

CANBERRA CEMETERIES INFORMATION SHEET

Ashes Interments



Cremated remains can be interred in an ashes allotment or in an existing earth grave. Please refer to our current schedule of fees for cost information.

The ashes allotments available for purchase at Woden Cemetery are our Columbaria inside the Mausoleum, Memorial Gardens, a Memorial Rock, or a granite allotment in Liquidambar Lane. The Hall Cemetery also offers a garden option. Gungahlin Cemetery offers both garden and rock choices, as well as the Wall of Remembrance. A memorial plaque is included in the fee for these options. Ashes may also be scattered in our Natural Burial area at the Gungahlin site, where a plaque on a nearby communal rock is an optional extra. For more information, please see the individual allotment information sheets.

Interment of ashes into an existing earth grave can occur provided the Exclusive Rights Holder (ERH)* of the grave applies or provides suitable authorisation. If the grave has a monumental covering, the ledger will need to be removed before the ashes can be interred. Please note there is an additional cost for the ledger removal. Memorialisation is dependent upon which type of grave is being used and may be determined by the family. If the interment occurs in a monumental grave the family will need to organise the memorialisation with a stonemason. If the interment occurs in a lawn grave, a plaque can be arranged through Canberra Cemeteries staff. Please note that the plaque is an additional cost.

Ashes interments can take place seven days of the week. If required, a staff member may be available to assist with placement of ashes for bookings between 9.00am and 3.30pm on weekdays. If the family does not wish to be present, Cemeteries staff will inter the ashes and notify the family afterwards. A weekend or after hours interment can be arranged, provided the family is willing to bring a small spade to backfill the opening after they have placed the ashes. Please note that the Cremation Certificate will need to be sighted by Canberra Cemeteries before the interment can take place.

Although two sets of ashes may be interred at the same time, only one standard container per person is permitted.

Canberra Cemeteries discourages any placement of personal, valuable or sentimental items on the site.

**The Exclusive Rights Holder of the Allotment is the person who completes the Application for Exclusive Right of Allotment form prior to the burial occurring or at the time of the allotment purchase. They become the sole authority on any future matters regarding the allotment, including burials and memorialization.*

