

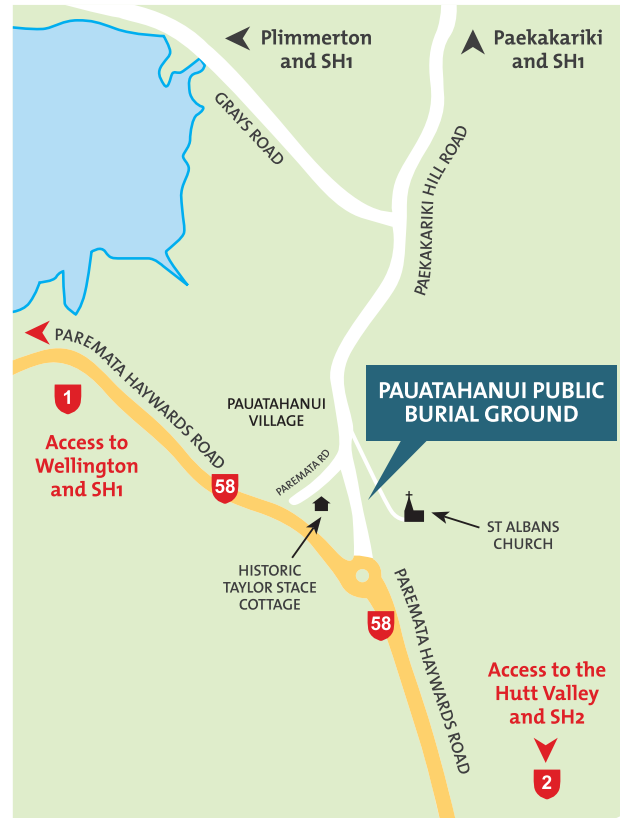


The best time to see the roses is over the Spring and Summer months. During the winter there is a colourful display of rose hips.



HOW TO GET THERE

Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground is located on the Paekakariki Hill Road in the middle of Pauatahanui Village, opposite the cinema. From State Highway 1 or 2 take State Highway 58 and follow the signs for Pauatahanui.



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PAUATAHANUI PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND

History *and* Heritage Roses



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THE HISTORY

This site was used from time to time, by several iwi including Ngati Ira, Ngati Awa and then by Ngati Toa, as a base for gathering food. The fortified pa which stood here, Matai-taua, was abandoned in 1846, a few days before the skirmish in the Horokiri Valley between Te Rangihaeata of Ngati Toa and the combined forces of British soldiers and local militia.

In 1853 a settler from Tasmania, Thomas Hollis Stace bought the land for farming. In 1856 he donated this site to be used as a place of worship and for burial. The Protestant chapel, which was built here in 1857, was demolished in 1908.

Sarah Ann JONES

(c1823-1886) arrived on the immigrant ship 'Aurora' in 1840, and was the first white immigrant woman to set foot on Petone Beach.



Thomas Hollis STACE (1820-1890) was born in England and came to Pauatahanui nearly 160 years ago. Since that time, six generations of his descendants have lived close by.

THE HERITAGE ROSE PROJECT

The overgrown and neglected Burial Ground was cleared by local volunteers over a period from 1991. They decided to plant Heritage and older type roses in keeping with the Historic Site. Many were grown from cuttings or were donated. Others were rescued from roadsides and old properties under threat from development. Some roses discovered during clearing are believed to date from early settler times.

Since 2007, this Burial Ground has been owned and maintained by the Porirua City Council. The volunteers continue to tend the roses for the enjoyment of visitors to the Burial Ground from home and abroad.



Kenneth Henry BOULTON, born 1894, joined the Otago Infantry Battalion, left New Zealand in October 1914 on a troop ship, and was killed in action on 8 May 1915 at Gallipoli.



Bruce Nathaniel GIRDLESTONE

(1917-1992) was a Royal Navy pilot in 1941 when he accidentally landed in Eire, a neutral country, where he was held in the Curragh internment camp before being released in 1943.

