

Following the cremation ashes are returned to the care of the funeral director, usually within 48 hours. Collection of the ashes may happen at a pre-arranged time, or your funeral director can care for the ashes until the family are ready to take the next step.

Ashes can be either scattered or interred. This can happen in a designated area in a cemetery or you can scatter or inter them anywhere you choose.

There are very few rules about ashes. As a guide, it is not recommended to scatter in public parks or sports grounds, in traditional food-gathering areas - *mahinga kai* (like shellfish beds and fishing rivers), and on private property without permission of the owner. Give careful consideration as to where the ashes will be scattered or interred and ensure this will not cause a public nuisance.

All plots in the Dunedin City Council cemeteries can only be purchased at the time of a death. Fees will apply for purchasing plots, interring of ashes and scattering of ashes by the DCC in the Rose Garden at Andersons Bay Cemetery.



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ASHES INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



OPTIONS FOR ASHES WITHIN DUNEDIN CEMETERIES

COLUMBARIUM WALL *Andersons Bay Cemetery*

This is a wall niche for the placement of ashes. Each niche is sealed with the plaque.



FAMILY ASH PLOTS *Andersons Bay Cemetery & Dunedin Cemetery*

These are larger plots. Up to eight sets of ashes can be interred in the plot with a small headstone.

ASH BEAM PLOTS

Andersons Bay Cemetery & Dunedin Cemetery

These are garden plots with a concrete edging. Two sets of ashes can be interred in the plot with a plaque on the concrete edging.

Ashes can be buried in existing plots with permission of the burial rights owner. Your Funeral Director can advise as what may be practical.



RETURNED SERVICES ASH PLOTS

Green Park Cemetery

Veterans Affairs NZ manage the services cemeteries. Two sets of ashes can be interred in each plot with a bronze services plaque.

The first ashes interred would usually be the returned service person, however a spouse's ashes may be interred first provided the returned service person confirms that their ashes will be interred in the plot in the future.