

Ashes Interment

This information sheet aims to provide families with information regarding options for cremated ashes interment in Council managed cemeteries.

How the process works

In order to inter ashes into a council cemetery, you need to follow these steps.

- Choose between interment into a niche wall or grave (not all Cemeteries have niche walls)
- Purchase the niche or grave using the application Form 'Application for Interment Right'
- Pay the applicable fee for the plot/niche
- If interring into an occupied plot you don't need to purchase the plot but will need approval from the next of kin/applicant of the occupier's burial.
- When you are ready to inter the ashes you will need to complete the form 'Application To Inter Ashes' Council will then issue you with an 'Order for Interment'.
- Where necessary, Council will organise for the moving of any monuments and any digging needed (fees apply)
- All interments into grave sites re requested be permanently marked within 12 months. In order to erect a memorial you need to complete the form 'Application for Erection of a Memorial'
- Plaques must comply with council policy, 'Ordering of Cemetery Plaque'



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Reservations and Fees

Plots and niches can be reserved for ashes interment. To make a reservation for pre-purchase of a burial plot or niche Council requires a written application 'Application for Interment Right'. Application forms are available from Council. The current plot/niche fee is applicable at the time of application. An Interment Right can be for one or two people and can be for a niche in a columbarium wall or for a grave site for the interment of ashes.

Council does not currently offer payment plans. Once payment has been received you will be issued with an 'interment right'. The fee paid for an interment right does not include fees associated with the interment of the ashes, such as headstones, plaques, or any digging fees. Fees associated with the purchase of an Interment Right can be found in Council's current fees and charges – www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Fees are also payable if a monument needs to be moved to allow for digging for the placement of ashes and fees are also payable if Council is to organise the digging for ashes interment. Note: Council staff or Council contractors MUST be engaged through Council to dig for ashes interment in the Lawn Cemeteries. A full list of fees and charges is available from Council.

Interment Options

Columbarium's: Some Cemeteries have columbariums where ashes can be placed into niches. Niches can be pre-purchased or purchased at the time of need. Depending on the size of the niche, they can either hold 1 or 2 sets of ashes. There are required specifications for plaques for the niches.

Grave Interment of Ashes – New Plot: An alternative to columbarium interment of ashes is the option of placing ashes into a burial plot. Ashes can be placed into a new grave purchased for the interment of ashes.

Grave Interment of Ashes – Occupied Plot: Ashes can be placed into occupied plots with both the approval of Council and approval of the next of kin of the occupier.

Additional Details

- Ashes can be placed into a grave without a funeral director present
- Ashes must be buried at a minimum depth of 20cm and a maximum of 70 cm if the grave is occupied
- Plaques for niche walls and Bombala and Moonbah lawn areas must be Bronze and comply with Council specifications
- Ashes cannot be placed in the Cooma Cemetery without prior arrangement through Council
- Only a Monumental mason or a person authorised by Council can affix a plaque to a Niche Wall.

Further Information

If you have any questions in relation to these requirements, or anything else regarding Council's cemeteries, please do not hesitate to contact Council's cemetery team on 1300 345 345 to discuss or make an appointment to speak to a team member in person.

