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The value of a funeral

The death of someone close to us results in an inevitable journey we must all experience called grief. It will be very different for each of us. Regrettably there is no way to avoid our grief, nor can we go around it, but rather need to travel through it. In the words of Dr Alan Wolfelt a respected grief counsellor, “We have to say hello, to say goodbye”. Since the dawn of time, cultures and religions have developed their own unique ways to deal with their grief. This generally starts with the funeral.

Funeral ceremonies vary greatly but fundamentally fulfill the same societal need. They bring together family and community to acknowledge the life of someone and the contribution they have made and to say goodbye. Most importantly, the form this takes should be one that is meaningful to those left behind, family, friends and the wider community.

The funeral provides this opportunity. There are no rules on the form this should take but there are many elements that can be included to make the experience meaningful for everyone involved. We have travelled this journey many times with families and understand your needs and the pressures you may be experiencing. With our assistance, you will be able to provide a meaningful farewell for your loved one. This is the reason we exist and we feel privileged every time we are entrusted to assist a family with their funeral arrangements.

Future planning

Funeral services are a part of everyone's life. To make sure that you have the funeral that is right for you, we recommend pre-planning. You may feel comfortable leaving the responsibility of arranging your funeral to your family or friends, or you may prefer to be more organised by leaving a plan, instructions and even paying for your funeral ahead of time. Our experience shows that pre-planned and personalised funerals bring great comfort to families, because they are reassured that they are fulfilling their loved one's wishes.

Whilst we feel it is important that your personal wishes are carried out, we do however encourage you to share your views with your family. It is the surviving family that experience the benefit of the funeral and it assists them on their grief journey. We recommend that you give your family permission to make changes if they help them to grieve in a way that is more meaningful for them.

Rest assured that we will thoroughly record the information you provide to us and assist your family at the time of the funeral to carry them out. Some personal choices you may like to consider are:

- The type and style of funeral
- Whether you wish to be buried or cremated.
- Your choice and style of casket
- Your choice of flowers, music and readings.
- Funeral venue and catering
- Any other special features you would like included in the service
- Placing notices in newspapers

Pre-planning your funeral helps you to choose the type and style of service you would like. If you want to discuss pre-planning, you can phone our office anytime on 09 638 9026 to make an appointment.





Pre-planning methods

There are two ways that we can help you pre-plan your funeral:

1. You can record your wishes privately by asking your Davis funeral director for a pre-planning form.
2. You can call our office on 09 638 9026 to make an appointment with one of our funeral directors.

This consultation is absolutely free. It can be at one of our offices or in the privacy of your own home.

Pre-planning discussion

A pre-planning consultation with one of our experienced directors will lead you through the general funeral process. You can then think about the range of funeral options available to you and make decisions with the help of our experience and advice. Your personal preferences for all aspects of your funeral will be recorded and, if needed, we can provide a estimate for you. A copy of these instructions can be left with us if you like, and we will store them securely and confidentially. You will then be assured that when the time comes, all your preferences can be carried out.



Our locations

Our Auckland funeral homes include beautiful purpose-built facilities and converted historic homes. Inside some you'll find chapels and in all, reception lounges. We cover all of Auckland, including East (Pakuranga, Howick), South (Papatoetoe), West (Henderson), North Shore and Central areas (Mt Eden).



Mt Eden

Conveniently located along Dominion Road, it's easily accessible from any part of Auckland and has plenty of on-site parking. Architecturally designed and built in 1990, it has a modern chapel and reception lounge and is also the head office of Davis Funerals.



Pakuranga

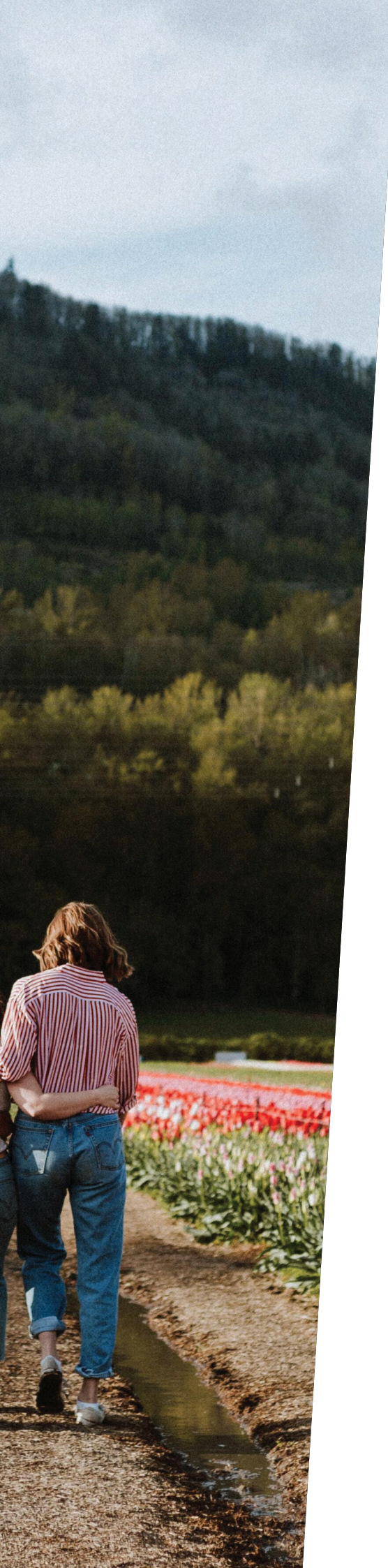
Our Pakuranga funeral home, serves Howick, Pakuranga and surrounding East and South Auckland communities. Built in 1914, Davis Funerals has renovated it to include modern facilities alongside its traditional features, including original ceilings. It's a beautiful and restful place.



Papatoetoe

Our South Auckland funeral home lies within a converted historic bungalow in Papatoetoe. Well located just off Great South Road, this beautiful bungalow is easily accessible for South Auckland communities. Plenty of free on-site parking is also available.





Kohimamara

In the leafy grounds of the Church of St Thomas in Kohimarama, this funeral home serves the Eastern Bays and surrounding communities. Centrally located in the Eastern Bays on the corner of St Heliers Bay and Kohimarama Road you'll find our purposefully renovated, modern funeral home.



Henderson

Located on Central Park Drive, Henderson, it's easily accessible from anywhere in Auckland due to its closeness to the Lincoln Road exit of the North Western motorway. The Davis Crematorium is also on-site; part of our commitment to handling all your loved one's care.



Who we are

A family focused company, Davis Funerals is still managed by the Littles, who have looked after the needs of Auckland families since 1875. We still operate today with the same level of care and professionalism that we did in the 1950s. Yet now we have all the technology of the modern world to provide complete funeral services. We believe we have one of the most challenging jobs in the world but also one of the most rewarding. With our caring and experienced support, we can help you and your family through this difficult time. At Davis Funerals, we have qualified funeral directors and embalmers and caring for your loved one is handled by us, in-house, the entire way. Demonstrating our commitment to the industry and adherence to the highest standards, we're proud members of the FDANZ, (The Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand), and NZEA, (New Zealand Embalmers Association).



Our people

We are proud to be local, and live, work and play within the communities we serve across Auckland. Our local insight allows us to build strong connections with families and provide a service that really cares.

Hailing from a wide variety of backgrounds, our people's skills and experience combine to create a compassionate, friendly experience that includes impartial expert advice to help you create the best way to honour your loved one's life.

Although it is not a requirement under New Zealand law, we support all our staff to gain qualifications in their profession, whether they are Funeral Directors or Embalmers. This means you benefit from the care and attention of qualified staff with industry-recognised qualifications.

Our memberships

Demonstrating our commitment to the industry and adherence to the highest standards, we are proud members of:

- FDANZ – The Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand, the national body that sets professional and ethical standards for its members.
- NZEA – All of our embalmers are qualified through the New Zealand Embalmers Association, the national body that recognises and sets qualifications in embalming practices.

It is important to Davis Funerals that we provide continuity of care from the first point of contact to bereavement care support if you wish.



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My notifications, checklist and notes

My notifications - who should be notified after a death

The following organisations may require notification following a death.

Professionals

Solicitor or Public Trust Office

Accountant

Executor of Will

Doctor

Dentist

Chemist

Specialist or hospital

Finance

Banks and other financial institutions

Insurance companies (Incl Life Insurers and Superannuation Funds)

Employer

Credit card providers

Department store accounts

Hire purchase companies

Home appliance and medical aid rentals

Government

Inland Revenue Department

Electoral Office

Work & Income NZ

Local Council (rates)

Motor Vehicle Registry

Services

Medicare and Health Funds (e.g Southern Cross)

Medic Alert

Utility providers (phone, power gas, water)

Clubs and associations

Clubs, organisations and professional bodies

Church and religious organisations

Home care nursing, services, meals on wheels

NZ Police (Firearms Licensing Section)

Other

Checklist

This checklist is designed as a reminder for you to provide us with the following information relating to the funeral.

Service

Date

Time

Location

Viewing Times

Where

When

☐ Embalming

☐ Casket confirmed by

☐ Hearse

☐ Paper notices, information by

☐ Flowers

☐ Committal flowers

☐ Service sheets due by quantity

☐ Photos / photo Tribute due by

☐ Music

☐ Recording of service / webcasting

☐ Catering menu choice numbers by

☐ Pallbearers

☐ Celebrant / officiant / clergy

☐ Donation to church / musician / celebrant

☐ Memorial book

☐ Clothing

☐ Births / death and marriage details

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**Pre-arrangement
form**

Pre-arrangement details

Once filled in tell a family member where this document will be kept. This will ensure that your wishes will be met.

Personal Details

First names

Surname

Residential address

Postcode

Date of birth

Place of birth

If you are not a New Zealander, what year did you arrive in New Zealand?

Are you descended from New Zealand Maori?

Ethnic group

Occupation

Father's Full name

Mother's Full name

Father's Occupation

Mother's Occupation

Mother's Maiden name

Relationship status at present

Most recent marriage / union

Partner full name

Date of birth

Partner maiden name

Your age at marriage

Place of marriage

Gender of partner

Living children

Birth date of each daughter

Birth date of each son

Funeral Details

Name and contact details of solicitor who holds the will

Name and contact details of the next of kin

☐ Wish to be buried

☐ Wish to be cremated

Ashes instructions

Plot owned ☐ No

☐ Yes

Cemetery

Plot ref

Place of service

Religion

Clergy / Celebrant

Readings

Music

Hymns

Flowers

Casket

Music

Donations

Photo / Video Tributes

Additional relevant information

Newspaper notices

Davis Funerals respects your privacy; your information is confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Email

Date

Mt Eden
400 Dominion Road
09 638 9026

Kohimarama
353 St Heliers Bay Road
09 521 0300

Henderson
150 Central Park Drive
09 835 3557

Papatoetoe
110 Kolmar Road
09 277 2526

Pakuranga
2A Udys Road
09 576 7108

Contact us on:
office@davisfunerals.co.nz
09 638 9026



Organisations We Support

West Auckland Hospice
Totara Hospice
Mercy Hospice
Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra
Westpac Rescue Helicopter
Girl Guides NZ

BHB Bowling Club
Riverhead Bowling Club
Titirangi Bowling Club
Kohimarama Bowling Club
Manurewa Cosmopolitan Bowling Club
Pringle Park Bowling Club
Royal Oak Bowling Club
Pakuranga Bowling Club
Glendowie Bowling Club
Howick Bowling Club
Epsom Bowling Club
Remuera Bowling Club
Te Atatu Peninsula Bowling Club
St Heliers Bowling Club
Henderson Bowling Club
Hobsonville Bowling Club

New Lynn RSA
Waiheke RSA
Glen Eden RSA
Pakuranga RSA
John Aldcroft Memorial Golf Tournament
Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre

Balmoral Primary School
Albert-Eden Business Awards
Highbrook Rotary Club
Motutapu Restoration Trust
Remuera Lions Club
Children's Musical Theatre Studio
Epsom Rotary Club
Sacred Heart School
Dominion Road Business Association

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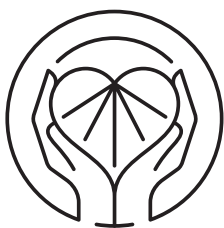
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