

21.0 Cemeteries

Cemetery fees are charged under the [Burial and Cremation Act 1964](#) and Ashburton District Council [Cemeteries Bylaw](#). Travel is included in burial fees.

*Denotes services only available in the Ashburton Cemetery

** Denotes services only available in the Mount Somers Cemetery

▲ The purchase of a cemetery plot provides the exclusive right of permanent burial in a cemetery owned by Ashburton District Council and includes the issue of a Certificate of Purchase.

† The additional fee for the interment of a non-resident/non-ratepayer is payable where the deceased person has not permanently resided within the boundaries of Ashburton District for at least two years prior to the date of death. See Section 13.8 of the Cemeteries Bylaw for further information.

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21.1	Purchase of cemetery plot ▲ (Ashburton, Methven & Rakaia Cemeteries)	
	Grave plot with concrete beam	\$2,015.00
	Grave plot with concrete beam – children's section*	\$1,061.00
	Cremation plot	\$801.00
	Natural burial plot (adult)*	\$2,015.00
	Natural burial plot (child)*	\$503.00
	Muslim burial plot (adult)*	\$2,159.00
	Muslim burial plot (child)*	\$1,078.00
21.2	Purchase of cemetery plot ▲ (rural cemeteries)	
	Grave plot without concrete beam (2.75m by 1.22m)	\$1,035.00
	Cremation plot**	\$801.00
21.3	Interment charges (including private cemeteries)	
	Interment of casket at double depth	\$1,721.00
	Interment of casket at single depth	\$1,549.00
	Re-opening of double depth plot for interment of second casket	\$1,709.00
	Interment of casket for a child under 9 years	\$603.00
	Interment of casket for stillborn child	\$349.00
	Muslim interment for adult, child or stillborn (includes Muslim board)	\$2,409.00
	Interment of ashes	\$343.00
21.4	Additional interment charges <i>(these may apply depending on the circumstances of the interment and are in addition to any other fees payable)</i>	
	Additional fee for less than eight (8) working hours' notice of burial	\$305.00
	Additional fee for burial performed up to 1:00pm on a Saturday (including digging and / or burial where the casket is in the ground and ceremony completed)	\$305.00
	Additional fee for burial performed past 1:00pm on a Saturday, all day Sunday or on a public holiday	\$913.00
	Additional fee for work after 4:30pm (where possible funerals should be finished by 4:00pm to allow the Sexton to close the grave)	\$305.00
	Additional fee for work involved in removing a concrete capped grave for the interment of a casket	\$419.00
	Additional fee for the interment of a non-resident/non-ratepayer †	Additional 30% of plot purchase and interment fee

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21.5	Disinterment/Re-interment charges	
	Disinterment	At cost
	Re-interment	At cost
21.6	Administration fees	
	Permit to erect memorials	\$77.00
	Installation of plaque on memorial wall	\$75.00
	Cemetery record print out	\$6.00
	Change of plot	\$72.00
21.7	Memorial wall (Ashburton Seafield Lawn)	
	<i>Fee covers site, administration and maintenance. No pre-sales. Installation left to right, top to bottom. Plaques granite only, 135x95mm.</i>	
	Plaque installation	\$154.00
21.8	Scattering Garden (Ashburton Seafield Lawn)	
	Scattering	\$252