



Here I have collated some creditable resources (in no particular order) relevant for whānau wishing to hold a family led funeral, with or without the assistance of a Funeral Director in Aotearoa New Zealand. In this country it is completely safe, legal and possible for families to independently arrange all, or some, aspects of a funeral. Other than the legal requirements of mandatory documentation, you are free to choose from options that reflect your own personal and spiritual beliefs. The knowledge you gain by researching and planning ahead will give you agency, and help you and your whānau feel empowered to participate with confidence. If you know of any other useful and creditable resources for this kaupapa, please email hello@akeakeshrouds.co.nz with your recommendations.



Ngā Pou Herenga: The Funeral Guides Collective

Based in Eastern Bays NZ, this is a community collective whose mission is to support choice: providing guidance on family led, affordable and eco-friendly funerals/tangihanga.

www.funeralguides.org



Australian Home Funeral Alliance

The AHFA promotes the home based funeral in New Zealand as well as Australia. The site includes two very informative presentations about what is a home funeral and how to arrange one. Find these under the 'Home Funeral' tab from the menu.

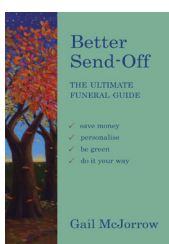
www.ahfa.org.au/



Doulas Of Aotearoa

An End of Life Doula is a companion who supports a person and their family as they navigate life leading up to their death and beyond in a compassionate and non-judgemental way.

www.nzdoulas.nz/profiles



Better Send Off - The Ultimate Funeral Guide.

Written by Wellingtonian Gail McJorow, this comprehensive e-book guide is available to read online free of charge.

www.bettersendoff.co.nz



Natural Burials NZ

A not-for-profit organisation that introduced certified natural burials to New Zealand and advises local councils on how to establish natural burial cemeteries across the country. They can help you arrange a natural burial plot in New Zealand.

www.naturalburials.co.nz/



Manaaki Mats

Manaaki Mats are a safe, simple and effective cooling resource for deathcare. Cooling the body is an essential part of caring for your person at home without the need to embalm.

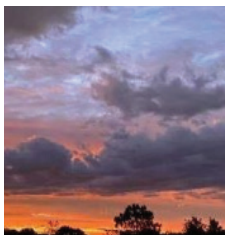
www.manaakimats.org/



Only With Love (OWL)

Claire Turnham is a Home Funeral educator based in Auckland. Claire runs workshops on the subject. For current availability see her Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/onlywithlove.co.uk/>



DIY Funeral

How to take care of someone's death without relying on a funeral director. Wellington based Frances Potter, coffin maker, runs this website for New Zealanders wanting DIY funerals.

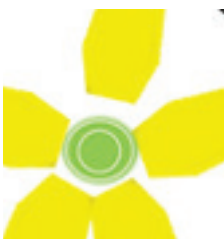
www.diyfuneral.co.nz



Te Kawanatanga o Aotearoa

Births Deaths and Marriages. The official government website to register a death and access death certificates.

www.govt.nz/organisations/births-deaths-and-marriages/



Coffin Club

"Makers of affordable underground furniture".

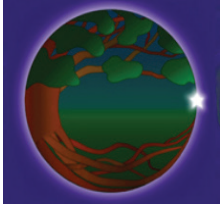
The two coffin clubs in NZ can make or assist you to make a personalised coffin and will provide delivery.

<https://www.coffinclubs.co.nz/katikati>



National Home Funeral Alliance

A USA wide organisation dedicated to increasing access to information related to community-led death care. This site provides a huge number of resources including video, podcasts and webinars. <https://www.homefuneralalliance.org/>



CINDEA

Canadian Integrative Network for Death Education and Alternatives
This is a video created to instruct on how to shroud your person using a simple wrap style shroud.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lwwGc4TSyY&t=6s



DEATH WITHOUT DEBT

New Zealand based activist site advocating governmental and legislative change for everyone to have the right to have an affordable and dignified DIY funeral process.

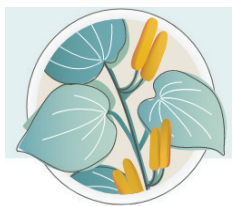
www.deathwithoutdebt.org



AKE AKE SHROUDS

New Zealand artisan made natural funeral shrouds and shroud making workshops. Advocacy and education for Natural Burial and Home-Led funerals.

www.akeakeshrouds.co.nz



Te Hokianga ā Wairua

A government website with a wealth of information to create your own personalised funeral plan and share it with friends and family.

<https://endoflife.services.govt.nz/welcome>