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Clareville Cemetery

Natural burial site requirements

Central principle: Speedy decomposition, with minimum introduction of man-made materials / toxins to the environment. Anything contrary to this principle must be specifically permitted by the Carterton District Council.

Practice	Reason	Variations/Comment
No embalming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embalming delays decomposition Requires production and use of carcinogens and other poisons Introduces toxins to the soil 	Some preparations allowed where certified by Natural Burials as a second line option when absolutely necessary. Morteck 2 in 1 Supreme (NZ) Eco-prep (NZ)
Shallow plot (no more than 250mm - 500mm from top of casket to surface)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid and 'natural' (aerobic) decomposition Live decomposing agents in the soil get access to the body (no decomposers live below 0.5m). Some air can still access the body. Agents include bacteria, actinomycetes, algae, fungi and earthworms. 	Up to 750mm dependent on soil type/profile.
Soft wood (untreated) casket, harakeke/tapa casket or cotton shroud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid decomposition of the material enables body to soil contact within 18 months. No introduction of poisonous glues or other man-made material Low environmental footprint from casket/cotton production (sustainable forest, no chemicals and low energy use in growth & production) 	All caskets, including homemade caskets must be certified by Carterton District Council, or otherwise meet Natural Burials open standard.
Compost mix soil added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce right pH level for soil organisms, and the organisms themselves, to the plot. Aids growth of tree planted in plot 	Where existing plot soil / topsoil is healthy.
Over-planting plot with native tree(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree native to the area is planted over, or at head of plot. Other natives are planted over & around the plot over time, consistent with restoration plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree gains life from the organic material underneath it. Tree contributes habitat to flora and other fauna. Tree contributes to generation of oxygen, water retention and role in other organic cycles. Tree contributes to human enjoyment of the site. 	<p>Restoration plan: It is expected that there will be an outline or specification for restoring native / endemic vegetation to the land.</p> <p>Alternatives: Unique reforestation plans meeting customer demand.</p>

Marker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-permanent marker used. For example, a 250x100 wooden engraved panel on wooden stake/post. • Deceased recorded in cemetery records, and plot graphically mapped or geo-located if existing practice. 	
Casket / Person Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left to discretion of funeral directors. 	All funeral directors encouraged to become certified with Natural Burials.
Disinterment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where requested for anything other than criminal matters, this should be discouraged due to vegetation damage, likely decomposition, and principle of delivering body nutrients to soil. 	
Additional requiring discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters related to a natural burial but where variation from traditional cemeteries has been found necessary, possible or desirable by cemetery users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placenta burial • Ash burial • Half plots for children • Multiple plot purchase / and physical grouping • Oversize plats • Offsetting plots to soften 'rows' <p>(NB: Ash burials are not possible as the NB plots are for body burial)</p>

Fee Structure

Plot	\$2,200.00	
Interment	\$ 750.00	
Compost (purchase, handling & maintenance)	\$ 300.00	
Tree (purchase, handling, planting)	\$ 150.00	
Subtotal (payable to CDC)		\$ 3,400.00
Natural burial fee (registration, memorial marker) payable to Mark Blackham		\$ 250.00
Total payable (including GST)		\$3,650.00

*Additional costs

Out of town fee	\$ 900.00
Saturday burial fee	\$1200.00
Saturday out of town fee	\$1450.00

The burial areas are designated for single plots. You do an option to reserve & purchase a plot next to your loved one in the designated single plot area, however please advise at time of booking. Cost to secure & purchase the burial plot alongside a loved one is \$2,200.00. All prices include GST.

Additional information may be obtained from Mark Blackham at www.naturalburials.co.nz.

Thank you.

