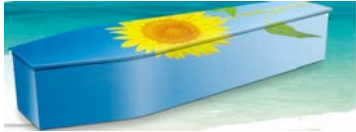


### Coffins Caskets and Urns

Due to demand and as community interest grows, more 'green' choices are being developed to offer coffins and caskets that are more sustainable. We have brochures available for Enviro coffins so please speak to our caring staff about all your options.



### Flowers

Speak with your florist about ideas that help convey a sense of continuity, with the flowers you choose for the casket, or to decorate. Locally grown flora and fauna or plants in pots are another 'green' option.

### Funeral Service Leaflets and Stationary

Order of service leaflets are an often requested service and a personal memento for attendees to take with them. Using recycled paper and printing supplies and sending e-versions to long-distance family and friends reduces their impact. Hallmark and other innovators have beautiful e-cards you could even send as thankyou's – just request attendees to write down their email addresses on the condolence register!

**Refreshments:** The special gathering held after the service is another opportunity to create less environmental impact but of a personal one in the way you decorate, cater and gather together.

**Music:** Downloading music and playing from an iPod is a simple way to think more sustainably.

**Balloons:** Using biodegradable balloons (with no ribbon attached) are a colourful option to decorate with and release.

### On-line Memorials

Sharing our thoughts and feelings in death notices is a very traditional aspect of the funeral service. With the ever-increasing use of the internet and social media *On-Line Memorials* such as **Heaven Address** offers a place to not only write tributes and messages but light candles, send virtual flowers and so much more. A thoughtful tribute that anyone can access.

### Carbon-offsetting

Imagine the difference you could make by highlighting the benefit of, and encouraging those who are attending a funeral service, to contribute to a carbon-offset program in memory. You could also nominate a land-care group or other environmental cause to receive donations in lieu of flowers.

**As Funeral Service Providers we are constantly inspired by the involvement and ideas suggested by our client families. These are only a few of the limitless ideas and options which can be included in a funeral or memorial service which have long-lasting effects on the health and well-being of the environment.**

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**T J Scott & Son**

***Professional  
Funeral Services***



*Caring for your family  
and  
for our environment*

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*Our Sustainability Perspective*

***At T J Scott & Son we know how important the issue of climate change and global warming is.***

***We also understand that the service we offer to our community is one built on generations of trust, offering the services you need to make a funeral service a true reflection of your loved one.***

***Our aim is to continue the professional, caring and personal service you expect, in a more environmentally sustainable way.***

***Just like your family, we have been here for generations and we plan to be for many more.***



***Our Green Mission at T J Scott & Son is:***

***'To develop sustainable practices which reduce our energy use and offer a variety of services and products for our client families which consider our impact on the environment'***

***One small step.....***

By implementing environmentally-friendly initiatives and changes to our everyday business practice small changes can make the *world* of difference.

***We have started with:***

*Lights* –by changing all our bulbs to low-energy ones we save so much wasted energy.

*Recycled products* – Recycled products like paper are made so well now it's hard to tell the difference.

*Cleaning Products*- using biodegradable products which are so much better for everyone.

Reducing and Recycling waste – could we be paper-free one day?

Reducing vehicle use – we rely on transport but there are many ways to reduce unnecessary vehicle use with the internet to correspond, send and receive important documents and information.

Solar Panels – we have just installed our solar panels which will reduce our energy use by about 8 tonnes per year!

Equipment: We have updated our printer which now uses organically grown EA Toner –using less energy, less toner wastage and all cartridges are recyclable.

***We plan to:***

*Install rainwater tanks*

*Update other equipment to more energy efficient products- such as lap-tops*

*Choose green or enviro- friendly suppliers.*

***We need your help and support in our 'green' efforts so if you know of a product or service we can source locally let us know- it not only benefits the environment but our community as well!***

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***CAN A FUNERAL SERVICE ALSO BE 'GREEN'***

**Funerals are an integral part of our culture, providing many important functions in society, not the least of which is the opportunity to say goodbye when someone you love has died.**

**Did you know that there are so many ways to reduce our carbon footprint when we are organising a funeral? In fact many services we already offer are a more sustainable choice but like each and every funeral- *your decisions* make it special, unique, and individual.**

**We have put together some further ideas that can not only add a special touch and a unique perspective but also offer ways for you to reduce the carbon footprint of a funeral service. Looking at a funeral with an environmental focus does not reduce the importance of the funeral nor diminish the tribute or celebration in any way. Our 'green perspective' just gives you some different options to think about and you will find your own way of remembering their importance on this earth.**

**The Service** - Funeral services can be held just about anywhere (with permission) and more and more people are thinking about special places of significance such as a beach, park or restful place to represent an aspect of someone's life. By choosing a venue where you don't need electricity, heating or cooling such as an outdoor venue, you have also made a contribution to reducing carbon emissions.