



Pre-planning your funeral

The simplest and most organised way to ensure that your needs and wishes are carried out by your family when the time comes.

Pre-planning

Although we don't like to think about it, the day eventually comes when we all need funeral services. Because Morris & Morris believes you should have the funeral that's right for you, we recommend pre-planning as a good way to achieve this.

Many people feel comfortable about leaving the responsibility of arranging their funerals to family or friends. Others however may prefer to be a little more organised by leaving a plan, instructions, and even perhaps paying for their funeral ahead of time.

Our experience shows us that pre-planned and personalised funerals bring great comfort to families, reassured with the knowledge that they are fulfilling their loved one's wishes, and taking away some of the stress and pressure at such a time.

At Morris & Morris, we feel it is important that your personal wishes are carried out, so we record this information to ensure that your preferences are clear.

Some personal choices you may like to consider are:

- The type and style of funeral you prefer
- 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 of notices in newspaper

Remember, pre-planning a funeral helps you to choose the type and style of service you would like. If you would like some advice from experienced professionals, you can phone our office anytime on **09 437 5799** to make an appointment time that suits you.

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

1. You may like to record your wishes privately by either completing the forms on the following pages, or filling them in online at **www.morrisandmorris.co.nz**
2. You may contact our office on **09 437 5799** to make a time for one of our funeral directors to talk to you about pre-planning your funeral. We're here to help, and this consultation is absolutely free. We will meet with you at our office, or in the privacy of your own home.

A free pre-planning consultation

A pre-planning consultation with one of our experienced directors, will lead you through the general funeral process. You may then consider 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 required we are able to calculate an estimate for you.

A copy of these instructions will then be left with us if you wish. You will then be assured that when the time comes, all of your personal details and preferences can be carried out according to your exact wishes. Morris & Morris will of course keep your information secure and confidential.

It's all your choice

We believe that every funeral should be tailored around an individual's desires and needs, whether cultural, spiritual or personal. Here is some information that may help you pre-plan the funeral service that's right for you.

Burial or Cremation

Burial or cremation is a personal choice. A burial will involve purchasing a plot and a fee for digging the grave. New Zealand law requires that all burials are in officially designated cemeteries, plots are available at both local authority and privately owned cemeteries in Northland. We can help you with purchasing and or reserving plots if required, or arranging for headstone memorials.

A cremation offers further options for a final resting place as ashes can be scattered, buried, kept, or divided amongst family members. If cremation is a choice you would like to make, please give some thought as to what you would like done with your ashes as it is often difficult for your family to make this decision. Morris & Morris can give guidance in this area.

Venues

Of course the choice of venue is up to the individual, and we encourage you to talk about venue ideas with us. The church is still a popular setting for funeral services, and they often have reception areas available for friends and family to get together after the service. For families without a church connection, we provide a chapel with up to date DVD and music equipment and reception lounge with full catering facilities. However it may be appropriate for a funeral service to take place at a sports club, an outdoor location, at home or at a cemetery or crematorium chapel.

Caskets

The choice of casket and it's decoration is often an opportunity for individual expression. Morris & Morris offer a range of traditional and contemporary caskets or coffins, including solid timber, veneer, customwood and eco friendly options. A catalogue is available from our office, or you may wish to visit our selection room situated at our office. Alternatively visit our website at www.morrisandmorris.co.nz

Minister or Celebrant

Clergy or celebrants often lead funeral services, but this too is entirely up to the individual's wishes. Morris & Morris is able to provide a suitable celebrant for the family if required.

Flowers

Flowers are wonderful expressions of affection and sympathy, and a bouquet for the casket and other floral arrangements are popular. Morris & Morris can help coordinate your floral requirements, or you may choose your own florist if preferred.

Music - Readings

Playing your favourite music is a simple way of personalising a funeral service. The singing of a hymn or song is also very popular, and many churches have a resident organist. For other venues Morris & Morris can also arrange a professional musician if required. Consider any favourite readings you may like to have included in the service.

Other things to consider at the time of a funeral

Morris & Morris can provide personalised printed service sheets, multimedia pictorial presentations and catering choices for any venue.

The most important thing to remember is that no matter how you record your wishes, you need to inform your next of kin where this information is stored.

Pre-paid funerals

For many people, pre-planning and pre-paying a funeral may go hand in hand. At the time of pre-planning a funeral, you also have the option of pre-paying for it. This option provides peace of mind that money is set aside for the funeral, and that this financial responsibility will not fall onto someone else.

Pre-paying for all or part of your funeral service helps to relieve your family and loved ones of the financial responsibility of the funeral expenses.

Pre-paid funerals up to \$10,000 are currently excluded from asset testing (under government legislation) when assessing eligibility for a subsidy for long term residential care for the elderly.

Pre-paid funeral funds are not held by Morris & Morris Funerals, or any other associated business. Morris & Morris Funerals complies fully with the pre-paid bylaws of the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand and their Funeral Trust, who hold the funds until they are needed.

FDANZ Funeral Trust

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is a pre-arrangement funeral plan available through members of the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand (FDANZ), of which Morris & Morris Funerals is a member.

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is a secure way to pre-pay for your funeral. This Trust has been established by FDANZ to assist anyone to make arrangements for their funeral, or the funeral of another person such as a family member.

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is not an insurance policy. No health checks or personal questions are needed. Anyone can pre-arrange and pre-pay for a funeral with an FDANZ Funeral Director through the FDANZ Funeral Trust.

If you would like more information on pre-paid funeral plans, why not have a chat with one of our funeral planning specialists at Morris & Morris Funerals on 09 437 5799.

Morris & Morris Funerals endeavours to provide the funeral service with your personal touches in mind. Our aim is to provide support and guidance for grieving families and friends of loved ones. We're here to help, so feel free to call us any time that you need us.

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. Please call us on 09 437 5799 if you have any questions.

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? Yes No Don't know

Ethnic group _____ Occupation _____

Father's full name _____

Father's occupation _____

Mother's full name _____

Mother's maiden name _____ Mother's occupation _____

Relationship status at present

- Married In a Civil Union Marriage/Civil Union Permanently Separated
 In a De Facto relationship Separated from De Facto partner Marriage/Civil Union Dissolved
 Spouse/Partner deceased Never in a legal relationship

Most recent Marriage/Union

Spouse/Partner full name _____ Date of birth _____

Spouse/Partner maiden name _____ Your age at marriage _____

Place of marriage _____ Sex of spouse/partner _____

If previously married, please fill in the details below

Spouse/Partner full name _____ Date of birth _____

Spouse/Partner maiden name _____ Your age at marriage _____

Place of marriage _____ Sex of spouse/partner _____

Living children

Birth date of each daughter _____

Birth date of each son _____

My notifications

Who should be notified after my death?

Listed below are organisations which may require notification following a death. This will assist your family to finalise affairs and obtain assistance required. You may like to note contact details beside those which are applicable.

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)

Employers

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)*

Clubs and Associations

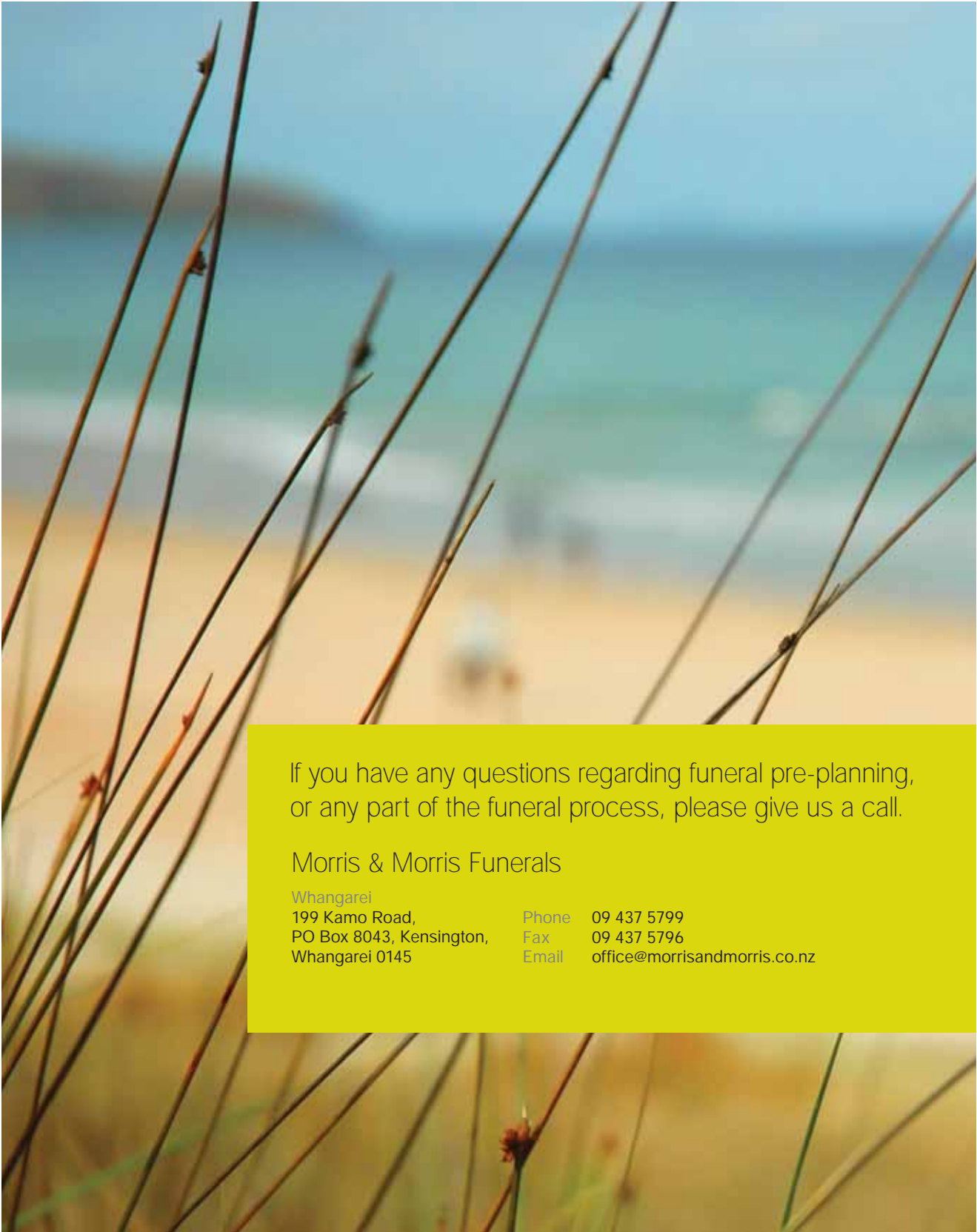
Clubs, organisations and professional bodies

Church or religious organisations

Home care nursing services, meals on wheels

NZ Police (Firearms Licensing Section)

Other



If you have any questions regarding funeral pre-planning,
or any part of the funeral process, please give us a call.

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