

计划葬礼

当有亲人刚刚逝去，要考虑的事情非常之多。对于丧亲的人来说，这是一个充满失落和悲伤的艰难时刻。在新西兰，为逝者安排后事是家人的责任。虽然这不是法律要求，但许多人都会为逝者举行葬礼或某种形式的悼念活动。

计划葬礼似乎是一项艰巨的任务，尤其是当您不熟悉葬礼的具体流程时。如果能够了解葬礼内容和具体程序，就会简单许多。以下信息可能有助于您安排一场适当的悼念仪式。

选择一位殡仪馆馆长

这是您首先需要做的事情之一。您可能已经有打算联系的殡仪馆馆长，也可能需要现找一位。您可以通过咨询朋友寻找合适的殡仪馆馆长，也可以先联系几位馆长，在比较价格和服务选项后最终确定葬礼计划。您不一定必须借助殡仪馆馆长，也可以自行安排葬礼。

要询问殡仪馆馆长的问题

殡仪馆馆长会在方便的时间在您家中或他们的办公室里与您见面，以便讨论葬礼安排。会面通常是在首次联系后的24小时内。殡仪馆馆长会借此机会与您讨论他们提供的服务范围，您也可以提出希望葬礼体现出来的宗教或文化要求。

与他们讨论的关键问题包括：

- 谁是家族中的关键决策人？
- 是否需要埋葬或火化？
- 遗体是否需要防腐处理？
- 在哪里举行葬礼？
- 葬礼是否带有宗教色彩？
- 由谁主持葬礼？牧师还是监礼人？

殡仪馆馆长可以在以下方面帮助您：

- 在报纸上刊登讣告
- 订购鲜花或向您选择的慈善团体捐赠
- 安排餐饮服务
- 制订服务表单
- 制作追悼演示片
- 安排死亡证书
- 如果需要，安排遗体还乡

葬礼费用

目前的葬礼费用大约在4,000–12,000新西兰元之间。具体费用将取决于多种因素，其中包括：

- 是否火化或埋葬？
- 家人/家族能够完成多少计划和准备工作

可用财政补助

如果符合某些资格标准，新西兰工作与收入局（WINZ）可以提供葬礼补助金。但是，补助金不可能支付葬礼的全部费用。欲了解详情，请访问以下网页：<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/funeral-grant.html>，或咨询殡仪馆馆长。

有用的网站

欲详细了解如何计划葬礼，请访问以下网站获取有用资讯：

<https://endoflife.services.govt.nz/welcome>

<https://www.fdanz.co.nz/planning-a-funeral/what-to-do-when-someone-dies/>

Planning a Funeral

When someone has just died there are many things to think about. It can be a very difficult time with overwhelming feelings of loss and sadness. Here in New Zealand, it is the responsibility of family to make the final arrangements for the person who has died. While it is not a legal requirement, many people choose to have a funeral or some form of remembrance service.

Planning a funeral may seem like a difficult task especially if you are not familiar with the process. Understanding what is involved and how to go about it, can make the process easier. The following is some information that may assist you to organise an appropriate farewell.

Choosing a funeral director

This is one of the first things you will need to do. You may know of a funeral director you would like to use or maybe you are needing to find one for the first time. Asking friends is a good way to find out about someone you may use. You might want to contact several funeral directors to compare prices and options before finalising any plans. It is not essential to have a funeral director, and you may decide to arrange the funeral yourself.

Questions to ask the funeral director

The funeral director will meet you at your home or in their offices at a convenient time to discuss arrangements - this is usually within 24 hours of first contact. This will be an opportunity for the funeral director to discuss with you the range of choices available and any religious or cultural preferences that you would like to be honoured during the service.

Key decisions to discuss with them include:

- Who the key decision maker in the family/whānau is?
- Whether it will be a burial or cremation?
- Will the person be embalmed?
- Where will the service be held?
- Will the service be religious/ non-religious?
- Who will conduct the service, for example, a minister or celebrant?

The funeral director will be able to help you with the following:

- Placing a death notice in the newspaper
- Ordering flowers or donations to a charity of your choosing
- Organising Catering
- Developing Service sheets
- Making Memorial presentations
- Organising the death certificate
- Arrangements for repatriation if required

Funeral Costs

The current cost of a funeral can range somewhere between about \$4,000 - \$12,000. The cost will depend on several factors including:

- Whether it is a cremation or burial
- How much of the planning and preparation is done by the family/whānau

Financial Assistance available

Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) may provide a funeral Grant, if certain eligibility criteria are met, to assist with costs. However, it is unlikely the grant will cover the full cost of the funeral. You can get more information about this grant at <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/funeral-grant.html> or by asking the funeral Director.

Useful websites

For more information about planning a funeral the following websites have useful information:

<https://endoflife.services.govt.nz/welcome>

<https://www.fdanz.co.nz/planning-a-funeral/what-to-do-when-someone-dies/>