

Community Cemetery locations



Community Cemeteries

Your memorial options

Each community within Thames-Coromandel District has at least one operational cemetery (meaning that it is open for burials). There are six other cemeteries no longer operational. Our operational cemeteries are located at:

Coromandel/Colville

Buffalo Cemetery (Buffalo Road)
Colville Cemetery

Mercury Bay

Mercury Bay Cemetery - Ferry Landing

Tairua/Pauanui

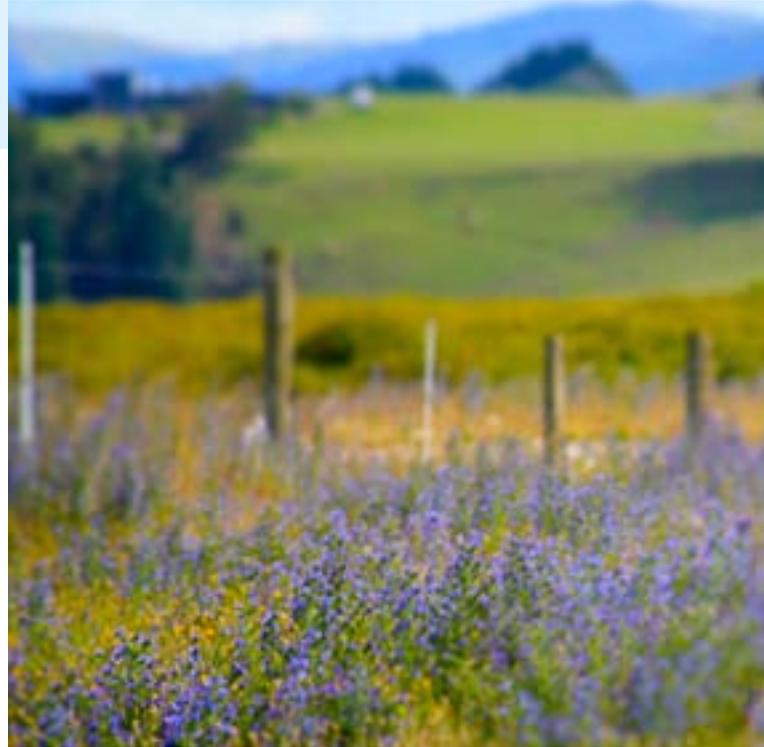
Tairua and Serviceman's Cemetery

Thames

Totara Memorial Park (Te Arapipi Road)
Omahu Cemetery (Wharepoa Road)

Whangamata

Whangamata Cemetery



Most cemeteries operating in Thames-Coromandel cater mostly for lawn plot burials, which means that you must not plant vegetation or place structures, borders or any items on the plot itself.

Some people decide they would like to plant a memorial plant or other structure in remembrance of their loved one. There are options available for this and you will need to talk to our Customer Services team for this to occur.

Choosing the right site

There are different types of plots and it's important that you understand the differences about what you can and cannot do in each type of plot before you make your decision.

You may like to consider planting a memorial plant in a specially designated area of the cemetery, sponsoring a park seat or, in some cemeteries, purchasing a **monumental cemetery plot** instead of a **lawn plot**.

We also have a designated area for memorial plaques for stillborn and neonatal children, at Totara.

Please tell our Customer Services team what you would like and we will try to accommodate your request wherever possible.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is responsible for the upkeep of a plot once purchased?

A relative or designated representative is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial. The Council is responsible for mowing lawns and general cemetery maintenance.

Do you have special plots for returned veterans?

Yes, at all open cemeteries except Colville and Omahu. Anyone who has served in a recognised conflict situation is eligible for a RSA plot and double burials allow a spouse or partner of the deceased to be buried in the same plot. A standard ex-service memorial plaque is available at a subsidised rate through Veterans' Affairs New Zealand.—www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz

Can I reserve a plot next to my loved one?

For capacity reasons, pre-sales are not allowed at the Mercury Bay Cemetery. For all other enquiries, please talk to our Customer Services team.

Flowers

Flowers can be left on grave mounds at lawn plots for one month after which the mound is levelled and sown in grass. After this it is essential that grassed areas are free of obstructions for mowing purposes and to allow the settling to occur at any newly dug plots nearby.

Sentimental items

Sentimental items must be confined to the base of the headstone and items must not include ceramic or glass of any kind. If broken, it is not only upsetting to next of kin but dangerous to have broken pieces around grave sites where other visitors often kneel.



Head Stones

A monumental mason can help you decide on a suitable memorial and can explain the rules that apply. A headstone permit must be obtained from the Council before installation.



Fences/structures

It is not permissible to build fences, structures or place shell, rocks, landscaping timber or other material on lawn plots. We are currently removing such structures from lawn plots throughout the district in liaison with next of kin.