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EMPOWERING CHOICE AT END OF LIFE



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If someone has said to you something along the lines of 'keep it simple and bury me under a tree' chances are they might be interested in natural burial. Natural burial is the practice of burying a body in the earth, in a manner which allows for natural decomposition with minimal impact on the surrounding ecosystem.

NATURAL BURIAL IN AUSTRALIA:

While natural burial grounds first emerged in England in 1980's and now are found throughout the UK and USA, their emergence in Australia has been much slower. However, as the public become more educated about their choices, we are seeing more natural burial options around Australia. Be sure to find out what is available near you.

PRIMARY PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL BURIAL:

- Natural body care (no embalming)
- Dressed or wrapped in natural fibres (cotton, linen, wool, silk)
- Coffin / shroud made from natural fibres
- Shallow grave, single interment
- No headstone or monumental work, only minimal and natural memorialisation (trees, flat stone, clay)

TYPES OF NATURAL BURIAL GROUNDS:

- *Stand-alone natural burial ground* – land designed, operated and maintained with native fauna to sustain regional ecosystems
- *Hybrid cemetery* - mix of conventional + natural burial areas
- *Conservation Burial Ground* – land rejuvenated through tree planting and burials
- *Private burial* – a burial on your own property. Laws differ between each state.

Contact NDAN if you would like to host a natural burial educational workshop for your local community.

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