

## Funerals and COVID-19

Something Beautiful Remains Funeral Services issues the following information to reassure you that we are taking all the precautions, as advised by health authorities and industry practices, to ensure that we continue to provide a comprehensive, caring and individual service for your families and loved-ones.

The uppermost priority is the well-being and safety of our families, staff and associates. In accordance with the information from the Chief Medical Officer, we will be asking our families to consider certain factors when planning a funeral;

- If you, or anyone you know, have fulfilled the criteria for testing and/or isolation due to the virus, then please do not attend the service. You should continue to observe the instructions issued by the medical authorities.
- The number of attendees to a service should align with mandated restrictions outlined for public gatherings, i.e. not more than 300 people, subject to the 2sqm rule, for all services. Please note that this excludes any persons required for conducting the service, such as clergy/celebrants, funeral staff, etc. Through consultation with families and service providers, we will ensure that the maximum number of family and friends can attend. A current list of the major cemetery chapels in Sydney, and their capacity based on the latest information, appears below.
- Consider alternate services. For example, if your loved-one is to be cremated, one option would be to have a private cremation followed by a memorial service. These could be held at such locations as a park, the beach, private property and so on.
- Many of the cemeteries and crematoria in Sydney are offering live streaming, webcasts and recordings of services. This allows those unable to attend to still be a part of the occasion of honouring the life of those passed.

Our commitment is to ensure that the celebration of life continues to reflect the wishes of the individual, and the love and caring of their families. We will update this page as developments come to light, and ask you to please contact us if you have any questions regarding funerals in general during these unusual times.

Should you require any information or updates on COVID-19 advise, please visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au), or call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Keep well,  
Caryn and Phil.

## Sydney Cemetery Chapel Capacities (as of 15 February 2021)

### **Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium**

North Chapel - 70 people

South Chapel - 38 people

East Chapel - 46 people

West Chapel - 24 people

### **Rookwood Memorial Park**

West Chapel - 40 people

South Chapel - 66 people

South Chapel - 98 people (incl. Columbarium area)

East Chapel - 32 people

East Chapel - 64 people (incl. Columbarium area)

Foyer of the East Chapel - 10 people

All Souls – 40 people inside, 30 people outside

### **Forest Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Park**

North Chapel - 58 people

South Chapel - 72 people

### **Pinegrove Memorial Park**

North Chapel - 50 people

West Chapel - 50 people

### **Castlebrook Memorial Park**

Garden Chapel - 60 people

### **Woronora Memorial Park**

West Chapel – 24 people

South Chapel – 50 people

(remaining attendees for both chapels outside adhering to the 2sqm rule)

### **Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park**

West Chapel – 24 people

South Chapel – 50 people

(remaining attendees for both chapels outside adhering to the 2sqm rule)

### **Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium**

Rose Chapel – 28 people

Lotus Chapel – 50 people

Magnolia Chapel – 200 people indoors + 60 outdoors

Camellia Chapel – 200 people indoors + 60 outdoors

Palm Chapel – 200 people indoors + 60 outdoors