

Council aims to provide adequate and appropriate places for interment and quiet remembrance. Reservation of niche spaces can be purchased in advance.

Q: Can anyone place a plaque at a grave?

A: No. The Grantee must give permission to Funeral Director / Council to place a plaque at the grave. We will NOT take instructions from anyone but the grantee or an agent nominated, in writing, by the grantee.

Q: If the grantee dies, or is not available, who owns the Burial Right?

A: We regard the Burial Right to be exclusive property of the grantee, ie, part of the grantee's estate. The grantee's executor or heirs or successors would usually administer the burial right under these circumstances.

FOR YOUR NOTES



CEMETERY BURIAL RIGHTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Kempsey Shire Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of six cemeteries in the Shire – Bellbrook, Toms Gully, West Kempsey, Euroka, East Kempsey, Frederickton, Kinki (Stuarts Point) and Arakoon . Euroka and West Kempsey are currently closed to reservations.

The information below on cemetery burial rights and frequently asked questions associated with this important topic is included as a guide only. If you need more details about making a reservation please contact Jennifer Colling at Council on phone 65 663220

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Council aims to provide adequate and appropriate places for interment and quiet remembrance. Provision of Burial Plots, can be purchased in advance (reservations) or for immediate use.

Reservations

- Reservations can be made for future use
- Reservation price is for the burial plot only, currently \$315. This is a once only payment. No further costs until the first interment.
- Two interments (burials) can be made in the one plot
- The application & payment is processed and a Right of Burial Permit sent to the applicant to keep with personal papers

Immediate Use

- An application for immediate use is usually done directly through the Funeral Director
- The location of available plots, details of previous interments & reservations are verified with Council staff
- The Applicant/Grantee holds the Exclusive Right of Burial for the deceased
- A site visit by Council staff and the family to the cemetery location, to choose the burial position is available.

Frequently asked Questions:-

Q: What is a Burial Right?

A: When you apply for a burial in our cemetery, we will grant you access to a particular grave plot. The grant is referred to as "The Burial Right".

Q: What do you mean by "Grantee"?

The person named on the Permit for the Burial Right is called the Grantee.
The grantee's entitlements under the Permit are exclusive.

Q: Does the grantee own the land where the grave is?

A: No. The grantee's entitlement is limited to access to the burial plot described in the burial right permit.

Additionally, the grantee is the only person who can give us instructions as to who should be buried in the grave.

Q: How many burials may take place in a single grave?

A: All graves at the Lawn Cemetery are prepared to accept TWO burials.

Q: Can the ashes of someone who has been cremated be placed in a grave?

A: Yes. Graves can be used for burials and interment of ashes (usually the ash urns are placed under the monument at the head of the grave).

Q: Where else can the ashes of someone who has been cremated be placed?

A: There are the following memorial sites in the Kempsey Shire area where ashes and plaques can be placed for remembrance.

East Kempsey Cemetery – ashes gardens and columbarium walls

Arakoon Cemetery – ashes gardens and columbarium walls

Frederickton Cemetery - ashes gardens

Kinki Cemetery – columbarium wall

Crescent Head Cemetery - columbarium wall