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In Australia a 'home funeral' has become a broad term for family and/or community led home-based care of a person from the time of death until the funeral. This can include home-based death care and/or home funeral ceremonies or both, and promotes environmentally responsible practices and choices.

Home funerals can occur in a person's home, in a hospital or an aged care facility, and can be led by family, friends, or the broader community. Home funerals can be held without any professional assistance or input, although generally families do engage the supportive services of a holistic funeral director to assist with logistics, such as paperwork and transport, and other aspects of body and funeral care. Other people supporting home funerals include death doulas, celebrants, spiritual leaders, home funeral guides, and individuals with lived experience of home funeral care.

NDAN offers workshops, education and information on how to prepare for and hold home funerals. We can teach you about:

- The law as it relates to home funerals and how to ensure compliance.
- How to prepare the home for a death
- Demonstrate how to care for the body of the person who has died, including washing, dressing, use of cooling blankets and transportation.
- Offer referrals to specialist services if required.

Please contact us for assistance and support.

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