Metropolitan Memorial Parks

Funeral assistance for First Nations families

Metropolitan Memorial Parks is committed to supporting First Nations communities by providing a respectful, culturally safe and compassionate experience when engaging with us. We recognise the significance of Sorry Business, the cultural practices and responsibilities that follow the passing of a loved one, and the importance of supporting families during this time.

This guide highlights financial assistance programs and support services that may help First Nations families in New South Wales navigate funeral-related expenses. For broader information about available assistance and support options, you can also refer to our Support after loss: Financial Services in NSW guide.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Funeral Fund

NSW Aboriginal Land Council represents 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils across New South Wales and provides funeral assistance grants to help eligible Aboriginal families with funeral expenses. Depending on eligibility, payments are made directly to funeral service providers under this community benefits scheme.

Phone: 1800 647 487
0418 151 538
Website: www.alc.org.au
Email: funeralgrants@alc.org.au

Aboriginal Affairs NSW Stolen Generations Funeral Assistance Fund

The Stolen Generations Funeral Assistance Fund supports eligible Stolen Generations survivors with funeral-related costs. Assistance may be used for a range of expenses associated with funerals, including burial rights, headstones, memorials, death notices, memorial events, and travel or accommodation for people attending the funeral.

Phone: 1800 019 998
Business hours: 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday
Address: Level 6, 201 Coward Street, Mascot NSW 2020
Postal address: PO Box 207, Mascot NSW 1460
Email: enquiries@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Transport for NSW - Aboriginal Funeral Transport Program

Transport for NSW provides transport assistance for Aboriginal community members travelling to attend a funeral within New South Wales. Support is generally available where the travel is more than 150 km and may include return public transport tickets, or limited fuel assistance in some circumstances.

Phone: Chandler Macleod Managed Training Services (MTS): 1300 361 787
For more information, please contact Donna Coady, Aboriginal Service Development Officer
Email: donna.coady@transport.nsw.gov.au

We recommend contacting your Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) for further support, cultural guidance and connections to other community services.

Lifeline

For free confidential counselling, connect with Lifeline 24/7

Call 13 11 14 | Text 0477 131 114

To speak with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter call 13 92 76 (13YARN)