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Simple advice on choosing funeral clothing, following the family's wishes and staying comfortable, without feeling you need to buy something new.

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What happens during the first meeting with a funeral director?

You do not need to arrive with every decision made. The first meeting is a chance to explain what has happened, talk through your wishes and understand the next steps.

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Choosing between our chapel, Enfield and Centennial Park

The best venue is the one that works for your family and the farewell you want. Here is a practical way to compare our chapel with Enfield and Centennial Park.

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What should you compare in a funeral quote?

The headline price is only useful when you know what it covers. These questions help you compare funeral quotes on the same basis, without paying for things you do not want.

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Can we hold a memorial

service after a direct cremation?

A direct cremation does not prevent a later memorial. Here is what to think about when separating the cremation arrangements from a gathering with family and friends.

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Eco-Friendly Farewell: A Complete Guide to Natural Burials in Adelaide

As environmental awareness shapes our daily choices – from reusable bags to electric vehicles – many South Australians are asking a deeper question: “How can we lessen our environmental impact when we pass away?”

In Adelaide, natural burials (also known as green burials) offer a gentle, sustainable alternative to traditional burial or cremation. Here is a guide to how natural burials work and where you can find natural burial grounds in Adelaide.

Wirra Wonga at Enfield Memorial Park

What is a Natural Burial?

A natural burial aims to return a body to the earth as naturally as possible, encouraging full decomposition to support the local ecosystem and native bushland. Key elements of a green burial in Adelaide include:

- Chemical-Free Preparation: No embalming fluids or chemical preservatives are used during the body preparation process.
- Biodegradable Coffins & Shrouds: Bodies are encased in untreated pine, woven wicker, biodegradable cardboard, mushroom mycelium coffins, or simply wrapped in a 100% natural fiber shroud (such as wool, cotton, or silk with zero synthetic materials).
- Native Vegetation Markers: Instead of stone headstones or concrete monuments, graves are left unmarked or planted with native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers to create a living memorial.
- GPS Mapping: Loved ones can locate exact resting places using precise GPS coordinates provided by the cemetery.

Mushroom Coffins are a new option for Natural Burials in Australia

Natural Burial Grounds in Adelaide

Adelaide has led the way in eco-friendly burials for years, establishing dedicated conservation cemeteries set within natural Australian bushland.

Wirra Wonga at Enfield Memorial Park Established in 2007, “Wirra Wonga” (a Kaurna term meaning “Bush Grave”) was one of South Australia’s first dedicated natural burial spaces. Featuring winding dirt paths and native foliage, it provides a tranquil, self-sustaining resting place amidst local birdlife

and flora.

Pilyu Yarta at Smithfield Memorial Park Introduced in 2014, “Pilyu Yarta” (meaning “Peaceful Ground”) offers a peaceful sanctuary in Adelaide’s north. Operating as a self-sustaining ecosystem, graves at Pilyu Yarta are surrounded by native trees and wild grasses, ensuring your final footprint nourishes the land.

Planning an Eco-Friendly Funeral in Adelaide

Choosing a natural burial allows you to leave a lasting environmental legacy, ensuring future generations inherit protected native bushland. Whether you are pre-planning your own farewell or arranging a service for a loved one, Sensible Funerals can tailor a natural burial package to suit your family’s wishes.

Interested in exploring natural burial options or funeral packages in Adelaide? Contact our office for more information or a chat about your eco-friendly options.

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Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Explained | Sensible Funerals

What to Know About Pre-Paid Funerals: A Complete Guide

Planning ahead can help your family understand your wishes and the arrangements you have paid for. Before choosing a pre-paid funeral, compare the services, exclusions and contract terms so you know what the plan covers.

Understand the arrangements and costs before you pre-pay

How Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Work

A pre-paid funeral is an arrangement to pay in advance for the services specified in a funeral contract. A funeral bond is an investment towards funeral expenses; holding a bond by itself does not guarantee that every funeral cost is covered.

Ask for a written description of the services, exclusions and payment terms. Keep a copy of your arrangements where your family or executor can find it, and tell them who to contact when the time comes.

Questions to ask before choosing a plan

- **Who holds the funds?** Ask for the fund provider’s name and the relevant product documents. Review the protections, fees and risks that apply to the particular arrangement rather than assuming all plans offer the same guarantees.
- **What price is agreed?** Check which funeral services are covered by the contract and whether any exclusions or later charges can apply. A guarantee relating to an

investment option is different from the funeral director's agreement to provide specified services.

- **How are payments assessed?** Services Australia and DVA apply specific rules to prepaid funerals and funeral bonds. The treatment depends on the arrangement and your circumstances. Check with the relevant agency before relying on any effect on your pension.
- **What happens if you move or change your mind?** Before signing, ask whether the plan can be transferred, changed or cancelled, and what fees, refunds or differences in service costs may apply.

For independent information, see ASIC Moneysmart's guide to paying for a funeral and Services Australia's funeral bonds and prepaid funerals guidance.

Taking the First Step Toward Peace of Mind

You can start by recording your wishes and discussing the available arrangements with our team. Take time to read the contract and ask about anything you do not understand before deciding whether to pre-pay.

Explore our pre-paid and pre-arranged funeral options and the questions to discuss with our team. Our funeral cost estimator can help you explore service choices; confirm the terms and inclusions of any pre-paid arrangement separately.

Call Sensible Funerals on (08) 8241 5655 to discuss planning ahead, or explore our pre-paid and pre-arranged funeral information.

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How to Plan a Funeral in Adelaide: A Step-by-Step Guide

Planning ahead can help your family understand your wishes and the arrangements you would prefer. You can begin with a few decisions, record what matters to you and review the likely costs. You do not need to settle every detail at once.

Funeral planning today can save you and your family time and stress in the future

If you are unsure where to start with funeral planning in Adelaide, follow these key steps to create a meaningful celebration of life.

1. Choose Between Burial or Cremation

The first decision in the planning process is choosing between a burial or a cremation service. This choice depends largely on your personal beliefs, family traditions, and budget:

- **Cremation:** Generally the most popular and cost-effective option for Adelaide families.
- **Burial:** Tends to involve higher costs due to plot purchases, ongoing maintenance, and interment fees.

If your family currently owns a plot in a local Adelaide cemetery, it pays to contact them and check on the lease expiry and any ongoing costs involved for future burials. Many cemeteries also cater to have ashes interred into existing family burial plots.

2. How to Choose a Funeral Home in Adelaide

Selecting the right funeral home in Adelaide makes a significant difference in your experience. Here is what to keep in mind when evaluating local funeral homes:

- **Understand Who Will Care for Your Family:** If local ownership matters to you, ask who owns the funeral home and who will arrange and conduct the service. Sensible Funerals is an independent, Adelaide-owned family business. Compare the people, services, inclusions and costs before deciding.
- **Demand Transparent Pricing:** Look for funeral directors who publish clear pricing and package deals. Ensure common inclusions—such as mortuary care, coffins, and other arrangements—are clearly stated to avoid unexpected add-ons.
- **Evaluate Venue Facilities:** Check if the provider has an on-site chapel or function space. Holding a service at an offsite venue can often incur extra hire fees. Holding a funeral service onsite can result in lower costs and more personalised service.

3. Personalize Your Funeral Service

Your service should reflect your unique values, faith, and lifestyle. Key ways to personalize your arrangements include:

- **Religious Services:** Arrange for a priest, pastor, or religious leader to lead the service according to your faith.
- **Celebrant-Led Services:** Incorporate favorite scriptures, poems, or stories with the help of a civil funeral celebrant.
- **Eco-Friendly Funerals:** Opt for green burial options, biodegradable caskets, or eco-friendly urns if sustainability is important to you.

4. Document and Secure Your Funeral Wishes

Once you have decided on your preferences, put them in writing and share them with loved ones:

1. **Update Your Will:** State your preference for burial or cremation, along with specific instructions for your ashes.
2. **Consider an Advance Care Directive:** This records wishes about your future health care, living arrangements and personal matters if you cannot make decisions yourself. You may include funeral wishes, but an Advance Care Directive has no effect after death. Keep a separate record of your funeral wishes and share it with your family, executor and funeral director.
3. **Understand a Prepaid Funeral Before Deciding:** A prepaid funeral involves paying in advance for the services set

out in a funeral contract. Ask which costs are covered, which may change, and what terms apply to payment, changes, cancellations and transfers. Confirm the inclusions and exclusions in writing. Recording your wishes alone does not mean the funeral is paid for.

Recording your wishes can give your family a useful starting point and reduce uncertainty about the farewell you would prefer. Keep the information accessible, discuss it with the people involved and review it when your wishes or circumstances change.

Ready to start planning? Contact our office today to discuss prepaid plans or request an upfront pricing guide.

Explore our planning-ahead information, compare funeral services and inclusions, or use the funeral cost estimator to prepare questions for our team.

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