

Native Tree Planting

- A native tree will be planted at the head or base of the plot.
- These trees are the basic building blocks of a native habitat restoration programme.
- To improve survival, trees for plots will not be planted by Council in summer.

Plant Choice:

Supplied as part of Council Charges.

- *Pittosporum eugenoides*- *Lemonwood*
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium*- *Kohuhu*
- *Oleria arborescens*
- *Oleria cheesmanii* - *Tree Daisy*
- *Melicytus ramiflorus* – *Mahoe*
- *Cordyline australis* – *Cabbage Tree*
- *Dodonea viscosa* or *purpurea* – *AkeAke*
- *Coprosma* sp – *Various Species*
- *Sophora microphylla* – *Kowhai*
- *Kunzea ericoides* – *Manuka*
- *Myrsine australis* – *Red Matipo*
- *Hebe* SP– *Various Species*
- *Griselinia littoralis* – *Kapuka*

For more information about Natural burials, including the current prices, please contact the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home on 04-2985168

A sample of one of the shrubs supplied with a Natural Burial at Otaki Cemetery.



Pittosporum eugenoides - *Lemonwood*



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Kapiti Coast Funeral Home

Natural Burials
Eco Funerals

Natural burial is a process by which the body of a deceased person is interred in the soil in a manner that does not inhibit decomposition and allows the body to recycle naturally. It is seen as an alternative to contemporary Western burial methods.

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Natural Burials & Eco Funerals

People today are generally more aware of how their lives impact on the environment. For some, the same thoughts extend to their effect on the environment after they die.

Eco Funerals are those where various environmentally friendly funeral options can be considered.

The Eco Funeral is quite a new concept and while it can embrace a range of characteristics, there are various conditions that will influence final choices.

Kapiti Coast Funeral Home provides Eco Funeral options including no embalming, alternatives to standard embalming and eco-friendly caskets in plain pine and other sustainable solid timbers.

Natural Burials are able to be arranged by the Funeral Home through the District Councils who administer the cemeteries.



The "Macrocarpa" Casket

NZ sourced solid casket
100% cotton mattress as a liner.
Scented, organic wood-stained oil finish.

Eco friendly preparations of the deceased.

Options available for Natural Preparations

Refrigeration

This should occur as soon as possible after death. The deceased will be washed in an eco solution, hair washed, brushed and styled and then viewed before refrigeration, where they will remain until the day of the funeral.

Dry Ice

Dry ice is applied on different parts of the body, which freeze on contact. If the deceased is returned home after initial preparation at the Funeral Home, the process would be overseen by our staff who are trained in using this chemical, and who will judge when and if the dry ice needs to be topped up. Dry ice is only available during week days.

Ecoprep

A truly natural preparation process has been developed by our Managing Director, Andrew Malcolm. It cleanses and sanitises the body with an arterial wash, removing toxins and chemicals in the body but does not preserve the tissue. This leaves the body cleansed and so slows the body's deterioration to a natural non medicated time frame. The limitation of this technique is the limited time the body can be kept, i.e. only a few days between death and funeral.

For more information on please feel free to visit

www.ecoprep.co.nz



Natural Burials

There are two Natural burial cemetery sections in the Wellington area, one in the Makara cemetery and one in Otaki cemetery. Both of these have a similar concept which are:

Natural Preparation - No chemical embalming is allowed, as the body needs to break down quickly. If time is needed between the death and burial then natural body preparations such as Dry ice, or Ecoprep can be used (see previous page).

Natural Casket - A natural casket, or naturally made casket shroud bearer (both start at a similar price) is to be used. There are many caskets in our range that fall into this Natural Casket range including Settlor pine casket (rope handles); Macrocarpa casket; Crafted Pine casket and willow casket.

Grave type - In both natural burial cemeteries a single depth grave is required. No additional interment can take place in the grave. The grave is filled back in with rich organic soil to break down the casket quickly.

Marker - A simple wooden biodegradable name marker is placed at the foot of the grave. GPS coordinates are recorded to be able to locate the grave at a later date.

Planting - A native tree shrub is chosen from the list of available plants (back of this brochure). These are not trees but rather native shrubs that will grow to cover the plot but not encroach to much into the neighbouring plots.

(more details overleaf)



The "Settlor" Casket

NZ sourced pine casket with rope handles casket