



## Our responsibilities

We will maintain and operate our cemeteries in accordance with provisions set out in the following legislation, along with our Cemeteries Operational processes.

- Burial and Cremation Act 1964
- Burial and Cremation (Removal of Monuments and Tablets) 1967
- Cremation Regulations 1973
- Health (Burial) Regulations 1946
- Any subsequent amendment of the above Acts and Regulations

We are responsible for the management of 13 cemeteries within our district.

Some of our responsibilities within cemeteries include mowing, vegetation control, tree management, building and furniture maintenance and replacement, replenishment of soil to graves, animal pest control and pest plant control, and installation of berms.

A memorial permit is required from us prior to any memorial installation by a Council approved Monumental Mason.

Relatives or designated representatives for the deceased are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial.

Behaviour in public cemeteries is managed by our Council through bylaws such as Activities in Public Places Bylaw 2017 – Te Ture ā-Rōhe ki ngā Wāhi Marea.

We do not cover any costs associated with vandalism or theft to private property in public spaces, this includes memorials and headstones.

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## Fees and Charges

A full list of fees and charges is available on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/cemeteryfees](http://tcdc.govt.nz/cemeteryfees)

## Forms

You can find all cemeteries-related forms at [tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery](http://tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery)

[tcdc.govt.nz/memorialoptions](http://tcdc.govt.nz/memorialoptions)

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# Our Community Cemeteries



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Each ward within our district has at least one operational cemetery (meaning that it is open for burials). There are other historic cemeteries that are no longer operational.

Our cemeteries mostly cater for lawn plot burials and ash interment.

Ashes scattering can be done at Buffalo Cemetery and Totara Memorial Park at no charge.

Burial records for all cemeteries can be found at [tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery](http://tcdc.govt.nz/cemetery)

Please contact our Customer Services staff if you would like any further information. Call us on 07 868 0200 or e-mail at [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)



## Our Cemeteries

Our operational cemeteries are located at:

### Coromandel Town/Colville

Buffalo Cemetery – 149 Buffalo Rd, Coromandel Town  
Colville Cemetery – 84 Wood Rd, Colville

### Mercury Bay

Mercury Bay Cemetery – 1138 Purangi Rd, Ferry Landing

### Tairua/Pāuanui

Tairua Cemetery – 16 Main Rd, SH25, Tairua

### Thames

Totara Memorial Park – 110 Te Arapipi Rd, Totara  
Omahu Cemetery and Natural Burial Garden –  
17 Wharepoa Rd, Hikutaia

### Whangamatā

Whangamatā Cemetery – 2745 SH25  
Whangamatā-Waihi Rd, Whangamatā

## Opening Hours

Our cemeteries are open to pedestrians at all hours, every day of the year.

Vehicle traffic at Totara Memorial Park Cemetery and Whangamatā Cemetery is controlled by gates that are opened at sunrise and locked at sunset.

## Days/Hours of Burial

Day of Week	Summer (1 Oct- 31 Mar)	Winter (1 April - 30 Sept)
Monday - Saturday	10.00am - 3.30pm	10.00am - 2.00pm
	Latest arrival at cemetery 3.30pm	Latest arrival at cemetery 2.00pm
	Cemetery to be cleared by funeral cortege no later than 5.00pm	Cemetery to be cleared by funeral cortege no later than 3.30pm

Any burials requested for a Sunday or Public Holiday will incur additional fees.

No burials are permitted on Christmas Day, Easter Good Friday, Easter Monday, or Anzac Day.

## Plot Capacity

Generally, our plots have the capacity for the following number of burials. Any request outside of this needs to be discussed with us.

Public Lawn	2 caskets and up to 6 sets of ashes
Public Ashes	2 sets of ashes
Family Ashes	Up to 12 sets of ashes
Returned Services Lawn	2 caskets (eligible service person and spouse/partner only)
Returned Services Ashes	2 sets of ashes (eligible service person and spouse/partner only)
Natural Burial Plot	1 casket only

## Burials on Private Land

Burial on private land is restricted by the Burial and Cremation Act 1964. It can be a complex process and take some time to gain approval as consent is usually required from the Ministry of Health and the Council. Refer to Sections 46, 47 & 48 of the Burial and Cremation Act for more information

## Returned Services Interments

Some cemeteries within our district have separate areas set aside for burials of Returned Services persons.

There is no cost for the plot used for these burials, but applicable interment fees are required to be paid.

Information relating to funding of plaques and eligibility criteria for interment can be found on the Veterans Affairs website [veteransaffairs.mil.nz](http://veteransaffairs.mil.nz) or by contacting our Customer Services team at 07 868 0200 or [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)

*The information contained in this brochure does not apply to memorials in private cemeteries, burial grounds or urupās.*