



16 June 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

[REDACTED]
Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received 31 May 2023 and related to Interment fees for 2013, 2018 and 2023. Our response is below:

1. The following information for current fees, and what the fees were in 2018 and 2013. (If these costs vary across cemeteries, please provide all).
 - Cost of a burial plot
 - Digging or interment fees
 - Any additional fees for burials on weekends, public holidays, and after hours
 - Cremation fees at a council crematorium
 - Any additional costs for cremation services on weekends and public holidays.

Response:

2013:

Cost of burial plots

- Adult = \$747
- Child – Up to and including 12 years of age = \$309
- Ashes – All sections = \$180
- Memorial Wall Plaque – Mt View = \$98
- Rose Berm – Mt View = \$98

Interment Fees

- Wall Niche – Bulls \$180
- Adult – Over 12 years = \$747
- Child – up to and including 12 years old = \$309
- Still Born = \$191
- Ashes = \$196

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- Ashes – Placed by family = \$36
- Extra Depth – Extra Charge = \$438
- Extra charge for all out of District interments- does not apply to ashes, stillborn, or child interments = \$736
- Disinterment/re-interment charges = \$736
- Disinterment of Ashes = \$180
- Monumental permit - fee will be waived if an image of the headstone is supplied = \$30
- RSA Burials at Marton and Taihape - Interment Fees only apply

Ratana Cemetery Separate Charges

For all interments arranged and carried out by the Ratana Community

- Standard plot size (over 12 years old) = \$267
- Child (12 years and under) = \$134
- Ash plot = \$134
- If Council labour or input is required, then the appropriate charges for other District cemeteries are to apply

2018:

Cost of Burial Plots

- Adult – over 12 years = \$861.00
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$329
- Ashes – all sections = \$191
- Memorial wall plaque – Mt View = \$105
- Rose berm – Mt View = \$105

Interment Fees

- Wall niche – Bulls = \$191
- Adult – over 12 years = \$861
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$356
- Stillborn = \$220
- Ashes = \$226
- Ashes – placed by family = \$42
- Extra depth – extra charge = \$172
- Saturdays sexton fees – extra charge = \$506
- Extra charge for all out of district interments – does not apply to ashes, Stillborn or child interments \$850
- Disinterment/re-interment charges = \$1863
- Disinterment of ashes = \$209
- Monumental permit - fee will be waived if an image of the headstone is supplied = \$32
- RSA Burials at Marton and Taihape - Interment Fees only apply

Ratana Cemetery Separate Charges

All interments are arranged by individual whanau under Council's approved best practice guidelines (available from the Council or Ratana Communal Board). The fee of \$476.00 paid for a plot includes ongoing plot maintenance (e.g., sinkage top-up) by the Ratana Communal Board. Allocation of plots outside business hours is managed by Ratana Community Board.

- Adult – over 12 years (including plot reinstatement/maintenance) = \$476
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$138

- Ash Plot = \$138

2023:

Cost of Burial Plots

- Adult – over 12 years = \$950
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$364
- Ashes – all sections = \$211
- Memorial wall plaque – Mt View = \$115
- Rose berm – Mt View = \$115

Interment Fees

- Wall niche – Bulls = \$211
- Adult – over 12 years = \$950
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$Free
- Stillborn = \$Free
- Ashes = \$249
- Ashes – placed by family = \$45
- Extra depth – extra charge = \$190
- Saturdays & Public Holiday Sexton fees – extra charge = \$558
- Extra charge for all out of district interments – does not apply to ashes, stillborn or child interments = \$937
- Disinterment/re-interment charges = \$2056
- Disinterment of ashes = \$230
- Monumental permit - fee will be waived if an image of the headstone is supplied = \$36
- RSA burials at Marton and Taihape - interment fees only apply

Ratana Cemetery Separate Charges

All interments are arranged by individual whanau under Council's approved best practice guidelines (available from the Council or Ratana Communal Board). The fee of \$507.00 paid for a plot includes ongoing plot maintenance (e.g., sinkage top-up) by the Ratana Communal Board. Allocation of plots outside business hours is managed by Ratana Community Board.

- Adult – over 12 years (including plot reinstatement/maintenance) = \$507
- Child – up to and including 12 years of age = \$Free
- Stillborn = \$Free
- Ash plot = \$147

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Gordon
Group Manager Democracy & Planning