

Matamata-Piako Cemeteries



Matamata-Piako District Council administers five cemeteries throughout the district these are:

Matamata Cemetery - Peria Road, Matamata

Te Aroha Cemetery - Stanley Road South, Te Aroha
(This is a lawn cemetery with a headstone section)

Piako Lawn Cemetery - Seales Road, Morrinsville

Old Morrinsville Cemetery - Thames Street, Morrinsville
(This cemetery is closed except for already purchased plots. Access from road only as gate locked unless arranged prior)

Maukoro Cemetery - Old Hill Road, RD 3, Morrinsville
(Limited number of plots available)

Cemetery Opening Hours

8.00am to 9.00pm (during daylight savings)

8.00am to 6.00pm (non daylight savings)

Please note that that the opening and closing times can change at the discretion of council due to vandalism, police requests, change in daylight hours etc.



Hours of Operation – Interments

Summer Period (From 1 October to 31 March)

Monday – Friday: 10am – 4.00pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm

Sunday interments are permitted between 10am and 1pm, provided the timing is negotiated and approved by the Contractor.

Rest of the Year (From 1 April – 30 September)

Monday - Friday: 10am – 3pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm

Types of plots

There are three different options available within our cemeteries. Single burial plots, single or double ashes plots and single and double plots within the ashes wall. There are no double depths available for purchase.

The Piako Lawn and Matamata and Te Aroha Cemeteries have RSA sections. Matamata also has an RSA ashes wall.

Purchasing/Reserving a Plot

Purchasing or reserving a plot can be done at any of Council's area offices. This can be done either as a pre-purchase or through a funeral director at the time of interment. Applications must be made on a Council approved form only.

The max number of plots that can be purchased at one time is two.

Burial rights are deemed to be owned by the person recorded in our database who purchased the plot. The purchaser can transfer the exclusive right of burial for the plot to a close relative subject to the approval of Matamata-Piako District Council. Council may, at its discretion, purchase back any unused plot on such terms and conditions as it sees fit. If no burial has taken place after 60 years from the date of the original sale the exclusive right of burial of the plot lapses.

Section 10 of the Burial and Cremations Act 1964



Interment

All applications for interment must be done on Councils' approved forms. This can be done either through a funeral director or private persons. Applications must be made within a minimum of nine working hours before the burial is to take place.

If the burial is to occur on a weekend, Council needs to be informed before 2pm the Thursday prior.

Only Council's contractors prepare the plot for either occupied or unoccupied plots. However, upon application, the family may backfill the plot if they desire.

All ashes placed into the ashes wall must be interred in an ashes box. The plaque sealing the wall ashes plot must be ready to attach at the interment.

Council reserves the right to request a Proof of Authority when interring into a pre-purchased or already occupied plot.

Maximum interments per plot:

Standard single adult full plot: One casket, four sets of ashes

Standard single ashes plot: Two sets of ashes

Standard single children's plot: One child's casket, two sets of ashes.

Fees and Charges

These are reviewed annually on 1 July for a current list of these charges please contact your local Council office or check out our website at www.mpdc.govt.nz



Frequently Asked Questions

Can you inter ashes into a burial plot?

Yes you can. The plot needs to be purchased (or authority by plot owner if an occupied or reserved plot) and the fee for interring ashes.

Can you inter two people into the same plot?

No, not unless the second person is cremated or the extra depth was purchased previously.

Can the family backfill a plot?

Yes they can, however this needs to be arranged prior to the burial. The plot must then be checked by the contractor.

How do I purchase a RSA plot?

Council does not administer this. To purchase an RSA Plot please contact the local Returned Services Association in that town:

Morrinsville	07 889 7014
Matamata	07 888 7190
Te Aroha	07 884 8124

I purchased a plot a few years ago but no longer require it; will Council buy it back from me?

Yes. However, Council will only pay the price the applicant purchased the plot for at the time of reservation. Applications must be made on a Council approved form only.

I no longer wish to use my plot; can I give it to someone else?

Yes, you can transfer the plot to another person. This needs to be done in writing using a Council approved form. The exclusive right of burial is for the remaining life of the original application.

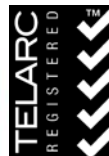
What size/type of monument can I put on my plot?

See the 'Matamata-Piako Memorials' brochure. This is important as plots have specific maximum sizes that apply and this may affect your decision regarding the type of plot you reserve.

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