



SOVEREIGN Funerals

A not-for-profit funeral company



Helping the world they've left behind

A photograph of an elderly couple standing on a beach at sunset. The woman is wearing a white floral dress and a white hat with a black band. The man is wearing a light blue button-down shirt over a white t-shirt. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a soft, hazy sunset over the ocean.

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little more about **SOVEREIGN FUNERALS**. There are three things we'd like you to know about us...

1. A funeral with Sovereign Funerals is personal. We understand that planning a funeral for someone you care about can seem like a daunting task. We want to assure you that we will take the time to explain the funeral process, listen to your ideas and answer all your questions with the utmost care and respect.

2. Every funeral with Sovereign Funerals is unique. Because every person is unique, we work with you to create a funeral that celebrates this uniqueness with dignity.

3. We're committed to doing what we can to make life a bit easier for people who are struggling in our local and international communities. After taking our expenses in account, every dollar of profit left is given to support the work of our charitable foundation, Interseed. You can leave a lasting memorial to your loved one, knowing that their funeral service has contributed to making a better life for people in need!

We hope you find the information in this booklet helpful and we hope we will have the privilege of serving you and your family should the need arise.

We're available when you need us... **24 hours a day.**

PRE-PAY YOUR FUNERAL NOW & SAVE LATER

While we strive to offer our customers excellent service at an affordable price, we understand that a funeral can leave a family with a financial burden.

Many people today have invested in funeral insurance to cover the cost. Sadly, it is not uncommon for the cumulative cost of the insurance premiums to far exceed the cost of the funeral. Funeral insurance premiums rise as you age, give no protection from inflation and the insurance company can cancel your policy at any time.

That's why we encourage you to pre-pay your funeral with us. We offer you peace of mind and security for your future. Once you've selected and paid for the options you want, there's no more to pay on those options, no matter how long you live.

Please call us on **(07) 3204 4287** for your **FREE** copy of **"The Guide to Pre-Paid Funerals"** or to get a written estimate of funeral costs.

BENEFITS OF PRE-PAYING A FUNERAL

1. Pay today's price
2. Once paid in full there is no more to pay
3. Make decisions about your own funeral in your own time
4. Peace of mind because your affairs will be in order
5. You will relieve your loved ones of the financial burden
6. It won't affect your pension or other entitlements



ARRANGING A FUNERAL

At **SOVEREIGN FUNERALS** your needs and those of your family come first. Losing a loved one is a distressing time so we are committed to relieving you of as much stress and worry as possible. We will walk with you through the process of arranging a funeral from the beginning to the end. We will explain all of the options that are available to make sure the funeral service you arrange is tailored to meet your lifestyle, culture, religion or financial needs.

We understand that you may have a lot of questions about the funeral process, especially if this is a new experience for you and your family. We promise to listen, to answer all of your questions and to give you practical advice and guidance. We want you to be reassured that with SOVEREIGN Funerals, you are in the best of hands.



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

At Sovereign Funerals, we understand how overwhelming it can be when you lose a loved one.

We can put your mind at ease and remove some of the stress by guiding you through the entire process. From taking care of all the necessary paperwork, to helping you make decisions which can make all the difference when it comes to the finer details of arranging a funeral.

After your initial call to Sovereign Funerals, on 07-3204 4287 (any time, day or night), there are a few things for you to consider...

- What type of service do I want? A cremation or a burial?
- Do I need to send my loved one interstate or overseas?
- What style of service do I prefer? Religious? Non-religious? A Celebration of Life?
- What should I include in the service to make it more personal? You might like to include a favourite song or piece of music, favourite keepsakes, photos or a photo slide show set to music to play during the service.
- Where do I want the service to be held and when is the best time? How do we best communicate funeral details to our loved ones?

Our funeral directors will help you through the decision making process so you are able to arrange the perfect farewell for your loved one.

YOUR Final Checklist



Your Documents

- ☐ Have you written a will? Is it up to date?
- ☐ Have you nominated your power of attorney?
- ☐ Where are your important documents? Who has access to them? Have you recorded your passwords for all your online accounts and social media profiles?
- ☐ Who will be your enduring guardian? This is the person who can speak up for you about medical interventions if you can't.
- ☐ If you have children who will be their legal guardian?
- ☐ Have you told your loved ones what medical interventions you want and do not want and under what circumstances?
- ☐ Have you written your advance care directive?
- ☐ Have you written an Emotional Will?



Your Loved Ones

- ☐ Have you discussed your end of life plans with family and friends?
- ☐ Would you prefer to die at home?
- ☐ Is there something comforting that you might want in the room with you as you are dying?
- ☐ What would you like to be said to you in your final days/moments? *(Many people want to be told that their affairs are in order and their dependants will be taken care of)*
- ☐ What do you hope for the people who are around you while you're dying?
- ☐ Who will receive special family items such as photos and treasured heirlooms?
- ☐ Who will take pets and animals under your care?



Your Send-Off

- ☐ What type of funeral do you want?
- ☐ Do you want to be buried, cremated or something else entirely?
- ☐ Where do you want to be buried or have your ashes scattered or your tree planted?
- ☐ What do you want written on your headstone/plaque memorial?
- ☐ Who do you want to perform the eulogy?
- ☐ Do you want to write your own obituary?
- ☐ Do you want to donate to a charity in lieu of flowers or in lieu of anything else? Or do you want to do both?
- ☐ Have you looked into "Do It Yourself" funerals?



Everything Else

- ☐ _____
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KEEP THIS INFORMATION IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

MY PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male / Female

Residential address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Place of Birth: _____ State: _____

(If overseas) City & Country: _____

Year of arrival to Australia: _____

Occupation: _____ Retired: Yes / No

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: Yes / No

MARRIAGES

Never Married / Married / Divorced / Widowed / Registered Relationship

Place of marriage: _____ Age: _____

*Spouse full name: _____

Spouse surname (at time of marriage): _____

PARENTS

Father's full name: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother's full name: _____

Maiden name: _____ Occupation: _____

CHILDREN

*First names only and Date of Birth (Include deceased children if any)

1. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

2. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

3. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

4. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

*If more than 1 Marriage or 4 Children please continue on page 8.

NEXT OF KIN DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Alternate contact (If needed): _____

_____ Phone: _____

PREFERRED FUNERAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Place of service: _____

Type of funeral: Burial or Cremation

Cemetery / Crematorium: _____

Existing grave / memorial: _____

Celebrant / Minister of Religion: _____

FLOWERS:

SML / MED / LGE. Type: _____

Catering for refreshments: Yes / No

Service Booklets: Yes / No

Photo Presentation: Yes / No

Newspaper Death/Funeral Notice: Yes / No

RSL Remembrance: Yes / No

I want these songs played: _____

Other items to include / Notes: _____

Marriages (Cont.): _____

Children (Cont.):

5. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

6. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

7. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

8. _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____



INTERSEED FOUNDATION

Arranging a funeral service with Sovereign Funerals is unique. We're committed to serving you and your family but also to serving people in our community and abroad who are finding life to be a struggle. We are doing this through the work of our Australian Tax Office approved charitable foundation, Interseed.

Over the last few years, schools, orphanages and ancillary buildings have been constructed here in Australia and in the Philippines, Mongolia, Vanuatu and Nepal. We are currently working to expand our involvement in charitable causes that align with our core emphases.

For more details on the Interseed Foundation, please head to:

www.interseed.org.au

**"At SOVEREIGN
FUNERALS, every dollar
of profit is directed to
funding the ongoing work
of Interseed."**

Locally, Sovereign Funerals is providing ongoing support for programs such as Diversional Therapy for the aged and those suffering from serious mental illness, as well as contributing to the safety

of those fleeing domestic violence.

At Sovereign Funerals, every dollar of profit (after operational expenses) is directed to funding programs like these. They are some of the ways we're helping the world they left behind.

Sovereign Funerals offers you and your family a unique opportunity to leave a lasting memorial to your loved one. When you arrange a funeral with Sovereign Funerals, you are helping us to help the world they've left behind.



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