

Burials

Graves can only be dug by the sexton. The sexton or a representative must be present to fill in the grave or supervise others to do this. For this reason FDC asks that burial times are adhered to. A late arrival fee will apply one hour after the stated burial time.

The grave will be overfilled to allow for settlement of soil and will after a suitable time be levelled and sown out in grass. FDC will top up graves that have sunken over a longer period of time.

Flowers/Wreaths

Flowers can be left on grave mounds for one month after which the mound is removed and sown in grass. After this it is essential that grassed areas are free of obstructions for mowing purposes and that flowers are confined to the holders at the base of the headstone. Please restrict flowers on grave mounds to one metre from the headstone.

Memorials

A Monumental Mason can assist you in deciding on a suitable memorial.

A headstone permit must be obtained from FDC prior to installation.

The memorial should be made of granite or other suitable material, Otago shist is not acceptable. There is an information sheet available from FDC Customer Services that set out dimensions for headstones.

It is not permissible to build fences or structures on graves other than the specified memorial.

A relative or designated representative is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial.



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CEMETERY INFORMATION

GUIDE TO CEMETERIES IN FRANKLIN

Frequently
asked questions



Franklin District Council (FDC) operates four urban park-like cemeteries and eleven smaller rural cemeteries. A person can choose to be buried in any of the cemeteries that are still open for burials or where a plot has been pre-purchased.

A list of cemeteries and their location is available from FDC Customer Services and on the Council website www.franklin.govt.nz.

Franklin cemeteries are maintained as lawn and most have trees and shrubs to provide a tranquil setting.

Facilities such as toilets and covered seating are provided in some of the larger cemeteries.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I arrange the purchase of a cemetery plot and organise a burial?

A. You can do this through your Funeral Director or you can contact FDC Customer Services. You will need to give information for a burial warrant which sets out the date and time of the burial and you will also need a death certificate if you do not have an undertaker. If you wish you can meet the sexton at the cemetery to select a plot.

Q. Can I buy a plot which will accommodate another burial in the future?

A. Yes, plots can be purchased that can accommodate two caskets or one casket and ashes.

Q. What can I do with the ashes from a cremation?

A. Ashes can be interred in an ash berm or a grave plot. An ash berm is a thin concrete strip that you can fix a small plaque to. The ashes are interred in front of this strip.

Q. Who do I pay?

A. Your Funeral Director or Franklin District Council before the burial takes place.

Q. Can I pre-purchase a burial plot?

A. Yes, contact Franklin District Council for further information and prices.

Q. Can I plant trees, shrubs or flowers in the cemetery?

A. No, Franklin District Council does all the planting in cemeteries.



Opening Hours and Contacts

- Cemetery gates are open from sunrise to sunset
- To contact the cemetery sexton phone Franklin District Council
- For a Funeral Director, Cremation services or a Monumental Mason consult your local telephone directory.
- All cemetery records are held at Franklin District Council's Pukekohe office.
- For Franklin District Council Customer Services phone 09 237 1300 or visit the office at 82 Manukau Rd, Pukekohe between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.