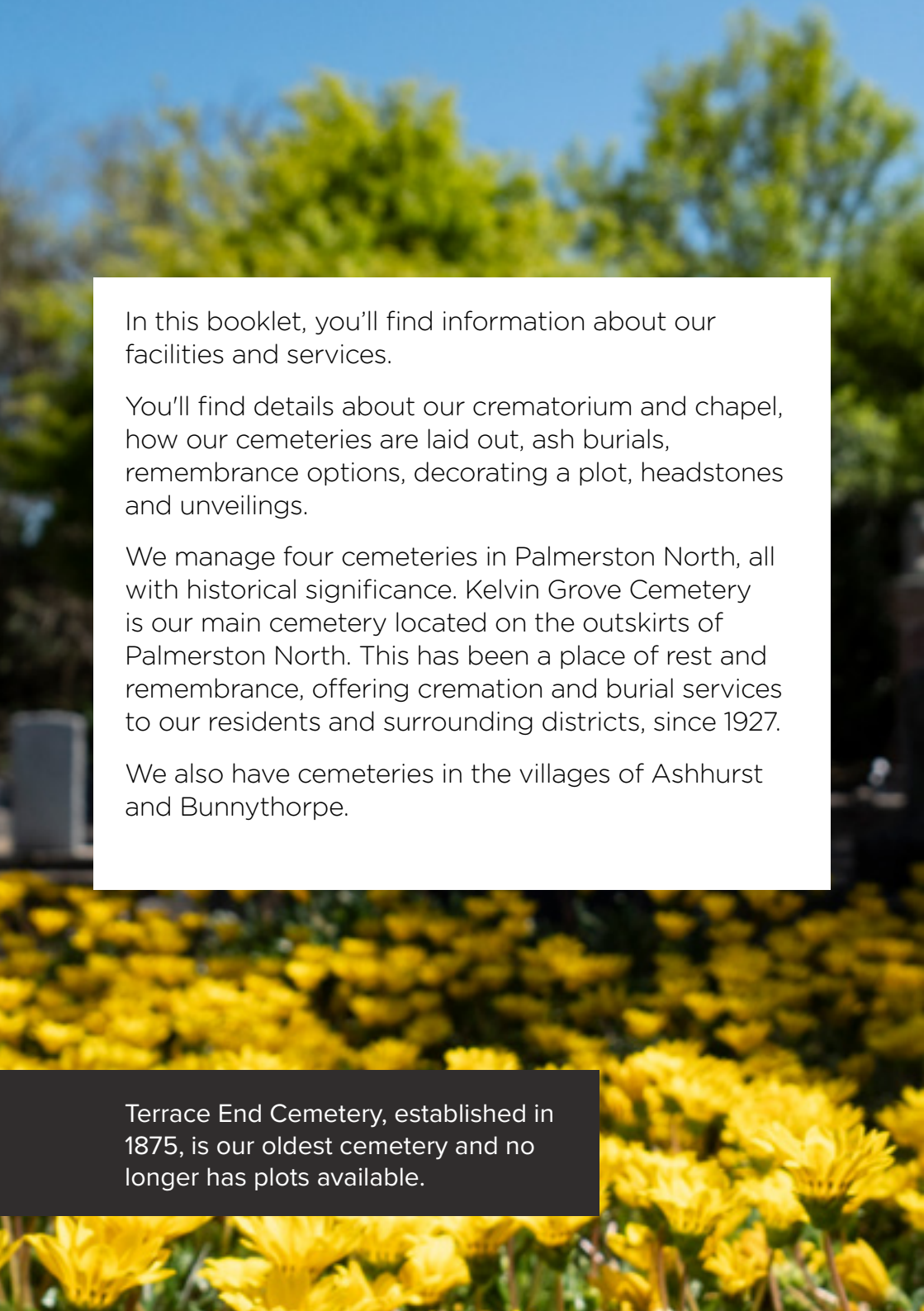


# Palmerston North Cemeteries and Crematorium

A welcoming place to farewell and  
commemorate your loved ones

TERRACE END / KELVIN GROVE / ASHHURST /  
BUNNYTHORPE CEMETERIES



In this booklet, you'll find information about our facilities and services.

You'll find details about our crematorium and chapel, how our cemeteries are laid out, ash burials, remembrance options, decorating a plot, headstones and unveilings.

We manage four cemeteries in Palmerston North, all with historical significance. Kelvin Grove Cemetery is our main cemetery located on the outskirts of Palmerston North. This has been a place of rest and remembrance, offering cremation and burial services to our residents and surrounding districts, since 1927.

We also have cemeteries in the villages of Ashhurst and Bunnythorpe.

Terrace End Cemetery, established in 1875, is our oldest cemetery and no longer has plots available.

# Cemetery grounds are open every day

<b>Winter</b>	8am - 6pm
<b>Summer</b>	8am - 8pm

## **Office hours**

Monday – Friday      9am - 3pm

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# Kelvin Grove Cemetery

This is our city's main cemetery sitting on 36 hectares on the outskirts of the city. It was established in 1927 to replace the Terrace End Cemetery.

The cemetery has a crematorium and a chapel that can be hired for memorial and committal services. A Book of Memories is kept on display at the chapel.





# Terrace End Cemetery

Established in 1875, Terrace End Cemetery was Palmerston North's second cemetery. The first cemetery was on the site that is now the Central Energy Trust Arena. Terrace End Cemetery is closed for sales of new plots.



# Ashhurst Cemetery

Ashhurst Cemetery is in the Ashhurst Domain next to the camping ground. A designated area toward the eastern end is available to hold services.



# Bunnythorpe Cemetery

Bunnythorpe Community Cemetery goes back to 1900. It was operated by a Trust until 2014 when it was handed over to the Palmerston North City Council.

# Find our fees, applications, and search our database by visiting the cemeteries page on our website

You can find our list of fees on the cemeteries page on our website **[pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries](https://pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries)**

On our website, you can search the cemetery and cremation database. You can also download application forms for plot purchases, plot decoration, and erecting headstones or monuments.

We have rules and regulations that governing burial, cremation, and other activities within the cemetery. These are in accordance with the Burial and Cremation Act and the Palmerston North Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw.

If you have any questions, reach out to your funeral director or our friendly cemetery staff.





# Crematorium and chapel

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Our crematorium at Kelvin Grove Cemetery can be used to farewell your loved ones. Our chapel can be hired for services. You can book these facilities by speaking with your funeral director or our cemetery staff.



Our chapel was extensively renovated in 2024. It seats about 120 people and comes equipped with an organ. We don't provide catering services, but you are welcome to arrange catering at the chapel with your funeral director.

Our scheduling is flexible, available Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm, and on Saturdays from 9am to midday.



# Cemetery sections

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We provide cremation, burial, remembrance gardens, and commemorative options, as well as a chapel for hire. Our cemetery staff and your funeral director can provide more details.

If you wish to arrange a headstone or memorial plaque, you are welcome to organise this privately.

## Services section



We've dedicated a special area in our lawn cemetery to honour our military service personnel and their spouses or partners. For details on internment regulations and to confirm eligibility, please visit the Veterans Affairs NZ website at

**[veteransaffairs.mil.nz](https://veteransaffairs.mil.nz)**

## General lawn



Our lawn burial plots (graves) have space for two burials and ash urns, so you can be buried with your loved one. Please let our cemetery staff know before your loved one's burial if you wish to have space for another burial in the same plot.

## Children's lawn



This part of the Kelvin Grove Cemetery is dedicated to children up to 13 years old. Families are encouraged to decorate these sites and take care of their maintenance. An ash berm is provided in this area.

# Ash burials

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We have many areas where you can lay ashes to rest.

## Services section



We offer an ash burial option for eligible service men and women in the services section of the cemetery.

## Ash lawn



Our standard ash lawn area is for urns to be interred in the lawn in front of the memorial. The memorial options for these areas are either an ash headstone or plaque.

## Niche wall



We offer inserts within a niche wall for up to two standard ash urns, safely secured behind a memorial plaque. You can arrange these plaques privately.



## Garden kerb plaques



Our raised garden provides a tranquil space for ash burials. Here, you can place your loved one's ashes behind a memorial brass or permanent plaque mounted on the front of the kerb.

## Scattering of ashes



You'll find designated areas within the cemetery where you can scatter ashes. Our friendly cemetery staff are here to provide you with all the information you need regarding scattering ashes in the cemetery.

# Remembrance options

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We offer spaces at Kelvin Grove Cemetery where you can provide a plaque to commemorate your loved one – even if there's no burial or ashes interment.



## Remembrance garden plaques

Memorial plaques can be mounted on the kerb in front of the garden to honour of your loved one. This area is reserved only for plaques, so we do not offer burials or scattered ashes here. Our dedicated cemetery staff maintain the gardens.



## Book of Memories

You'll find a Book of Memories on display at the chapel.

On request, families can have their loved one's name handwritten on the page of the date of their passing as a lasting memorial.

The pages are turned daily, so entries are showcased on the anniversary of their passing. The room is open for viewing during regular cemetery hours, but you can reach out to our friendly cemetery staff if you'd like to visit on other days.



## Sands memorial

At Kelvin Grove Cemetery, we have a special area dedicated to Sands (Pregnancy, baby, and infant loss support). You can honour these cherished souls by installing memorial plaques in our Sands Memorial Garden.

Applications are on our cemeteries webpage or you can contact Sands by emailing [sandsmana.horo@gmail.com](mailto:sandsmana.horo@gmail.com) or calling **021 038 4596**.

# Decorating plots

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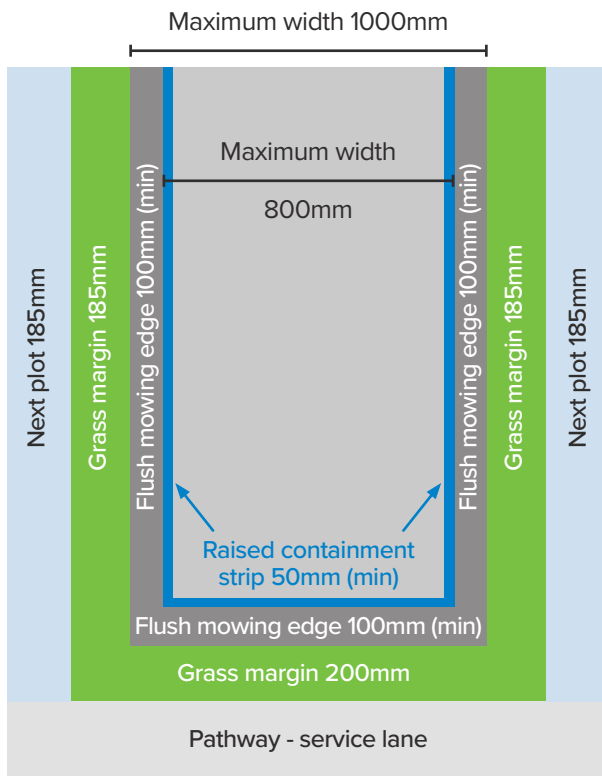
Only specific sections or rows in the lawn cemetery can be decorated. If your loved one is buried in a plot that are within the decorated areas, you can apply for a permit to decorate their plot. After getting a permit, we recommend waiting at least six months after the burial before adding decorations. This allows for time for the natural ground settling to occur.

Once you've received a permit, our cemetery team can help you book in a day and time to decorate the plot, to make sure you are going at a private time.

When decorating their plot, you must leave space for a mowing strip and create a border around the decorations. The diagram on the following page shows the area of the plot you can decorate.







Our cemetery team doesn't maintain the individual decorated graves, so it's important to place decorations you are able to look after. Plants can be a bit tricky to care for, but you are welcome to place small potted plants on your loved one's grave. We don't allow trees, shrubs or roses to be planted directly into the ground, as their roots can grow and cause damage. Contained bark and stones can also be used to decorate a plot, so long as you use a weed mat underneath.

Read more information about decorating plots or apply for a permit to decorate plots on our website:

**[pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries](https://pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries)**



# Headstones

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You can apply to place a headstone or memorial plaque whenever you're ready after a burial – just fill out the memorial application form on our cemetery webpage.

If you need details about headstone regulations and dimensions, reach out to a monumental mason or funeral director—they'll be happy to assist you.

# Unveiling ceremonies

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Unveiling ceremonies are a heartfelt way to pay tribute your loved ones. You can plan one by reaching out to our friendly cemetery staff to book a suitable time. If you're also burying ashes during the unveiling, please let us know as our team will be on hand to assist with site preparation and ensure a respectful ceremony.





# Tracing your ancestors

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If you're on the journey to trace your ancestors, we're here to help. You can easily access our cemetery records online at **[pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries](https://pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries)** by using our cemetery and cremation search tool.

Please keep in mind that while many records are available, not all individuals who have passed away in Palmerston North will appear in our database. Some may have been laid to rest elsewhere in the country.

# Do you have questions?

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We understand that navigating the final resting place of your loved ones can raise many queries, and we are here to offer support.

This section is designed to help you with some common questions we often receive. Our cemetery staff are always happy to answer any other questions.

## **Cemetery fees can be found on our website**

You can find the current fee details on our cemeteries webpage at **[pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries](https://pncc.govt.nz/cemeteries)**

## **We work with your funeral director to take care of your requests**

Once you've made your choice between burial and cremation, simply inform your funeral director of your decision. They will work with us to ensure all your needs are taken care of.



## **You are welcome to add your decorations in specific areas of the cemetery**

Certain areas within the cemetery allow for personal decorations on your loved one's grave. It's essential to make this decision before selecting a plot. You can learn more by checking out the **plot decoration** section of this document. Speak to our friendly cemetery staff or fill out the application on our cemeteries webpage.

## **Help arrange a flowerpot holder**

A flowerpot holder can be easily arranged through our stonemason/monumental mason.

## **You can choose to inter ashes into a burial or ashes plot**

You have the option to inter ashes into either an existing burial or ashes plot. Feel free to reach out to our friendly cemetery staff for more information.

## **You can purchase one adjacent additional plot at the same time**

If you wish to reserve the adjacent plot for another loved one, you can secure it by purchasing it at the same time. You can only purchase one additional plot.

## **Plots can be pre-purchased**

If your family members are already resting in the cemetery, we offer an option to pre-purchase one additional plot, so you or your family can rest nearby. Our cemetery staff can guide you through the pre-purchase process.

Only when purchasing a plot can you purchase an additional plot immediately and for the interment of a family member of the deceased person.

## **Your funeral director will collect your loved one's ashes**

Your funeral director will usually take care of collecting your loved one's remains. Speak to them about this.

## **We work with you when choosing a plot location**

Once you've chosen the area in the cemetery for your loved one to rest, we can show you what's available within that area. If you prefer, we can also assist in choosing a suitable plot for you.

## **One burial plot can be used for two burials**

A burial plot can accommodate two burials and ash urns. Ash plots have the capacity to hold up to four standard-sized urns. Please speak to our helpful cemetery staff for more information or to arrange this.

## **There is a limit to how big your headstone can be**

The size of your headstone has certain limits to keep in mind. You can find the specifications for headstones on our various plots by checking page two of the memorial consent application form on our cemeteries webpage.

## **Your loved one's ashes can be scattered in designated areas of the cemetery**

Within our cemeteries, we have designated locations for scattering your loved one's ashes. Our friendly cemetery staff will be happy to assist you in finding these areas.

## **Bury your loved one in the Veteran's area if their spouse is already interred there**

It's possible to inter your loved one alongside their spouse, even if they are buried in the Veteran's area. This option is available to ensure loved ones can rest together. For details on internment regulations and to confirm eligibility, please visit the Veterans Affairs NZ website at **[www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz](http://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz)**

## **The chapel can be hired for your funeral service**

You have the option to rent our chapel for your funeral service, which can seat up to 120 people. For more information, including the charges, check out our cemeteries webpage.

## **The Children's Lawn is designated for children up to 13 years old**

This area is designated for children up to 13 years old, although family members can have their ashes interred in an existing plot within the children's area. Check out the Children's Lawn section of this document or speak with our friendly cemetery staff.

## **You can use our cemetery search tool to locate the gravesites of your loved ones**

You can find where your loved ones are buried using the cemetery search tool on our website. The tool will reveal the exact section, block and plot number your loved ones are buried.

## **You can bury your loved one's ashes when you're ready**

You have the flexibility to inter your loved one's ashes in the plot you've purchased at a time decided by you.

## **Chat to us if you'd like to plant your loved one's burial grave**

If your loved one was buried, there are some areas where you can decorate the plot area. Speak with our friendly cemetery staff for more information.

Applications for plot decorations can be found on our website.

## **Our cemetery is a dog-free area**

To maintain a peaceful and respectful environment for all visitors our cemeteries are dog-free areas.

## **We regularly maintain graves in the lawn area**

It's common for graves to naturally settle after backfilling, so we keep a close eye on these and do maintenance work when required. We also maintain undecorated graves in lawn areas. If your loved one's grave requires any special care or attention, please get in touch with our helpful cemetery staff.



# Cemetery maps

Check out the following maps for how our cemeteries are laid out.

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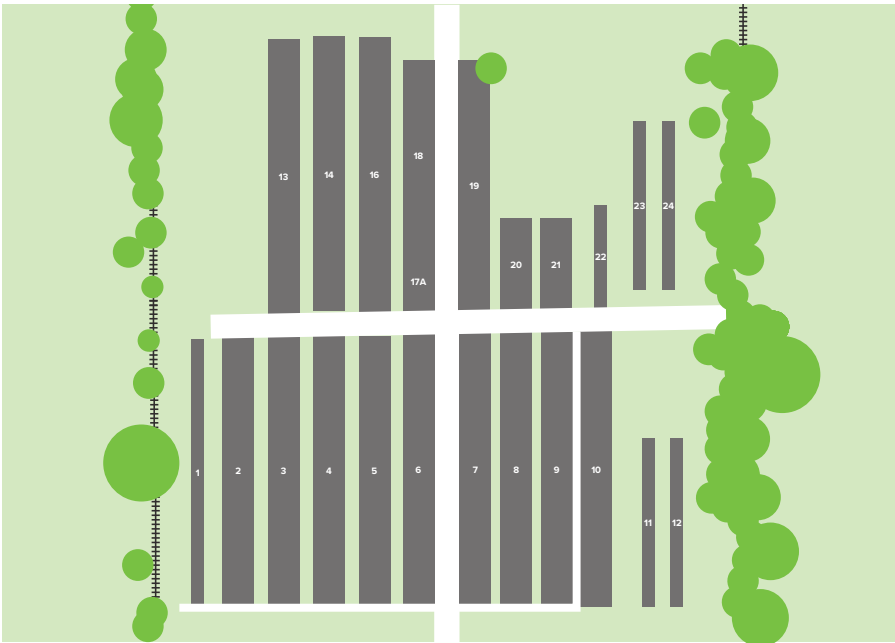
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