

## Information on funerals

### Funerals

It is important to recognise and acknowledge the grief, sadness and loss we all feel when we lose someone important.

No matter how we feel following the loss of a loved one, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate their life in a way that not only brings comfort to the people who love them, but is also true to the person themselves—recognising and celebrating the life they led, the contributions they made and the qualities that made them so special.

Unlike weddings, funerals do not have legally required wording that must be adhered to, which means they can be entirely what either the deceased person has planned or what their family members want.

A very rough outline of the basic components of a funeral service and graveside service are provided below; however, as your celebrant, I would use this as a guide only, and would work with you to prepare a service that was individualised and true to the person you have just lost.

### Funeral service outline

- Entrance of family members
- Welcome by celebrant
- Prayer or blessing
- Reading
- Eulogy/eulogies
- Reflection (can include DVD or giving of flowers)
- Reading
- Words of comfort
- Committal
- Closing words
- Recessional

### Graveside service outline

- Welcome by celebrant
- Reading and/or prayer
- Eulogy and/or speaker
- Reflection
- Committal and closing words

