



FUNERAL SERVICES PRICE LIST
(current as at 22 October 2024)

WIFS services are provided in two (2) parts:

- 1) **Transfer into care:** after the passing of your loved one, includes arranging and providing safe and dignified travel from the place of death in WIFS region, or from Horn Island Airport to Thursday Island Hospital Mortuary (see heading **TRANSFER INTO CARE**)
- 2) **Professional fees:** providing advice and assistance to families for funeral and travel arrangements for smooth, safe, and culturally appropriate coordinated service (see heading **PROFESSIONAL FEES**).

Please contact the following WIFS staff if further assistance or explanation is needed about WIFS two-part services:

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

Important Notice About Mortuary Care

WIFS no longer provides Mortuary Care as a service. This change is due to the request by families that mortuary care is provided by Thursday Island Hospital Wardsmen.

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.

1. TRANSFER INTO CARE

Wherever your loved one passes away, we arrange culturally appropriate transfer into care. We will ensure a safe and dignified transfer from any location within WIFS region, or from outside WIFS region, to the mortuary facilities at the Thursday Island Hospital (see **Important Notice About Mortuary Care** above).

Important Note: if your loved one is coming from another region into WIFS region, known as repatriation, families pay service fees to the funeral company who starts the repatriation journey plus service fee payments to WIFS when your loved one enters WIFS region. WIFS appreciates the additional financial burden placed on families and will work with families to find savings.

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

A	Transfer into care from place of death on Thursday Island with hearse transport to the Thursday Island Mortuary. This fee does not apply to deaths in Thursday Island Hospital.	\$1,845.00
B	Transfer into care on arrival by plane at Horn Island Airport, including hearse transport on Thursday Island. Air road and sea transport costs by local suppliers from Horn Island airport to Thursday Island jetty are additional and any charges will be at the supplier's price.	\$2,085.00
C	Transfer into care with the presence of WIFS Funeral Director from place of death on the <i>inner islands</i> of Horn, Hammond, and Prince of Wales, with hearse transport on Thursday Island to Mortuary. Transport costs by local suppliers to Thursday Island jetty are additional and any charges will be at the supplier's price.	\$2,340.00

D	Transfer into care with the presence of WIFS Funeral Director from place of death on the <i>outer islands</i> . Air sea road transport costs by local suppliers to Thursday Island Mortuary are additional costs.	\$2,750.00
E	An after-hours fee applies to transfers between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am Monday to Friday, and anytime on weekends and Public Holidays.	\$550.00
F	Retrieval from a hazardous situation requiring the presence of WIFS Funeral Director, costs depend on the degree of workplace health and safety risk and danger.	By Location and Situation

2. PROFESSIONAL FEES

WIFS Professional Fees covers full-service management of funerals and burials that take place on Thursday Island. For funerals and burials on the inner islands and outer islands of the Torres Strait, and Northern Peninsular Area, funeral and burial services are coordinated with relevant Councils and Queensland Health.

To avoid confusion, WIFS deals only with the designated *Marigeth* or the *Authorised Person* to provide expertise and care, so all administrative and legal requirements are met.

Professional fees include operational and technical advice and assistance from WIFS Funeral Director and administration staff from the time of passing until burial and associated paperwork is completed. Professional fees are based on adult funeral and burial services held on a weekday. Additional costs apply for funerals and burials on a weekend day.

A	Funeral service on Thursday Island Costs include WIFS Funeral Director attending a 60-minute funeral service, burial at Thursday Island Cemetery (Monday to Friday) and hearse transport. If it applies, families are responsible for the arranging of requirements and payments for the venue where the service is held.	\$2,990.00
B	Hearse transport For hearse transport on Thursday Island.	\$350.00
C	Repatriation Arranging repatriation to another location in WIFS region, or Cairns for cremation, with hearse transport from Thursday Island mortuary to Thursday Island jetty. Sea and road transport costs to Horn Island airport are additional as per supplier's charge.	\$2,990.00
D	Cremation WIFS does not offer cremation services but coordinates transfers to crematoriums in Cairns or other regions chosen by families (see item C above). Coffin and transport by ferry and air are additional costs.	\$2,990.00
E	Funeral service on Horn, Hammond, and Prince of Wales islands Costs includes hearse transport on Thursday Island. Sea and road transport costs for these islands are additional and as per supplier's charge. Does not include burial plot fees.	\$2,990.00
F	Burial plot at Thursday Island Cemetery WIFS or families arranges burial plots with Torres Shire Council, families negotiate with Council for the location of the burial plot. As per Torres Shire Council costs.	\$1,244.00
G	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.	As Per Supplier
H	Weekend and or public holiday funeral service Charges apply for WIFS Funeral Director to be in attendance at the funeral service.	\$600.00
I	Additional transport costs Additional costs may apply including air sea and road transport. All costs are only those charged by the service provider. These additional costs will show as a separate item on WIFS invoice.	As Per Supplier

Important Note: when loved ones return home from another region, families face two sets of service fees for a loved one's repatriation to WIFS 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 WIFS to finalize repatriation and burial.

Sometimes, for logistical reasons beyond WIFS 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.

WIFS will do all it can to help families in these circumstances. WIFS staff are available from the time your loved one passes, through to their final resting.

COFFINS AND CASKETS

WIFS can personalise coffins with your choice of artwork and or totems including Expression Coffins.

All coffins come complete with gold or silver fittings including handles.

WIFS Funeral Director assists families with the most appropriate coffin or casket for your circumstances.

WIFS has a range of coffins starting from \$3,500 for Ilan Basic, and cover a wide range of preferences and budgets (see **Coffin Brochure**).

Viewing

Family viewing of your loved one in the Mortuary needs approval from the Thursday Island Hospital Operations Manager first. WIFS 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 WIFS Funeral Director in attendance.	\$770.00

Children and Infant Funerals

Fees include transfer into care, white blue or pink painted coffins (prices to be advised) and WIFS professional fees.

0 to 12 months	\$3,500.00	6 to 12 years	\$3,950.00
1 to 5 years	\$3,700.00	13 to 17 years	\$4,250.00

Cremation

WIFS recognizes some families and cultural groups prefer cremation to burial for their loved one.

WIFS does not have, nor does it know of, an operating crematorium in the region but can arrange with crematorium operators in Cairns or elsewhere in southern regions for cremation services.

Families are welcome to make their own arrangements to suit their preferences.

Prices vary significantly depending on the supplier.

BASIC PACKAGES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - DURING BUSINESS HOURS

Passing on Thursday Island with Funeral Service held on Thursday Island: Mon-Fri \$9,575

Includes:

- Transfer into care
- Trent Dover Standard coffin
- Professional Fees
- Hearse transport
- Burial plot at Thursday Island Cemetery¹
- Death Registration Application
- A fee reduction of \$1,845 where passing occurs in the Thursday Island hospital

Passing on Thursday Island with Funeral Service held on inner island group or NPA: Mon-Fri \$8,335

Includes:

- Transfer into care
- Trent Dover Standard coffin
- Professional Fees with hearse transport to Thursday Island jetty
- Accompanied transfer to Horn Island airport or place of departure from Thursday Island jetty²
- Death Registration Application
- A fee reduction of \$1,845 where passing occurs in the Thursday Island hospital

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

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

If the funeral and burial services have not been provided by WIFS, families can lodge their own Application for Registration of Death Certificate with Births, Deaths & Marriages.	\$0.00
For funeral and burial services provided by WIFS, Application for Registration of Death Certificate is lodged at the Thursday Island Magistrates Court by WIFS Funeral Director, after completion by all parties.	Part of professional fees
Charges for obtaining certificates or permits under any Act in relation to the deceased where WIFS is required to investigate.	\$150.00
Art work applied to coffin, for example tribal and or clan totems or other artwork, and will depend on how much work is needed.	As Per Design
Air road and sea transport for repatriation services to their required destination attracts a cost that is set by the supplier.	As Per Suppliers
Torres Shire Council Cemetery Plot at Thursday Island Cemetery, charge includes sand in-fill, and applies as at October 2024 until Council makes changes.	\$1,244.00
WIFS does not offer cremation services but works with crematoriums in Cairns or other suppliers for families who choose this service.	As Per Supplier
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
Hearse transport of empty coffin from Thursday Island jetty or other location to storage on Thursday Island.	\$350.00
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