

## Arranging a Burial



*Murphys Creek*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council understands that arranging a burial is often a difficult and stressful time for family and friends. We will work with the family and funeral director to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

### Forms Required

- Application for Burial
- Burial Consent Declaration

### Fees Applicable (2018/2019)

- Burial Application Fee - Standard, or Ashes Grave \$ 890.00 \$ 512.00
- Interment Fee - Lawn Section, or Monumental Section \$ 1,335.00 \$ 1,455.00
- Other fees may apply – please contact Council to discuss your specific situation and/or requirements

### How to Lodge?

Online Services:  
[www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

Email:  
[mailbox@lvrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:mailbox@lvrc.qld.gov.au)

In Person at a Customer Service point

Applicant contacts a Funeral Home to organise burial

Form is lodged to Council from Funeral Home

Grave location selected or Reservation checked

Any outstanding documentation followed up

Burial arranged as per request and confirmed with Funeral Home

← If possible, Application should be made at least two working days prior to burial →

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who needs to complete the Application for Burial?

If the interment site has been reserved, or this burial is reopening an existing burial site, the Burial Right holder must complete the Application for Burial. If the Burial Right holder is the deceased, the next of kin should complete the application. In this instance, a Burial Consent Declaration form should also be lodged. If the site is not reserved, the next of kin (eg. spouse, child or parent) should complete the application and they will become the Burial Right holder for the site.

## What is a Burial Consent Declaration?

A Burial Consent Declaration is required by Council when the Burial Right holder is unable to authorise the burial. The Declaration ensures that family members and descendants are agreeable to the burial.

## What equipment is supplied at the gravesite?

Council's standard supply of equipment includes a lowering device (where possible), one shade marquee one dozen chairs and grass matting (where possible). Any further equipment required for the service, for example additional chairs, will need to be obtained from another source.

## Why are there different fees for lawn and monumental sections?

Monumental sections often mean it is difficult to access the grave for excavation purposes and sometimes, different equipment is required. Also, the fees are based on costs for grass maintenance and safety management.

## Do the burial fees include a plaque/headstone?

No, Council does not arrange plaques or headstones on graves. This can be arranged privately through a stonemason. For more information, see our Plaque and Headstones fact sheet.

## Do I need to reserve a grave?

A reservation is not required. The next available grave in the section requested on the form will be assigned for the burial. If you have a specific location request, please speak to our staff.

## What if the family doesn't want to use the grave that has already been reserved by the deceased?

If the deceased has reserved a grave, they are the Burial Right holder for that grave. The right is not transmissible by death. Council may permit, in its absolute discretion, a spouse, child, partner, relative, direct descendant or a friend of the Burial Rights holder to be buried in the grave provided that it has no reason to believe that the Burial Right holder would have objected. Please speak to us if the grave is no longer required.

## What is a Burial Right?

Burial Right entitles an individual to be buried in a grave or memorial site and to authorise the burial of others in the site.

Therefore, it is important to clearly identify who this individual should be when reserving a grave, particularly if it is intended to be used for others.

Later, when organising a burial, the Burial Right holder will be required to complete the documentation.

## Lawn or Monumental – what is the difference?

Lawn sections are areas where graves have plaques laid flat on stone bases or on concrete beam strips. These graves are intended to have minimal flowers (up to 3 receptacles) and memorabilia.

Monumental sections allow for desktop or upright headstones and/or full monument enclosures over the grave.

Please contact us if you require further information.