

## CEMETERIES and BURIAL GROUNDS in the HUTT VALLEY

There are two large cemeteries in the Hutt Valley (Akatarawa & Taita) as well as various small burial grounds. Some are graveyards on church property with many grassed over leaving a single memorial to those buried in the confines. The Akatarawa cemetery database is located on the Upper Hutt City Council website and the Taita cemetery database on the Hutt City Council website

<i>Cemetery / Burial Ground</i>	<i>Address</i>
Akatarawa cemetery	Main Road North Akatarawa Upper Hutt (Search Upper Hutt City Council cemetery website)
Boulcott Farm memorial	Corner Military Road and High Street Lower Hutt
Christ Church Burial ground	Eastern Nutt Road Taita Lower Hutt
Knox Presbyterian Church (Monument)	High Street Lower Hutt
Korokoro Catholic (Monument)	Corner Korokoro Road Lower Hutt
Methodist Church Burial Ground	Homedale Road Lower Hutt
Owhiti Maori Cemetery	Seaview Petone
Pencarrow Lighthouse	via Coast Road Wainuiomata
Sinclair Family Cemetery	Sinclair Valley Wainuiomata
Somes Island Cemetery	Somes Island Wellington Harbour Wellington
St James Church Burial Ground	Woburn Road Lower Hutt
St Johns Church Burial Ground	1 Moonshine Road Trentham Upper Hutt (Search Friends of St John's cemetery website)
St Josephs (Monument)	Pine Avenue Upper Hutt
Taita Cemetery	Rimu Street Taita Lower Hutt (Search Hutt City Council cemetery website)
Te Puni Maori Cemetery	Te Puni Street Petone
Waiwhetu Marae	Puketapu Grove Lower Hutt
Wallaceville Cemetery	Ward Street / Wallaceville Hill Road Whiteman's Valley Upper Hutt
Wesleyan Cemetery Memorial	Bridge Street Lower Hutt

Every monumental headstone in the Hutt Valley up to 1988 (with inscriptions legible enough to decipher) has been fully transcribed by a team from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Hutt Branch members. This was a timely project in view of the vandalism to headstones which has taken place since the project was completed.

The resulting records from the cemetery transcription project were produced in printed copy complete with an alphabetical index for each cemetery. Original copies have been donated to the New Zealand Society of Genealogies. From these records microfiche were produced and subsequently included in the Society's combined New Zealand wide cemetery records.

Each cemetery has had an individual printed copy of records donated by the NZSG Hutt Branch and are held at:

- The Heritage Centre Petone Library Britannia Street Petone
- Local Bodies (with jurisdiction of the cemetery)
- Cemetery Sexton
- Church Office (where there is a burial ground)

The microfiche records are held by:

- The Heritage Centre Petone Library Britannia Street Petone
- Local Libraries
- Upper Hutt Family History Centre Totara Park Upper Hutt
- National Library of New Zealand Wellington
- New Zealand Society of Genealogies Auckland Head Office

The "Tuckett Index" of Hutt Valley Cemetery records of burials is not necessarily combined with the headstone transcriptions and is often difficult to trace. With this in mind a complete index of all burials in the Hutt Valley (including those that do not have a commemorative headstone) has been undertaken and is available on microfiche.

Surnames are listed alphabetically with initials name of cemetery or burial ground and date of burial. From this information further relevant details can be taken from cemetery records and/or the death entry from the Registrar Generals Office. The NZSG Hutt Branch copy of the Tuckett index is available at the Heritage Centre Petone Library Britannia Street Petone. The index is contained on two microfiche.

The Hutt Valley Cremation records index originally transcribed from the Karori cemetery Wellington from 1913 to 1963 is a welcome addition to the resources of information regarding deaths of Hutt Valley people. Cremations of Hutt Valley residents are usually carried out at the Karori Cemetery Crematorium Wellington which was opened in 1909. The first Hutt Valley resident was cremated there in 1913. The original records were filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in May 1963. A copy of the microfilm is held by the Upper Hutt Family History Centre Totara Park Upper Hutt.

A Hutt Valley Group project was undertaken by NZSG Hutt Branch member Eric Collard who extracted all entries with Hutt Valley addresses from the Kaori Cremation records. The result is a record of 3094 names arranged alphabetically by surname. The list gives surnames first names last address place of death and date of cremation. Printed copy of this index is held in the NZSG Hutt Branch resources held at the Heritage Centre Petone Library. A copy was also donated to the Upper Hutt Family History Centre.

The Karori cemetery database which includes cremations has been created by the Wellington City Council and is available on their website.