

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS in WESTERN AUSTRALIA SCHEME

1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027



### FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Retirees WA (Inc) (**RWA**) hold a "Funeral Fund" (**Funeral Fund**) on trust for members of the Funeral Fund (**Fund Members**). The Funeral Fund comprises a trust fund comprising the contributions made by Fund Members and investments of the Funeral Fund.

In conjunction with Funeral Directors in Western Australia (**FDWA**), RWA offers a pre-paid funeral scheme to aged, invalid and widowed pensioners as well as to self funding superannuants (**Scheme**). Its purpose is to allow Fund Members to obtain, at a substantial reduction to the market price, a bundle of products and services that comprise a "standard funeral" (being either a burial or cremation) (**Standard Funeral**).

### WHO OPERATES THE SCHEME?

The products and services comprising a Standard Funeral are provided by funeral directors who are members of The Funeral Directors in Western Australian (FDWA). The Scheme is administered by RWA.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEME AND ITS BENEFITS

Under the Scheme, Fund Members pay a fee (described below as the **Funeral Director's Professional Service Fee** or **Fee**) for a Standard Funeral supplied by the FDWA member selected by the Fund Member personal representative or relative. The products and services are those that RWA and FDWA agreed from year to year as the products and services that comprise a "Standard Funeral". Each year RWA negotiates with FDWA the products and services that comprise a Standard Funeral and the appropriate Funeral Director's Professional Services Fee for the delivery of the products and services. Each year the agreement is recorded in a "Funeral Agreement" entered into between RWA and FDWA (on behalf of its members).

The products and services that a Fund Member will be entitled to under the Scheme are the services offered under the Funeral Agreement as at the date of death of the Fund Member not the products and services that are set out in this document. Over the years the products and services that comprise a "Standard Funeral" have not changed much. While RWA endeavours to enhance the products and services that FDWA members will provide as a "Standard Funeral", the matter is subject to annual negotiation. It is possible that the products and services that comprise a "Standard Funeral" will, at the time of death, be less than the products and services set out in this document.

The benefits of the Scheme are as follows:

- (a) The products and services offered by FDWA for a Standard Funeral are offered at a price that is substantially less than the price offered to non-members of the Funeral Fund.
- (b) The Funeral Director's Professional Service Fee (see below) is payable to RWA and can be paid by way of a low deposit and by regular instalments **(minimum deposit \$50 plus a one off \$150 administration fee)**
- (c) The Fund Member (or the personal representative or relative of the Fund Manager) can choose any member of FDWA at the time of death.
- (d) The Scheme benefits the individual Fund Member.
- (e) The Scheme provides a sensible alternative to other pre-paid funeral arrangements.
- (f) Funeral fund benefits are paid regardless of any other benefits to which the Fund Member or relatives may be entitled.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

For the period from and including 1 July 2026 up to and including 30 June 2027 (**Contract Period**), the Funeral Director's Professional Service Fee is \$4717.65 (inclusive of GST). In addition, the applicant must pay a once only RWA administration fee of \$150 (inclusive of GST).

The initial amount payable to join the Scheme is therefore only \$4867.65. This fee is the fee payable to join the Scheme during the Contract Period.

During June each year, RWA renegotiates the Fee and the bundle of products and services that should comprise a Standard Funeral. Any annual increase in the Fee is based on the movement in the Consumer Price Index in Perth and in specific industry costs associated with the provision of a Standard Funeral.

If the Fee increases, the amount of the increase is passed on to the Fund Member. However, because the Funeral Fund generates income, RWA grants, from time to time (at the discretion of the Board of RWA) a bonus to Fund Members which is applied to offset or partly offset any increase in the Fee.

## THE COST OF A FUNERAL

The costs of a funeral can be divided into three categories:-

1. The Funeral Director's Professional Service Fee.
2. Fixed major costs
3. Optional personal costs

## **WHAT DOES THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEE COVER?**

The products and services comprising a Standard Funeral are as follows:-

1. The transport, during business hours, of the deceased's body from the place of death to the funeral director's parlour.
2. The basic preparation of the deceased's body for burial or cremation.
3. The supply of a standard sized coffin of good material mounted with 4 handles and a name plate and internally trimmed with basic drapery.
4. The use of the funeral director's chapel for "viewing" / funeral director's chapel for the funeral service. (cost of service not included)
5. The supply of a hearse to transport the deceased body to the cemetery.
6. The procurement of a Death Certificate (but not the cost of the Certificate).

## **WHAT OTHER FIXED MAJOR COSTS ARE NOT COVERED BY WAY OF THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEE**

The Fee does not cover the fees charged by the cemetery (some of which can be prepaid) for services such as the following:-

- (a) Cremation costs
- (b) Cremation memorials
- (c) Grave plots and associated burial fees
- (d) Disposal of ashes, etc.

In most cases these costs are paid in advance at the Cemeteries Board by the funeral director on behalf of the family and reimbursed by the family to the funeral director on receipt of their account.

## **CAN ANY OF THE FIXED MAJOR COSTS BE PREPAID?**

Yes. The following fixed costs can be:-

- (a) Cremation fees (Pre Need details are as follows)
  - Metropolitan Cemeteries Board : \$1,787.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027.
  - Bunbury Cemeteries Board : \$1,705.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027.
  - Albany Cemeteries Board : \$1,930.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027.
  - Geraldton Cemeteries Board : \$2,517.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027.
  - Kalgoorlie-Boulder Cemetery Board: \$1,984.00 up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027.
- (b) Purchase of a "Grant of Right of Burial" (i.e. cost of grave plot). Note that:
  - (1) Some conditions apply at Karrakatta Cemetery.

- (2) The pre-payment for Purchase of Grant of Right of Burial will be subject to renewal after expiration of a time limit. (In most cases the period is 25 years from date of purchase. Country areas may vary. We suggest you contact the Metropolitan Cemeteries' Board on 1300 793 109 to check this information.)
- (3) The relevant Cemetery Boards or Shires issue a certificate which confirms these pre-payments.
- (4) Other pre-payment costs are at present being considered by the Cemetery Boards.

Please enquire with our staff if further information is required.

## **ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONAL PERSONAL COSTS WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE PAID BY MY FAMILY?**

**Yes.** The other costs, including those of a personal nature, are set out in the FDWA Funeral Fund Information Sheet. The costs include press notices, wreaths, flowers, minister's fees and so on. The costs will be payable by the family as they cannot be prepaid.

The amount of the other costs varies but the amount incurred is entirely up to the family and this can be conveyed to the Funeral Director at the time.

In most cases, the other expenses are paid in advance by the Funeral Director on behalf of the family and reimbursed by the family to the Funeral Director on receipt of the account from the Funeral Director.

## **IS THERE A WAITING PERIOD?**

**Yes.** Members are eligible for the benefits of the fund 3 months after entering into a Funeral Agreement. Superannuants are eligible to join the fund 12 months after retirement.

## **HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?**

Any queries and further information regarding the Funeral Fund and its operation, its advantages, and any funeral requirements which may not be covered by the Funeral Fund please contact:-

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Salter Point WA 6152

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**FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
FUNERAL FUND INFORMATION SHEET**

**YOU ARE COVERED FOR:**

**The Funeral Directors Professional Services Fee covers you for the following:**

1.	A private vehicle for removal of deceased from place of death to Funeral Directors Parlour in normal working hours.
2.	Basic preparation of deceased for burial or cremation.
3.	A standard sized coffin of good material mounted with four handles and a name plate and internally trimmed with basic drapery.
4.	Use of Funeral Director's chapel for "viewing" or funeral service (but not the cost of the service)
5.	A hearse to carry the deceased member's remains to the cemetery.
6.	Procuration of Death Certificate (but <b>not</b> the cost of the Certificate).

Any amendments or changes to the above package will be at the cost of the next of kin.

**YOU ARE NOT COVERED FOR:**

<b>Fixed major costs including:</b>	
1.	Cremation Fees and Cremation Memorials.
2.	Grave Plots and associated burial fees.
3.	Disposal of ashes etc.
<b>Optional personal costs including:</b>	
1.	Minister's fees at church and graveside.
2.	Doctor's Permit to Cremate.
3.	Certified copy of Death Certificate.
4.	Wreaths and flowers.
5.	Church services.
6.	Press notices.
7.	Kilometres in excess of limits laid down in the Funeral Fund Scheme publication.
5.	Waiting time at church.
6.	Mourning coaches
7.	Funeral arrangements made outside normal working hours.
8.	Use of chapel outside normal working hours.
9.	Removal of remains outside normal working hours.
10.	In conjunction funeral fee.
11.	Delivery of flowers to hospital etc. after a funeral.
12.	Body embalming.

**The total cost of the "Funeral Directors' Service Fee" is the current fee as set out in the original signed Funeral Fund Agreement plus any further increase in the Fee as notified to and paid by each member from time to time.**

Please note:

1. Funerals will not be carried out on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays except by negotiation with the Funeral Director.
2. Funerals will be confined to local public cemeteries except by negotiation with the Funeral Director.
3. The funeral allowance paid under the Repatriation Act, 1920/61 (as amended) will be paid by the Department concerned to the person responsible for the funeral and Retirees WA (Inc) is in no way concerned with, or liable in respect of the same.

**FUNERAL FUND AGREEMENT 2026/2027**  
**(PRICING FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2026 TO 30 JUNE 2027)**

**THE TOTAL FEE COMPRISES:**

<b>Nature of fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Funeral Directors Professional Service Fee (inclusive of GST)	\$4717.70
Retirees WA (Inc) Administration Fee (inclusive of GST)	\$150.00
	\$4867.65

**The Funeral Director's Professional Service Fee is subject to an annual review by FDWA.  
The Fee may be increased as from 1 July each year.**

**COST OF EXTRAS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BUT NOT Included IN CONTRACT PRICE  
(INCLUSIVE OF GST):-**

	<b>Nature of fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	Funerals held in conjunction with another funeral director	\$2,441.14
2.	Kilometre charges for hearse	
	(a) Leaving from parlour for travel to cemetery and exceeding 23 kms radius	
	(i) Hearse per km.	\$5.55
	(ii) Coach per km.	\$5.55
	(b) Leaving from place other than parlour (e.g. church/house) for travel to cemetery and exceeding actual kms from parlour to cemetery	
	(i) Hearse per km.	\$5.55
	(ii) Coach per km.	\$5.55
3.	Waiting time at church	\$694.95
4.	Mourning coach each	\$598.00
5.	After hours removal of deceased from place of death (means 5.30pm to 7.30am weekdays, weekends and public holidays)	\$555.24
6.	After hours funeral arrangements	\$441.00
7.	Use of Funeral Director's chapel after hours when:	
	(a) up to two staff required (\$309 for each)	\$661.50
	(b) if more than two staff are required, the cost for each additional staff member.	\$330.75
8.	Member dies outside radius of:	
	(a) 50 km north and south of Perth CBD, west of the Brand and South Western Highways and the foothills of the Darling Range (The northern point is Yanchep and the southern point is just south of Port Kennedy (Rockingham))	\$5.55 per km outside area
	(b) 10 km from the country Funeral Director's parlour	\$5.55 per km outside area
9.	The transfer of deceased to the Funeral Director's parlour, for every kilometre travelled outside of such radii per km.	\$5.55per km
10.	Superior coffin	Extra cost
11.	Additional fee for an oversize coffin	\$366.18
12.	Additional charge for freight of oversize coffin	At Retail Price

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS in WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2026**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>FUNERAL DIRECTOR</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
<b>ALBANY</b>	Amity Rose Funerals	9 Cockburn Road Albany 6330	9841 3090
<b>BALCATT</b>	Seasons Funerals	401 Wanneroo Road Balcatta 6021	9436 7644
<b>BUNBURY</b>	Greenfields Funerals	105 Spencer Street Bunbury WA 6230	6724 7315/ 1300 697 989
	William Barrett & Sons**	9 Spencer Road Bunbury WA 6230	9722 5311
<b>BIBRA LAKE</b>	Remembrance Funerals	PO Box 1191 Bibra Lake WA 6965	0430042560
<b>BUSSELT</b>	Greenfields Funerals		0456 521 025
	William Barrett & Sons**	105 Bussell Highway Busselton WA 6280	9752 1484
<b>CANNINGVALE</b>	Seasons Funerals	1 Tulloch Way Cnr Nicholson Road Canningvale 6155	9436 7688
<b>COLLIE</b>	Greenfields Funerals		0456 521 025
<b>ESPERANCE</b>	Esperance Funeral Services	Lot 8/ 18 Wood Street, Esperance 6450	9071 3245
<b>FREMANTLE</b>	Prosser Scott & Co Pty Ltd.	37 Adelaide Street, Fremantle WA 6160	9335 2682
	Gift of Grace Funerals	12 Wray Avenue, Fremantle WA 6160	1300 856 862
<b>GERALDTON</b>	Giudice & Barndon Funeral Directors	13 Eaton Place, Geraldton WA 6530	9921 5788
	Mid West Funerals	40 Sanford Street, Geraldton	9965 2100
<b>HILLARYS</b>	McKee Family Funerals	PO Box 994, Hillarys WA 6923	9401 1900
<b>KALAMUNDA</b>	Seasons Funerals	17 Canning Road Kalamunda 6076	1800 732 766
<b>KELMSCOTT</b>	Seasons Funerals	2976 Albany Highway Cnr Armitage Road Kelmscott 6111	9436 7622
<b>KENWICK</b>	Peaceful Funeral Services	1/ 1787 Albany Highway, Kenwick WA 6107	9452 0452
<b>MANDURAH</b>	Greenfields Funerals	Unit 4/ 13 Fielden Way Port Kennedy WA 6172	9524 5899 1300 697 989
	Just Cremations	40 Pinjarra Road Mandurah 6210	1800 653 595

	Seasons Funerals	47-49 Pinjarra Road Mandurah 6210	9436 7688
<b>MALAGA</b>	Just Cremations	20 Bonner Drive Malaga WA 6090	1800 653 595
	Seasons Funerals	20 Bonner Drive Malaga WA 6090	1800 732 766
<b>MAYLANDS</b>	Funeralcare (WA) Pty Ltd.	303 Railway Parade, Maylands WA 6051	9371 7177
<b>MORLEY</b>	Silkwood Funerals	8/28 Rudloc Road Morley WA 6062	9375 8888
<b>MARGARET RIVER</b>	Greenfields Funerals		0456 521 025
<b>NORTHAM</b>	Thompson's Funerals	378 Fitzgerald Street, Northam WA 6401	9622 5517
<b>NORSEMAN</b>	Hogan P&L Funeral Directors	PO Box 249, Norseman WA 6443	9039 1117
<b>REDCLIFFE</b>	Seasons Funerals	410 Great Eastern Hwy Redcliffe 6104	9436 7611
	Just Cremations	410 Great Eastern Hwy Redcliffe 6104	1800 653 595
<b>SUBIACO</b>	Prosser Scott & Co Pty Ltd	351 -357 Hay Street, Subiaco WA 6008	9381 6133
<b>ALL AREAS</b>	Tidman's Funerals of Perth	5 Eloure Place Willetton WA 6155	0430 380 380
<b>ALL AREAS</b>	Hetherington Funerals	79 Kelvin Road Maddington WA 6109	1300 554 300
<b>ALL AREAS</b>	Sheridan Funerals	1/8 Brant Road Kelmscott WA 6111	1300 327 393
<b>ALL AREAS</b>	Walker Family Funerals	2/2 Carson Road Malaga WA 6090	0499 874 344

**\*\*\* Members can only use William Barretts & Sons if they signed up with the Retirees WA fund prior to 30 June 2025.**