

בריזבן חברה קדישא

BRISBANE CHEVRA KADISHA Inc

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WHY YOU SHOULD PLAN AHEAD

The cost of a funeral can become a major burden if not anticipated. Funeral costs paid by the family or estate are significant, and can total between \$12,000 and \$13,000 at the time of the funeral, and a further \$3,000 to \$9,000 to complete the monument (within the year in keeping with Jewish tradition). Funeral costs include a Brisbane Chevra Kadisha (BCK) component to help cover Tahara, Chapel and other BCK costs. While the BCK fee component is significantly reduced for members (5 years continuous), overall costs remain high as can be seen in the table below.

In the Brisbane Jewish Community, funerals are coordinated by the BCK and supported by George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals. Funerals are held at the Jewish section in the Brisbane City Council's Mount Gravatt Cemetery – at our dedicated Chapel and at the graveside.

Funeral and approximate stonemason fees as at March 2019 are shown below.

FUNERAL FEES (paid to George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals in the first instance)

Professional Fees	\$3,212	
Casket	\$1,490	
Cemetery Fees* (single plot)	\$3,925	\$5,970 for deep plot including two burials (*Payable to George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals unless previously reserved and paid to Council through the Mt Gravatt Cemetery Office)
Sand	\$ 200	
Officiating Minister	\$ 385	
Press Notice	\$ 385	Approximate cost
Death Certificate	\$ 55	
BCK Fee (including Tahara)	\$1,650 OR \$ 880	Standard BCK fee Discounted fee for BCK members (with 5 years continuous membership)
Security Bond for Monument	\$2,200	Held by BCK and refunded following completion and full payment by the family to the Stonemason, or alternatively, at the family's option, on-forwarded by BCK to the Stonemason following completion (Jones & Travers and A&A Monumental Masons are the approved Stonemasons)
TOTALS	\$13,502 OR \$12,732	Total Funeral Fees OR Discounted fees for BCK members (with 5 years continuous membership)

STONEMASON FEES

In addition to the Funeral Fees, Stonemasons' fees (estimated / approximate) are:

Single Basic* Monument	\$ 5,500	Less security bond pre-paid as part of Funeral Fees (* Basic Monument consists of a granite headstone and a raised concrete platform over the grave)
Full Granite Single Monument	\$ 8,500	
Basic* Double Monument	\$ 7,000	
Full Granite Double Monument	\$11,000	

The Brisbane Chevra Kadisha is run by volunteers who:

- Meet with the family
- Coordinate with George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals and cemetery management
- Conduct the Tahara
- Supervise the funeral and burial and oversee arrangements for monuments
- Maintain the Jewish Chapel, Martyrs' Memorial, and Jewish section at Mt Gravatt cemetery, and the Toowong Jewish cemetery grounds
- Oversee property, equipment and volunteers including appropriate insurances.

Please support the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha by: Annual membership, donations & bequests, planning for the future, making your wishes known, ensuring details of your Jewish name and heritage are known.