

PLOT RESERVATION & GRAVE DIGGING (INTERMENT) GUIDELINES AT RATANA

There are two options for whanau to take care of grave digging (interment)

1. Engage Council to provide full interment services at a cost of \$771.00
2. Whanau grave digging and filling is available, following Guidelines apply at a cost of \$476 (this includes a fee of \$200 for removal of dirt, cleanup, topup (due to sinkage), levelling, grass seeding and ongoing maintenance work, payable to Council as part of plot registration).

GRAVE DIGGING GUIDELINES FOR WHANAU

Tools: Shovels, measuring tape, mat or timber around grave, gumboots

DIGGING THE GRAVE

1. Dig down to required depth ensuring clay is piled in ONE area. Measurements for burial – this is dependent on size of casket, if it is a standard size use the following:
 - Measurements for **standard** burial is a depth of 1.5mtrs, length is 2.2mtrs and width is 760mm.
 - Measurements for **extra depth** burial is a depth of 1.8mtrs, length is 2.2mtrs and width is 760mm.
2. Lay material (e.g. mats or timber) around edge of grave awaiting arrival.

FILLING THE GRAVE

1. Clay soil must be used first ensuring it FILLS GAPS around edges of COFFIN particularly at head end (if this does not happen SINKAGE WILL occur).
2. At 2 to 3 intervals STOP and COMPACT clay in grave (walk over or use compact tool).
3. Compacting must happen consistently till clay is filled to just above GROUND LEVEL.

MOUNDING

1. Put reserved topsoil, then grass on top of grave. By this time there should be a mound above ground level NO MORE THAN ½ metre high.
2. Flowers and ornaments can then be put on mound.
3. Removal of remaining dirt and cleanup work covered by above fee. Flowers after tangi will be removed after two weeks.

NOTE:

PLEASE ENSURE ALL BORROWED EQUIPMENT IS RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY OF RATANA.

Date received: _____ By: _____

Plot No Allocated: _____ Signature: _____