

Monumental Graves – Pre-Dig Fact Sheet No 8

Monumental

These types of graves allow for a monument covering the entire grave. The monument and associated foundations are not included in the cost of the grave* and families will need to arrange such construction directly with a Monumental Mason as this is highly specialised work.

Concrete-lined grave are pre-constructed with reinforced concrete lining and concrete foundations. The cost of the grave includes the underground sub-structure, foundations, and concrete for each internment.

What happens when I pre-purchase a position in a Monumental Section?

You should be aware that:

While you can decide which cemetery you wish the monumental grave to be established, individual selection of the site is not available with this type of grave due to the high level of occupation health and safety considerations in the construction of a monument of this type.

When pre-purchasing a monumental grave, the grave must be pre-dug. This is where a grave is dug, as if a burial were to take place, and then it is backfilled with sand. This is because other monuments may be built next to this reserved position and when this grave is dug for the first time the force of the digging may damage the neighbouring monuments and cause them to crack. Pre-digging prevents this problem.

Please contact a member of our Customer Care Team who will be happy to provide any further information.

*Right of Interments for monumental graves in the Sunbury Cemetery purchased under the new fees gazetted 12/10/2021 include monument foundations but do not include the monument

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What is a Monumental Grave?

There are two types of Monumental Graves; one which simply covers the top of the grave and the other is constructed with a reinforced concrete lining and concrete foundations.

Do I still need to pay for the interment at the actual time of burial?

Yes – even though the grave is pre-dug, interments still need to be paid at the time of burial.