



PURCHASE OF BURIAL RIGHTS INFORMATION SHEET (2008)

- Purchase of burial rights is a legal right granted at the discretion of Council and is subject to an acceptance of all conditions and requirements contained in the Rules and Regulations relating to the cemetery. The Grave Registry Certificate will be signed at the next Full Council meeting and then posted on to the owner with the Rules and Regulations.
- You purchase the burial rights to the plot and not the actual land which remains in Council ownership.
- Burial Rights can only be purchased in one person's name and, burial rights in one to a maximum of five plots can be purchased.
- Unless specified a grave will normally hold three burials in coffins but no guarantee can be given. Conditions vary from time to time and place to place in a cemetery and there are variable factors that can affect the capacity of a grave, for example rock formation or flooding.
- When a grave is purchased for future burial should any unforeseen circumstances arise on opening the grave, the Council has the right to issue an alternative grave in lieu of the original.
- Upon death of the registered owner the burial rights can be transferred free of charge to the deceased's next of kin on receipt of the relevant transfer form.
- Burial rights can be transferred during the owner's lifetime on application to the Cemeteries Office and will be subject to the current scale of charges.
- Only the registered owner can apply to erect a memorial at the grave. This procedure starts through your monumental sculptor who will apply to Council on your behalf for approval of the memorial.
- If for any reason you no longer wish to retain the burial rights, the Council will consider purchasing them back from you at the price paid by you at the time.