

Forest Grove Natural Burial Area



Nestled alongside a gully filled with native trees, the Forest Grove is a natural burial area which aims to return the body back to the earth as quickly as would naturally occur. The whole area will ultimately be restored over time with native trees.



Hamilton Park Cemetery

Burial Booking

The cemetery requires at least eight working hours notice prior to a burial. A burial warrant must be completed prior to the burial; funeral directors will generally take care of the warrant for families.

Please advise the cemetery immediately if your family intends to make their own funeral arrangements without a funeral director; there are some important guidelines we can advise you on.

Burial Plot Location and Preparation

There is no provision to reserve plots in the Forest Grove burial area, plots are allocated on a next available basis. This is to ensure the cemetery staff have vehicle access and can continue the native planting restoration work.

Graves will be prepared to the depth of the casket, and an additional one metre of earth to meet industry requirements.

Preparation and Delivery of Deceased to Cemetery

Chemical embalming of the deceased is prohibited. Certified organic sanitisers are permitted.

Please advise the cemetery manager if the deceased has died of a communicable disease.

The cemetery will not accept caskets or shrouds if there are leaking fluids or an unpleasant odour.

ACCEPTABLE CASKETS/SHROUDS:

Caskets

Caskets must be made of biodegradable untreated material; pine, macrocarpa, wicker or willow is permitted

Casket linings and fittings must also be biodegradable; calico, wool and hemp are permitted

All items or contents in the casket (including clothing) must be of biodegradable material.

Shrouds

Shrouds must be made of natural fibre; wool, silk or calico is permitted

Shrouds must be fastened to a solid board wider than the deceased for lowering purposes

The board must be made of biodegradable untreated timber

Memorials

No permanent memorials are permitted within Forest Grove. Temporary biodegradable markers will be supplied by the Cemetery and installed at the time of interment. A cemetery tracking system will be used to find burial plots once the area has returned to native vegetation.

Memorabilia or tributes

Tributes must be limited to natural cut flowers only.

No containers of any kind are to be placed on or near graves.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your arrangements, please contact us - Phone 07 856 7987

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