

## Your child's ashes – what to do, when and how

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This information is designed to assist you with your options and choices around your child's ashes. We hope it answers some of the questions you have and perhaps provides you with choices you did not realise existed. Call us at any time to ask questions you might have and discuss your options.

There is no timeframe for collecting your child's ashes. Please take as long as you need and call us when you are ready.

### Collecting ashes

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When you feel ready, call us to arrange a time to collect your Child's ashes during weekday business hours from our Brunswick East care centre. Alternatively, for a fee we can arrange delivery of ashes to your home.

Ashes are placed in a sturdy blue plastic container at the crematorium, and this container is put into cardboard box (similar to a shoe box). This container is utilitarian and "does the job" but you may wish to consider other options, particularly if you are considering scattering your child's ashes.

### What can ashes be kept in?

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Your child's ashes can be kept in the container that the crematorium provides, alternatively you may choose something else unique to you. Just be sure you feel it is secure enough to safely hold the ashes. You can transfer your child's ashes, or we can help you.

There are many options available. These range from keepsake urns to timber and ceramic urns and memorial jewellery.

### Interment of ashes:

Ashes can be interred in locations such as cemeteries, church grounds, private property, and public spaces in nature. You must have permission to do this and in the case of cemeteries, there is paperwork to be completed and fees paid. You may make enquiries directly, or we can assist you.

### Dividing up ashes:

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You can choose to have your child's ashes divided up to go to one or more loved ones, or to be scattered in different places. This can be done prior to collection. You may also request this at a later date. Fees may apply.

### Travelling with ashes:

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When travelling interstate or internationally with ashes, we can provide you with a letter that confirms the contents of the ashes box. We strongly advise you obtain this letter to avoid unnecessary delays, particularly with overseas travel and customs. Easy country has it's own laws in relations to Human remains, please consult the embassy of the relevant country for more information.

## URNS:

You can have your child's ashes transferred into an urn that you have already purchased (*fees may apply*) or one that The Willow Tree Foundation can offer you.

### ❖ Keepsake

Keepsake urns are tiny precious urns that fit in the palm of your hand. They are designed to hold a very small amount of ash. These are a few examples:

Nickel & Enamel urns and Silver Acorn Leaf Urns - 7cms tall, \$57



Keepsake Striped Urn - 7.5cms tall, \$110



## ❖ Small and Medium Enamel and Nickel Urns

These urns are available in 10cm and 15cm sizes.

*White, pink, and blue enamel and nickel \$130-\$140. Silver Acorn Leaf \$132*

*There are also similar urns to this that are available in larger sizes - see web links below.*



## ❖ Timber urns

The Willow Tree Foundation works with artists and wood turners to create bespoke urns and timber urn boxes. Please let us know if you would like more information about these.

### Timber Keepsake Urns

Handmade by Brian Falkenberg in Woodend, Victoria. These are hand turned and each one is unique. Colours, shapes, and sizes vary. If a bespoke urn is ordered there will be a wait time for delivery. Please ask your Funeral Director what styles we currently have. *\$150 each (These are small keepsake sizes)*





## Coliban Timber Box Urns

Handmade by Michael White in Woodend, Victoria. The larger of these bespoke boxes are designed to house the ashes box from the crematorium and may come with or without a keepsake tray. The smaller sizes may hold ashes contained within a soft bag. Timber colours and varieties will vary. Each box is made to order so will require time for completion and delivery. *\$200 - \$495 depending on size and timbers*



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## ❖ Ceramic urns

### Porcelain Urns

Handmade by potter and ceramic artist Deb Taylor in Sydney, NSW. These urns can be glazed in gloss or matte finishes or left as unglazed porcelain. Text can be added to the urn if you wish. Each urn is made to order so will take some time for completion and delivery. We invite you to contact Deb directly via her website [www.theporcelainurncompany.com.au](http://www.theporcelainurncompany.com.au) to order your urn. *\$100 - \$400 depending on size and shape*

\* For a fee of \$120 we can receive your child's urn into our care from Deb and arrange for the transfer of ashes





## Creating keepsakes or jewellery:

You can keep most of your baby's ashes together but take a tiny portion to be placed in a piece or pieces of memorial jewellery or other keepsake.

### ❖ Memorial Jewellery



A swirl of ashes entwined with a spiral of colour (above left. *Estimated cost: \$395-\$590*).

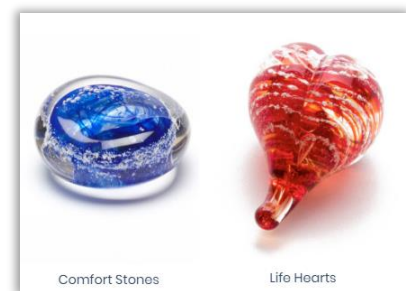
(Above right) Each pendant is designed to hold a small keepsake eg. a lock of hair or an amount of cremation ashes (*Estimated cost: \$160-\$180*).

### ❖ Glass keepsakes

A swirl of ashes entwined with a spiral of colour inside a transparent glass orb. Handmade. *Cost: \$175*



Small and tactile, these are designed to hold in your hand, or keep close  
*Cost: Stones \$120; Life Hearts: \$140.*



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## Where and how to buy

The Willow Tree Foundation can assist you with purchasing any items. We suggest the following websites to look at the choices shown in this guide plus more:

- [www.funeralproducts.com.au](http://www.funeralproducts.com.au)
- [www.lifecycleurns.com/brochure](http://www.lifecycleurns.com/brochure)
- [www.memorialglass.com.au](http://www.memorialglass.com.au)
- [www.theporcelainurncompany.com.au](http://www.theporcelainurncompany.com.au)

- For prices that are not listed, please contact us as some outlets only sell to funeral directors.
- Prices listed here are intended as a guide only and may be subject to change.
- Prices are inclusive of our ashes handling fees (where applicable).