge texture. The finish shall be even with no trowel or float marks visible.
- All corners and checks shall be properly squared. The joins between memorial and base, and base and ground beam shall be washed or wiped clean of surplus residue. Joins shall be finished true and even with memorial and flushed level with ground beam.
- Where the beam has been constructed for some time it is to be cleaned off before memorial installation and plaster finish is undertaken to promote good adhesion. Standard cleaning methods include wire brush scrubbing, water blasting or chemical cleaning.
- All work sites shall be left clean and tidy and free of surplus construction residue. All construction residue shall be removed from the cemetery grounds.

### 6.3 Monument maintenance

Maintenance of monuments is the responsibility of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial or their representative. Monuments must be kept in good repair. Council does not take any responsibility for damage or vandalism to any monument.

Council may remove any monuments that have fallen into a state of disrepair from the cemetery, if the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager determines that a monument is an extreme health and safety risk. The Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager may give the person responsible (the owner or their agent) three month's written notice to repair or remove the item in disrepair. Failure to comply with the notice will result in the monument being removed at the cost to the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial.

If a monument is unsafe and/or a health and safety risk and there is no owner or representative available to effect repairs or permit removal, the monument will be laid flat within the grave surround, or removed from the cemetery if there is no grave surround. A photographic record of the monument will be taken and filed with cemetery records if the monument is removed.

### 6.4. Removal of monuments or memorials from cemeteries or graves

No person (including family and Monumental Masons) may remove from any plot or grave, any kerb or monument unless they have permission from the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager.

Monuments that are removed to be restored or repaired and are over the current height limit for the cemetery, may be reinstated back onto their original position.





## 6. MONUMENTS (HEADSTONES/PLAQUES)

### 6.5. Permitted memorial sizing

All new memorials require a permit, except for the Stillborn Area and vases in the Servicemen's Area.

Only one vase is permitted in the Servicemen's Area.

All cemeteries require a standard sized base but the memorial can consist of an upright headstone or a plaque on splay of base or both.

Blocks B and C at Mangaroa, and Blocks G and H at Hastings require a special request if wishing to place a memorial over 900mm and under 1200mm in total height (the bulk of the construction cannot exceed 900mm in total height).

### 6.6 Burial memorial sizing

Cemetery	Block	Plot size	Memorial size (mm)
Hastings	G and H Block	Single plot base Double plot base Total monument height With special request	915 x 450 x 100 2100 x 450 x 100 900 max 1200 max
	Lawn (Blocks O-S)	Base Total monument height	1200 x 450 x 100 900 max
	S Block extension and Row 16	Base Total monument height (Note: a check needs to be made prior to ordering. Base range 830-900mm)	915 x 450 x 100 900 max
Havelock North	NW extension, NE, G and H Block	Single plot base Double plot base (Note: some new bases in H Block are 900) Total monument height	915 x 450 x 100 1830 x 450 x 100 900 max
Puketapu	B and C Block	Single plot base Double plot base Total monument height	915 x 450 x 100 2100 x 450 x 100 900 max
Mangaroa	A and D Block	Single plot base Double plot base Total monument height	915 x 450 x 100 2100 x 450 x 100 900 max
	B and C Block	Single plot base Double plot base Total monument height	915 x 450 x 100 2100 x 450 x 100 900 max

## 6. MONUMENTS (HEADSTONES/PLAQUES)

### 6.7 Cremation memorial sizing

Cemetery	Block	Plot size	Memorial size (mm)
Hastings	T Block-Bed A CSG Upright	Base Headstone Total height	600 x 250 x 100 600w x 500h max 600mm max
	CSG, stillborn (plaques)	Polished edge Plastered edge	270/250 x 150 230 x 150
	CRG (plaques)	Polished edge Permitted as double plaque	270/250 x 150 500 x 150
	T Block (plaques) - Bed B - Bed C	T Block (plaques)  Polished edge Plastered edge	T Block (plaques) 390 x 250 x 20 270/250 x 150 230 x 150
	Niche wall	Polished edge (thickness range 12mm - 20mm) Chromed metal plaque	175 x 175 range (12mm - 20mm) 150 x 125
Havelock North	J Block (upright headstones)	Base Headstone Total height	500 x 300 x 100 500w x 400h max 500mm max
	CSG (plaques)	Polished edge Plastered edge	270/250 x 150 230 x 150
Mangaroa	CSG - Beds A and B CSG - Beds C and D	Polished edge Polished edge Plastered edge	270 x 230 270/250 x 150 230 x 150



## 7. TRIBUTES

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### 7.1. Wreaths and other tributes

Wreaths, food items, and other floral tributes or ornaments not permanently fixed to the monument may be placed on the plot for a period of ten days following the interment. After ten days items must be removed or relocated to the concrete beam or area around the headstone.

Family members may remove or take from any grave any items placed there, such as a wreath, plants or flowers. Council may remove any neglected or broken items.

No ceremonial fires are permitted.

### 7.2. Temporary markers

White crosses or temporary markers are permitted in most cemetery areas for three months. If the interment is in the lawn area of a cemetery, the marker must be removed within one week to allow for maintenance.

A temporary marker must be removed once a permanent monument is erected.

If the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager considers that a temporary marker has fallen into a state of disrepair, the Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager may remove it.





## 8. MAINTENANCE OF PLOTS AND GRAVES

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### 8.1. Lawn areas

Council maintains plots and graves in lawn areas including mowing.

Any plants (including trees and shrubs) planted on a grave following an interment will be removed and the area sown with grass seed. The grave will be maintained as a lawn.

### 8.2. Garden areas

Council maintains plots and graves in garden areas including weeding.

### 8.3. Eco-burial site

In a designated Council Eco-Burial site, all planting on graves will be undertaken and maintained by Council.



# 9. CEMETERY LOCATIONS

## 9.1. Hastings Cemetery

Orchard Road, Camberley, Hastings 4120



## 9.2. Havelock North Cemetery

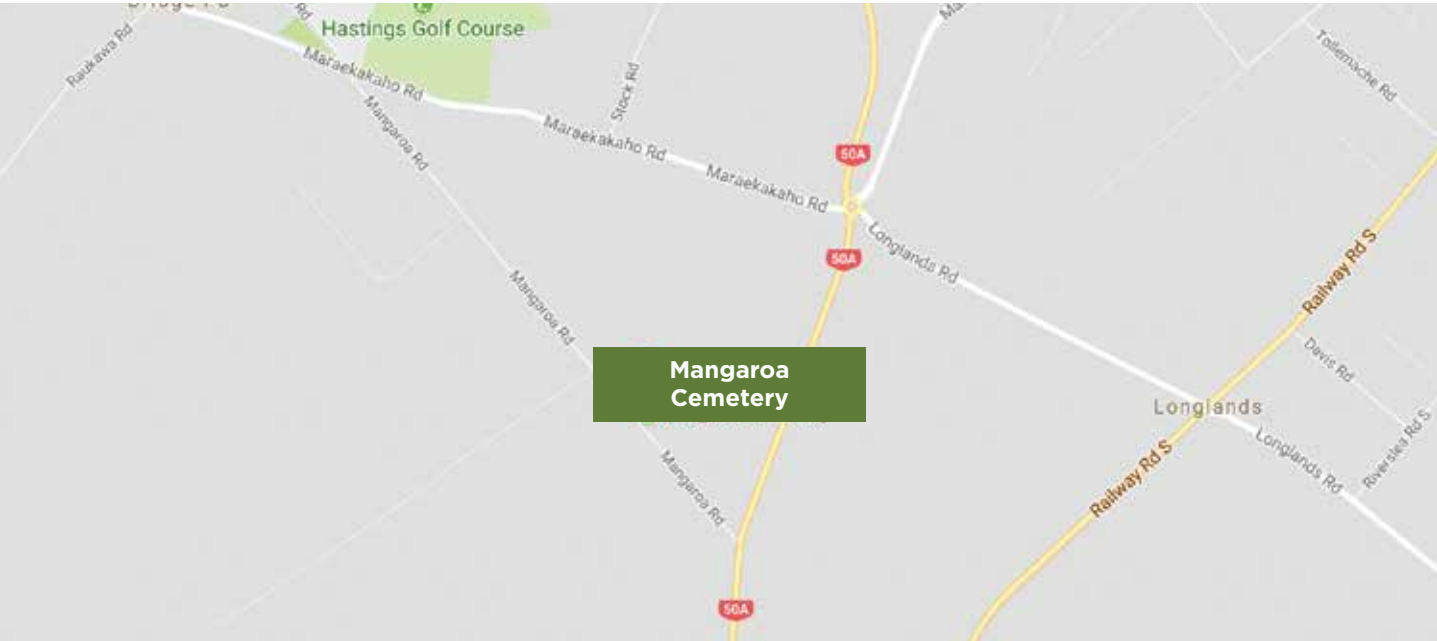
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# 9. CEMETERY LOCATIONS

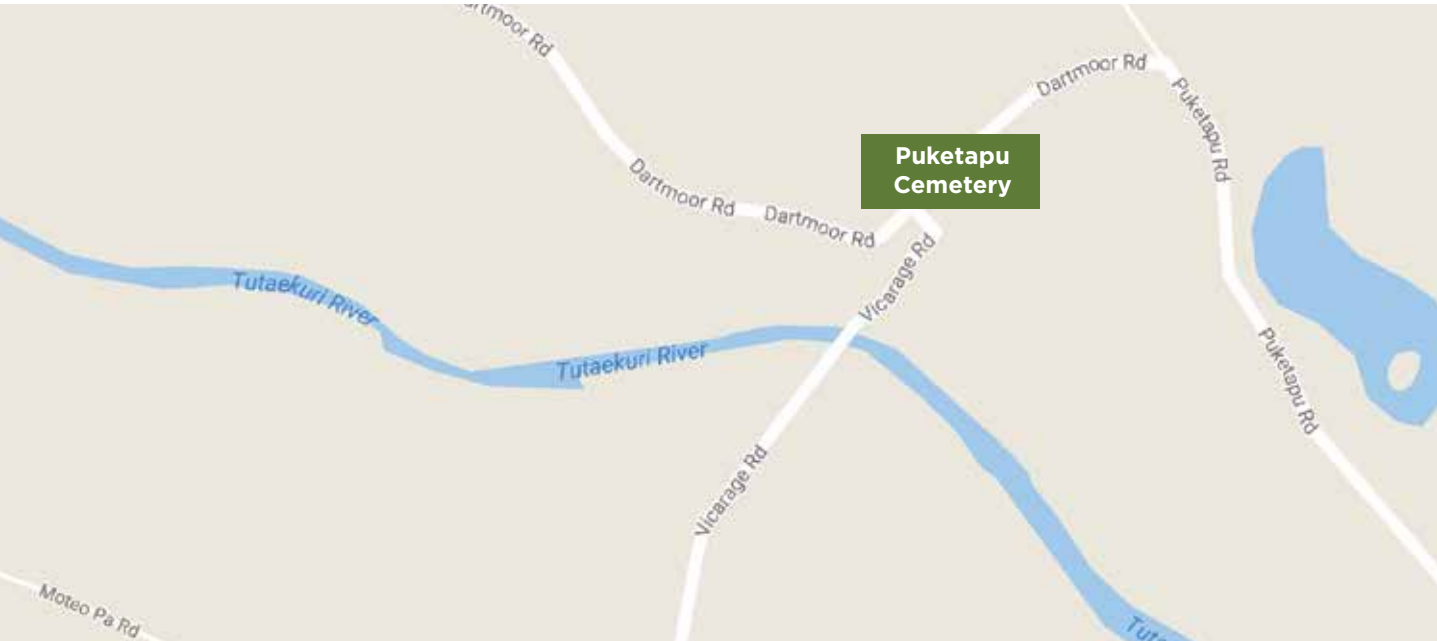
## 9.3. Mangaroa Cemetery

Mangaroa Road (off Maraekakaho Road, four kilometres south of Hastings)



## 9.4. Puketapu Cemetery

Vicarage Road, Puketapu





# 10. CHAPEL

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## 10.1. Chapel bookings

The Chapel is available for funerals prior to burial or cremation.

The Chapel is booked in half hourly segments, is tastefully decorated and comfortably seats 70 people. Wheelchair access is available.

The Chapel's attractive art deco frontage features roman numerals for 1944, the year the building was built.

Bookings for the Chapel can be made through Hastings District Council on 06 871 5000 and these will be confirmed via email.



## II. CREMATORIUM

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### 11.1. Crematorium bookings

While most funerals are arranged by a Funeral Director, this is not a legal requirement. If you wish to arrange a funeral there are legal requirements for the cremation to proceed at our Hawke's Bay Crematorium.

Complete and bring with you the following forms:

- Certificate of Medical Practitioner Cremation - this form is issued by the doctor who pronounces death. The doctor may charge for this service. If the deceased is subject to a post mortem then the coroners officers will liaise with the family directly.
- Application for Cremation form - this form must be completed by the applicant and confirmed by the Crematorium office.
- Permission to Cremate - the applicant must complete the details of the deceased (first three questions). The following forms must be completed and taken to a medical referee for signing:
  - Form A - Application for Cremation
  - Form B - Certificate of Medical Practitioner
  - Form C - Coroner's Certificate
  - Form H - Register of Cremations

Please note, the same doctor cannot sign the Certificate of Medical Practitioner Cremation and the Permission to Cremate form.

You will also need to arrange the following:

- A copy of photographic identification for the person to be invoiced for the cremation.
- A rigid, lined casket/coffin bearing the full name of the deceased. The coffin must be lined with a leak-proof membrane. The overall dimensions of the coffin must not exceed 800mm wide, 500mm deep and 2100mm long. Please note, if a coffin plaque is used this will not be returned as it will be cremated with the deceased.
- Transportation of the deceased to the Crematorium with two able-bodied people to assist with the transfer of the deceased from the vehicle to crematory.
- Written confirmation of the date and time for the return of ashes to the family. Ashes must be uplifted from the Crematorium office.

- A copy of photographic identification of the person approved to uplift the ashes. Please note, the deceased cannot be delivered to the crematory out of work hours.
- Overtime fees may apply to certain times and days.

### 11.2. Medical referees

These local medical referees are able to sign the Permission to Cremate form.

A medical referee will not sign the Permission to Cremate form if all the forms are not correctly completed or if they have any cause to suspect wrong doing.

All medical referees are working doctors so an appointment will be necessary to process the paperwork.

While the cost of the medical referee signature is included in the cremation fee, the medical referee may charge for their time.





## II. CREMATORIUM

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### 11.3. Items prohibited for cremation

To ensure the cremator is kept in good operational order, there are a number of items which are prohibited from entering the cremation chamber.

There are a number of reasons for this, from preventing breakdowns, ensuring we can retrieve your loved ones ashes, and minimising our impact on the environment.

The list below covers items that cannot be placed in the coffin. Should you wish to place these types of items, then the Crematorium would be happy to either dispose of them reverently, or give them back to the Funeral Director after the coffin has been received into the Crematorium.

- Alcohol
- Ammunition or explosive material
- Batteries
- Crash helmets and hardhats
- Crockery
- Die cast metals, aluminium and copper (large items only)
- Garden spades, forks etc.
- Glass, such as bottles, vases and picture frames

- Lighters
- Laptop computers
- Mattresses
- Mobile phones
- Motorcycle leathers
- Pacemakers
- Any pressurised containers
- Prosthetic limbs
- PVC (in all forms)
- Soft toys over 300mm long
- Wet suits and surfboards
- Products containing polystyrene foams
- Products that are volatile
- Wire

When you are preparing a loved one for cremation, please make sure none of the above items are included or inform your Funeral Director so that they can be easily removed by them or the family before cremation.







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