

Our People



Laura is mum to Hazel and Zoe, and is married to Mark. She has always been heart-led toward helping others. Laura is a funeral director and holds a Dip. in Celebrant Studies and a Dip. in Art and Creativity, is a trained facilitator and a member of VCANZ. Laura is working towards her Diploma of Funeral Directing.

Mark has been serving as a funeral director for three years. He has a Diploma in Sound Engineering and is skilled at operating the PA, creating audio/visual presentations, slide shows, and with photography, video and livestreaming.



Karilyn Woodford is a funeral director and qualified Mortuary Technician. She has been caring for the deceased for over 20 years. We are so fortunate to have her in our little community.

Matuku Funerals will look after you and your loved one with compassion, professionalism and skill.

About Matuku



East Takaka is the home of Matuku Funerals. Located at the "Caretaker's Cottage," at the front of the Dairy property. The farm has been in family care for over 100 years, and is a place of beauty and peace. Matuku was named for the Manson family in the 1960s.

Matuku Funerals started serving the Golden Bay Community in January 2018, and is an established and trusted provider of funeral services.

Legend has it, that hearing the loud, booming cry of the matuku (bittern) can help us to express grief. We are honoured to be of service to Golden Bay people, on both sides of the Takaka hill.



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Your assurance of a meaningful farewell



Personalised

Matuku Funerals offers a full range of services. We have personalised solutions to meet your emotional needs, budget, environmental preferences and personal style. We support individuals and families with funeral pre-planning and delivery of professional full service funerals, as unique as the very lives they honour.

- Traditional burials at cemetery of choice, natural burials and cremation options
- We support families to have their loved one in their home, or at our premises
- Full respect and accommodation of cultural and familial customs, spiritual and religious beliefs
- Individualised funeral, memorial and celebration of life services
- Professional, caring and trustworthy
- Simple cremation option available
- Contemporary and Traditional Caskets



Natural Care

In the past, it was routine in New Zealand to embalm. We believe that there are occasions where embalming is necessary, but that those occasions are relatively rare if refrigeration is available. At Matuku Funerals, we offer the choice of keeping your deceased loved one in the family home, using special ice packs, or keeping the person at Matuku Funerals, in our purpose-built, secure, monitored cool room. We have found these methods to be both safe and effective.

- Environmentally safe, no chemicals
- Open or closed coffin funerals, and viewings
- Home viewing the night before the funeral
- Compassionate body care for the deceased
- It is possible to assist with your loved one's care, as much or as little involvement as you would like.
- In many situations, no need to leave Golden Bay
- If necessary, we arrange for a trusted Nelson embalmer to assist us with your loved one's care.



Services

We can help you with everything to make this difficult time just a little bit easier. We take care of all the details.

- Available 24/7, We are at your service for urgent calls and advice. We are here to help.
- We transfer to Matuku Funerals from Nelson, Tasman, and NZ wide. Repatriations.
- Newspaper & social media announcements.
- Booking of hall or church, floral arrangements, clergy or alternate celebrant, musicians, videographers or photographers and caterer.
- Professional, 3 speaker PA system, audio-visuals for photo slideshow at the service, recording and livestream.
- Individual service sheets designed and printed
- Filing of legal paperwork, notification of death and ordering of death certificate.
- Pre-planning and interviewing, liaising with family, executors. Eulogy writing service.
- Safe, transferable pre-payment with The Funeral Trust, Funeral Directors Assn. of NZ