



Kaiwa Initiatives Pty Ltd

KAIWALAGAL FUNERAL SERVICES

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SERVICES

Current From 11 October 2026

Kaiwalagal Funeral Services are provided in five (5) parts:

1. **TRANSFER INTO CARE** - after the passing of your loved one, includes arranging and providing safe and dignified hearse transport to the Thursday Island Hospital mortuary from:

The place of death on Thursday Island	\$1,950.00
From the inner islands including Horn Island, Hammond Island, Prince of Wales Island – does not include road and sea charter fees	\$2,150.00
Road and sea charter from the inner islands to Thursday Island Wharf	Per Charter Fee
Other locations by arrangement – <i>from</i>	\$2,450.00
After hours surcharge – applies between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am Monday to Friday, and anytime on weekends and Public Holidays.	\$550.00
Retrieval from a hazardous situation requiring the presence of our WIFS Funeral Director, costs depend on the degree of workplace health and safety risk and danger.	By Location and Situation

2. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Includes: • Providing guidance and advice to assist families step by step for end-of-life arrangements • Liaising with governments, agencies, and third parties who are involved • Activating access to compassionate airfares with regular updates of passenger lists • Managing relevant legal requirements for compliance • Assisting with application for registration of death • Arranging inter-island travel and air freight for loved ones returning to outside islands or other areas • Liaising with and organizing burial plot at Thursday Island Cemetery if required	\$1,200.00
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3. FUNERAL SERVICES

Includes: - Meetings with the Funeral Director as required prior to the funeral day to discuss arrangements for smooth, safe, and culturally appropriate coordinated service. - Supervision and assisting with dressing the loved one, subject to approval by the hospital mortuary management. - Hearse transport on the day of the funeral from the mortuary to the funeral service venue and onto the Thursday Island cemetery; or - Hearse transport to Thursday Island Wharf and supervised travel to Horn Island airport to ensure safe transfer for onward travel (does not include road, sea or air charter).	\$2,400.00
Road sea and air charters	Per Charter Fees
Weekend and or public holiday funeral services.	\$600.00
Children and Infant Funerals – please contact us for personalized information	

4. COFFINS AND CASKETS

- We have a range of coffins starting from \$3,500 for Ilan Basic, and offer a wide range of preferences and budgets (see **Coffin Brochure**).
- All coffins come complete with gold or silver coloured fittings including handles.
- Our Funeral Director assists families with the most appropriate coffin or casket for your circumstances.

5. OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Burial plot at Thursday Island Cemetery – we can or families can arrange burial plots with Torres Shire Council. Families negotiate with Council for the location of the burial plot. Costs as per Torres Shire Council fees and charges (<i>from...</i>).	\$1,346.00
Family viewing of your loved one in the Mortuary needs approval from the Thursday Island Hospital Operations Manager first. Kaiwalagal Funeral Services does not charge fees for viewing in the Mortuary.	No Cost
Residential home visit and viewing , if conditions permit on the day of the funeral for up to 1 hour, with the Funeral Director in attendance.	\$770.00
Supervision of transfer of deceased on Horn Island, Qantas inbound, to air charter outbound to an outer island. Sea and road transport costs to from Horn Island airport are included.	\$550.00
Hearse transport of empty coffin from Thursday Island jetty or other location to storage on Thursday Island, includes from Thursday Island Hospital Mortuary to Thursday Island jetty	\$450.00
Storage of empty coffin on Thursday Island starts at \$20.00 per day for periods of days or weeks or months.	\$20.00 per day
Exceptional circumstances, for example, if transport is cancelled during transfer, or costs for overnight stays apply when airline flights do not line up across multiple regions.	Costs Incurred

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BASIC PACKAGES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - DURING BUSINESS HOURS

Passing on Thursday Island with Funeral Service held on Thursday Island: Mon-Fri \$10,396

Includes:

- Transfer into care
- Island Basic Standard coffin
- Professional Services
- Funeral Services - including hearse transport
- Burial plot at Thursday Island Cemetery¹
- Death Registration Application
- A fee reduction of \$1950 where passing occurs in the Thursday Island hospital

Passing on Thursday Island with Funeral Service held on inner island group or NPA: Mon-Fri \$9,050

Includes:

- Transfer into care
- Island Basic Standard coffin
- Professional Services
- Funeral Services - including hearse transport to Thursday Island wharf
- Supervised transfer to Horn Island airport or place of departure from Thursday Island wharf²
- Death Registration Application
- A fee reduction of \$1,950 where passing occurs in the Thursday Island hospital

¹ Burial plot fees are not included if families choose to organise and pay fees directly to Torres Shire Council.

² Transport costs are additional and are only those charged by the service supplier.

NOTES

To avoid confusion, Kaiwalagal Funeral Services deals only with the designated *Marigeth* or the *Authorised Person* chosen by families to provide expertise and care, so all administrative and legal requirements are met.

Please contact the following staff if further assistance or explanation is needed about our services:

- For *technical matters* phone Barry Williams our Funeral Director on 0499 320 990
- For *administration matters* phone Allen G. Reid on 0417 009 980.

MORTUARY CARE - IMPORTANT NOTE

Kaiwalagal Funeral Services do not provide Mortuary Care. Families wishing to access the Mortuary for dressing of their loved one before the funeral date, for all viewing at the mortuary, or other mortuary care matters, should contact the Thursday Island Hospital Operations Manager.

TRANSFER INTO CARE / REPATRIATION – IMPORTANT NOTE

Transfer Into Care is a 24-hour service for a loved one who passes away on Thursday Island. Our Funeral Director will attend for public health and compliance reasons. From locations outside our region, transfer is arranged to Thursday Island according to air sea and road transport timetables that apply, subject to weather conditions.

When loved ones return home from another region (known as repatriation), families face two sets of service fees for a loved one's repatriation to our region. They include:

- the first set of service fees is to the funeral company in the region where a loved one has passed away,
- the second set of service fees is for costs to Kaiwalagal Funeral Services to finalize repatriation and burial.

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Sometimes, for logistical reasons beyond Kaiwalagal Funeral Services control, for a repatriation that crosses more than two regions, families may face additional service fees to the funeral company in their region.

These costs include if a loved one is forced to stay overnight in a region if airline flights do not line up, which is additional to their work of repatriation. Prices vary significantly depending on the supplier.

Kaiwalagal Funeral Services staff will do all they can to help families in these circumstances. Our staff are available from the time your loved one passes, through to their final resting.

FUNERAL SERVICES – IMPORTANT NOTES

Church or Funeral Service Venue

Families are responsible for organizing the funeral service venues, requirements, and payments. WIFS does not charge for church or religious ministers, or celebrants.

Cremation – We do not offer cremation services but arrange and coordinate transfers to crematoriums in Cairns or other regions chosen by families. Coffins for transport on Qantas Freight and air travel, transport by ferry and bus to Horn Airport, and cremation services are all additional costs.

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