

Kāpiti Crematorium

Kāpiti Coast Funeral Home



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Welcome

On behalf of myself and the staff at Kapiti Coast Funeral Home we warmly welcome you to Kapiti Crematorium, which is beautifully positioned in the grounds at Awa Tapu Cemetery, Valley Road, Paraparaumu, on the Kapiti Coast.

The idea of a crematorium facility was originally envisaged on this site on the cemetery's inception in 1992. There were several discussions and attempts on joint ventures with the council and other funeral homes, but eventually Kapiti Coast Funeral Home proceeded alone and after several years of jumping through red tape opened this amazing facility in August 2012.

A great deal of design and thought has gone into every part of this project, from the autumn tones reflecting the richness of all that life is, to the orientation of the chapel itself.

Upon entering the chapel you are greeted by the beautiful view through the large windows, over the courtyard, to Kapiti Island, the ocean and beyond. The seating is uninterrupted by the usual central aisle found in a chapel, while you are surrounded by natural light through the many windows. Once seated, the casket itself becomes the focus, and natural light comes from skylights through the side windows, into the casket focal space.

A curtain can be closed at the end of the ceremony, or mourners can file past and say their personal goodbyes as they leave. If they choose to glance back as they leave, the casket being purposely in an alcove, they simply see the beautiful view instead.



I welcome you to this facility on our open day, feel free to ask any questions you like. Our staff are happy to help.

Andrew Malcolm
Managing Director



Chapel Layout—As above

The Chapel is designed with a beautiful indoor /outdoor setting, with views down the valley to Kapiti Island and the ocean.

The Autumn theme is designed to celebrate the richness of life.

The Chapel provides a venue for family and close friends to attend a private farewell following an earlier public ceremony, with seating for 35 to 40 people.

The Chapel can also be used for smaller funeral services.

The chapel has full audio and photo tribute facilities.

Office

The office is the general administration area where records are kept for each cremation as required under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and the Wellington Regional Council Resource Consent.— Copies of these documents can be viewed and staff are on hand to explain the various regulatory requirements.

Cremation Room

This is where the actual cremator unit is housed.

Cremator Unit—This is the most up to date unit available and the newest in New Zealand. It is called a Power-Pac 2 and made by Matthews International from the United States. The Unit is completely computer controlled. Fact sheets are located all over this room explaining many of the commonly asked questions.

Processing Station

This is the unit that the cremated remains are transferred to, from the cremator unit. At this Processing Station, metal such as nails and staples are removed and then the brittle cremains are shaken in the processing pot and become what we commonly term ashes.

Reflection Garden

A later addition to the crematorium is the Reflection Garden. Andrew Malcolm and wife Merryn designed and planted this as a place for quiet reflection, either while waiting for people to gather for a ceremony or for a quiet time afterwards.



We trust this has been beneficial to you, and welcome any questions or feedback to our email office@kapitifuneral.co.nz