



## **A guide to help with funeral arrangements.**

We understand that losing someone close is one of the most difficult human experiences. It is emotionally challenging for many reasons, including the need for time-sensitive decisions and practical arrangements.

If you are currently dealing with this difficult situation, the Beenak Cemetery Trust offer you their deepest sympathies, and the following information to assist you navigate the process.

In the first instance, we suggest you contact a Funeral Director. If your loved one has died unexpectedly at any place (including at home) other than in a hospital or aged care/other facility, this may have already occurred via Victoria Police. Police involvement is a normal part of the procedure for unexpected deaths, and they will engage the services of a Funeral Director who will assist with immediate logistical requirements.

They will then be able to transfer documentation to your preferred Funeral Director.

Once you have engaged a Funeral Director, they will:

- Complete and collect all official paperwork, including the processing of the death certificate.
- Prepare and transport the deceased.
- Assist with decisions and options regarding religious or ceremonial requirements.
- Assist/undertake funeral arrangements.

A final resting location will need to be selected if one has not been prearranged. Please discuss this with your Funeral Director in the first instance.

If you would like your loved one to be interred at Beenak Cemetery, they have expressed a desire to be interred at Beenak Cemetery, or perhaps they have a pre-purchased site (Interment Right) at Beenak Cemetery, please advise your Funeral Director of this, and they will contact us.

Once you have taken these initial steps, your chosen Funeral Director and Beenak Cemetery Trust will work together to ensure your loved one is laid to rest in line with their and your requests and requirements, leaving you time and space to grieve your loss.

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If you are looking at purchasing a site (Interment Right) at Beenak Cemetery, please see our "*Contacts Page*" and contact us directly.