

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 are significant and, typically during the following year, there are outlays for the monument. Funeral costs include a component to help cover Tahara, Chapel and other Brisbane Chevra Kadisha costs. While this component is reduced for longstanding members (membership contributions over several years) overall costs remain high as can be seen in the table below.

In the Brisbane Jewish Community, funerals are coordinated by your Chevra Kadisha and supported by George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals, Kelvin Grove. Funerals are held at Jewish section 4C at Brisbane City Council's Mt Gravatt Cemetery – at the Chevra Kadisha Chapel and at the graveside.

Pre-planning can help to spread and reduce funeral costs. Burial plots can be pre-purchased through Mt Gravatt Cemetery (with Brisbane Chevra Kadisha written pre-authorisation). Funerals can be pre-paid. The Guardian Funeral Plan, embraced by the Australian industry, and available through George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals, Kelvin Grove, provides for prepayment fixed at today's prices regardless of when the funeral is held. Contact GHMF Kelvin Grove on 07 3356 4277 and ask for the team member who liaises with the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha and the Brisbane Jewish community.

FUNERAL FEES (as at March 2025)

FEES	COST (not incl GST)	COST (incl GST)	
GHMF Kelvin Grove Professional Fees	\$3,196	\$3,515	
Jewish Casket	\$2,245	\$2,470	
Cemetery Fee* (single plot)	\$4,840	\$5,324	*Payable to GHMF unless previously paid through the Mt Gravatt Cemetery Office
Cemetery Fee (additional sand)	\$ 258	\$284	
Officiating Minister	\$ 350	\$385	
Death Certificate	\$ 55	\$60	
BCK Fee (including Tahara, Chapel use, funeral & burial coordination)	\$1,500	\$1,650	Member BCK or Shul: Discounted to \$1,000 (not incl GST) Member BCK and Shul: Discounted to \$800 (not incl GST)
TOTAL FUNERAL COSTS			
Non-members	\$12,444 or	\$13,688 or	
Members (both BCK and Synagogue)	\$11,744	\$12,918	

STONEMASON FEES

Mt Gravatt Jewish Section 4C is a **monumental cemetery** governed by Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Chevra Kadisha rules. While many stonemasons can operate in Council cemeteries, your Chevra Kadisha has worked closely with MMS Memorials (formerly known as Jones and Travers) for decades. This continuing relationship facilitates responsiveness, accuracy (eg Hebrew), consistency, quality and fair pricing. Unfortunately, disrupted international transport and inflation have resulted in increased monument costs and completion times. Please note: BCK approved monuments are now full granite for both the headstone and the ledgers (platform over the grave). Granite is the most effective material for tombstones and high concrete costs make granite the best option for ledgers.

Single monument cost including GST: around \$12,000.

Double (side by side) monument with double headstone: (considerable saving on the cost of two singles)

The Brisbane Chevra Kadisha is run by volunteers who:

- Meet with the family
- Coordinate with George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals, Kelvin Grove
- Conduct the Tahara
- Supervise the funeral and burial and oversee arrangements for monuments
- Coordinate with Mt Gravatt cemetery (and Toowong cemetery when required)
- Maintain the Jewish Chapel and Martyrs' Memorial
- 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.