

Arranging an Interment



FACT SHEET

REGIONAL COUNCIL



Lockyer Valley Regional Council understands that arranging an interment 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 Interment
- Interment Consent Declaration



FEES APPLICABLE 2023/2024

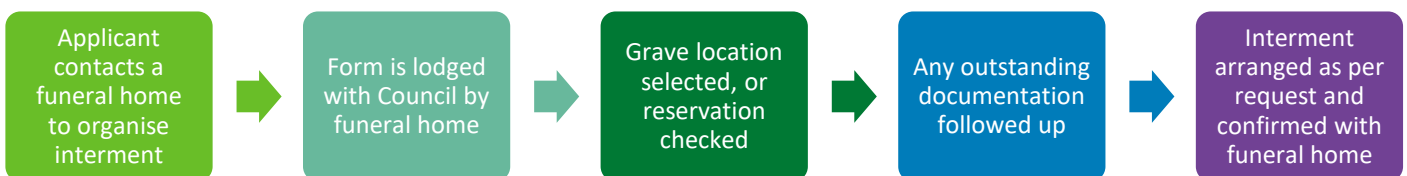
- **Interment Fee**

Lawn Only Section	\$1580.00
Monumental Only Section	\$1715.00
Monumental Lawn Section	\$1580.00
Ashes Grave	\$ 350.00
- **Application Fee**

Standard	\$1450.00
Ashes Grave	\$ 700.00

Other Fees may apply – please contact Council to discuss your specific situation and/or requirements.

IF POSSIBLE, AN APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO INTERMENT



For more information call 1300 005 872 or visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au

HOW TO LODGE?

Online Services:

www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au

Email:

mailbox@lvrc.qld.gov.au

Or in person at the Customer Experience Centres in Gatton or Laidley.

WHAT IS A BURIAL RIGHT?

A Burial Right entitles an individual to be interred in a grave or memorial site and to authorise the interment of others in the site.

Therefore, it is important to clearly identify who the Burial Right Holder will be when reserving a grave, particularly if it is intended to be used for others.

Later, when organising an interment, the Burial Right Holder will be required to complete the documentation.

CEMETERY SECTIONS – LAWN, MONUMENTAL OR MONUMENTAL LAWN: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

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

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

Monumental Lawn sections have concrete seam strips and allow for flat plaques on stone bases or directly fixed to concrete seam strip, desktops or upright headstones (NO enclosure over graves).

Please contact Council if you require further information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR INTERMENT?

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

WHAT IS AN INTERMENT CONSENT DECLARATION?

An 'Interment Consent Declaration' is required by Council when the Burial Right Holder is unable to authorise the interment. The declaration ensures that family members and descendants are agreeable to the interment.

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 /or different equipment is required. Fees also include Council costs for lawn maintenance and safety management.

DO THE INTERMENT 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 Council's '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 contact Council.

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 Right Holder to be interred in the grave provided that it has no reason to believe that the Burial Right Holder would have objected. Please contact Council if the grave is no longer required.