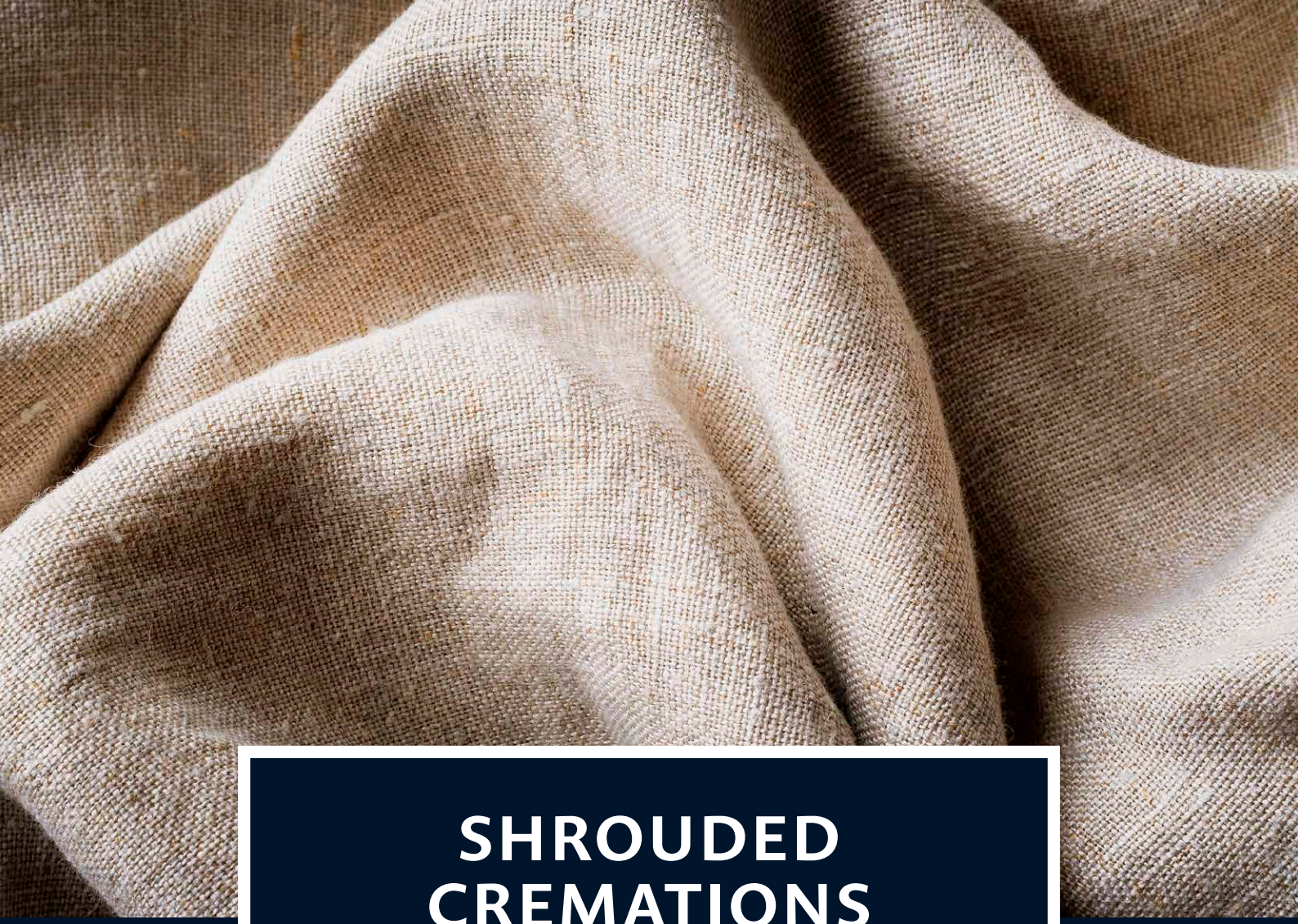

SHROUDED CREMATIONS

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S GUIDE TO

Shrouded Cremation

An alternative to traditional cremation, a shrouded cremation takes place without the deceased being in a coffin or casket. Choosing a shrouded cremation offers an option that may be more aligned to religious, cultural or personal values. It can also be considered a more environmentally friendly alternative providing a minimalistic yet dignified offering.



What is a shrouded cremation?

A cremation without a coffin where the deceased is wrapped in a shroud and placed on a shroud bearer. The preparation and transportation of the deceased as well as the approval for cremation, occurs in accordance with NSW Health requirements.

What is a shroud?

A shroud is a fabric covering usually made from natural materials that envelops and cocoons the body of the deceased. Fabric ties then secure the deceased to the shroud bearer.

What is a shroud bearer?

A shroud bearer is a specialised flat base that supports the deceased during transportation and ensures a safe and respectful insertion into the cremator. Shroud bearers provide the necessary care and stability for the deceased as well as safety for funeral and crematoria team members.

InvoCare Memorial Parks and Gardens respects the diversity of choice by individuals and families. We work in partnership with funeral directors to support funeral rituals and deliver the highest levels of professionalism and care.

PREPARATION

- Deceased should be prepared in a registered mortuary in accordance with State Health Regulations.
- The deceased should be free from decomposition, infection, contamination and fluid leakage.
- Deceased should be wrapped in a suitable shroud where there is no bodily exposure.
- Shroud should be made from biodegradable material such as linen or cotton (calico) with attached, suitable fabric ties.
- Application made to NSW Health for a shrouded cremation.

COFFIN/SHROUD ACCEPTANCE

- Shroud bearer made of suitable material (of timber construction) with a flat base and handles for safe lifting and manoeuvring.
- Shroud itself should be clean with sufficient sheeting to encase and sheath the body with ties to secure shroud in place.
- At least one nameplate to be affixed to the shroud bearer. Nameplate is to be engraved and matching to accompanying paperwork.
- Standard size coffin dimensions can only be accepted.
- Maximum total weight cannot exceed 150kg, shroud bearer dimensions should not exceed 2030 x 810 x 305 mm with a minimum 100mm edge around the entire baseboard.

DELIVERY

- Transportation should be undertaken in accordance with standard procedures in either a suitable transfer van or hearse with a lidded cover.
- The cover may be removed once inside the Chapel or interior crematorium space.
- Infection control with the reuse of the cover is the responsibility of the Funeral Director.
- The collection of a shrouded deceased is not available through the van collection service offering.

SERVICE

- Service can be booked and conducted as per normal process.
- Shrouded Cremation should be alerted at time of booking and on the Cremation Instruction Form, additionally witness of insertion should be alerted if this is requested.
- Current documentation and Levy pricing is still applicable.

CREMATION

- Nameplate should be affixed, engraved and matching documentation.
- Cremation will need to be conducted same day as we cannot hold the deceased over.
- Witness of Insertion can be offered.
- Please speak to our bookings team who can assist with your request.

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