

Burials and Interments

This information sheet aims to provide families with information regarding their responsibilities when interring a loved one in a Council managed cemetery.

Monuments and Plaques

All burials within Snowy Monaro Regional Council cemeteries are requested to be marked within 12 months of the date of interment.

It is the responsibility of the 'Order for Interment' Applicant and the next of kin of the deceased to organise the application and erection of a monument/plaque. The monumental sections of the cemeteries provide for a variety of denominations and monument types.

Cooma and Bombala Lawn Cemeteries have specific requirements for the style, type, and size of headstone and plaques that are permitted. Plaques for the Niche Walls in the region also have specific requirements and sizing. Please contact Council's cemetery team for these specifications.

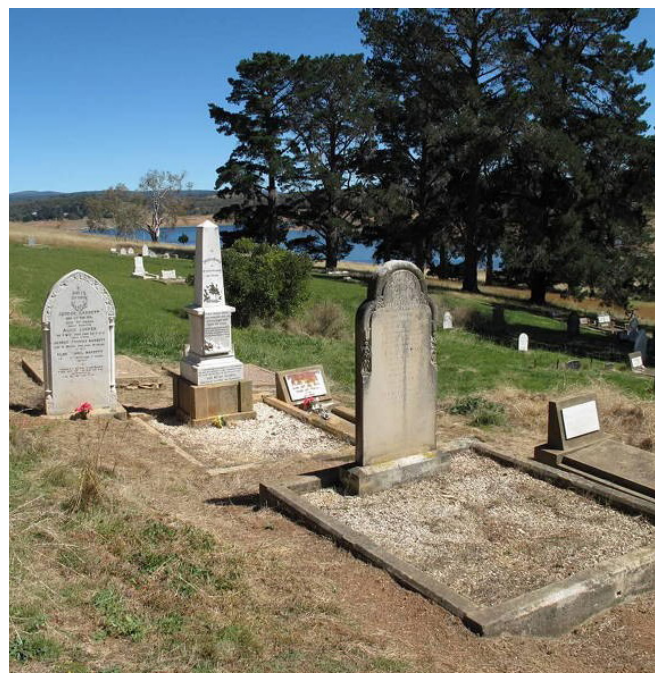
All monuments (including plaques) must be approved by Council prior to being erected by a monumental mason or other suitably qualified person. Approval will be issued following the submission and approval of a completed 'Application to Erect a Memorial' form.



Maintenance

It is the responsibility of the 'Order for Interment' applicant and the next of kin of the deceased to maintain monuments and occupied grave sites within Council's cemeteries. Snowy Monaro Regional Council is not responsible for the ongoing maintenance of monuments. Council will actively promote the repair of monuments by contacting families where possible and assisting local groups to facilitate the repair of historic features.

All maintenance in and around Council's cemeteries (excluding maintenance of graves and monuments) must only be undertaken by Council staff, registered Council volunteers, or authorised contractors.



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General Rules and Regulations

- No person shall disturb any funeral service taking place at any grave, whether by working in the area, visiting the cemetery, or otherwise.
- No plantings on grave sites/memorials shall take place without prior consent from Council.
- Dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times.
- No person shall take or damage any of the plants, flowers, or shrubs within the cemetery.
- All rubbish & dead flowers are to be disposed of in rubbish bins where provided.
- Glass vases and containers are not permitted in the cemeteries.

Have you received an Invoice for a burial?

When a burial is arranged for one of the Council managed cemeteries an invoice will be forwarded to the person nominated as being responsible for payment on the 'Order for Interment' application. The invoice will itemise any Council fees in relation to the plot and burial. Fees listed on your invoice may include any or all of the following:

- Plot - Single or Double Depth: This is for the purchase of the right to use the land
- Burial Maintenance — Single or Double Depth: This fee is for the digging of the grave, the reinstating of the grave, and the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery.
- Additional Digging: On occasion when digging a grave in a specified place council may encounter difficult digging and additional works need to be undertaken.
- Reopening: If the plot is being reopened for a second interment then this fee will be charged.
- Weekend or Saturday Dig/Fill: Due to higher contractor rates an additional fee may be charged for weekend funerals.

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.

