

March events



Death and Diversity exhibition open every day 10 to 5 until 26 June 2012

Explore the diverse rituals surrounding death through the experiences of members of Wellington's Assyrian, Chinese, Colombian, Hindu, Jewish, Mexican and Muslim communities.

For up to date information about the events that accompany the Death and Diversity exhibition, please see www.museumswellington.org.nz

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Casket design competition

Until 31 March

See the display of two caskets and create your own design. Prizes on offer from casket manufacturer TenderRest for the best design.

First on the scene

Thurs 1 March at 1pm

Police are often the first on the scene in the event of a death. What situations do they face? When is an autopsy performed?

Memorials

Sun 4 March at 2pm

This talk by noted historian Jock Phillips looks at public and war memorials in New Zealand and asks what purpose do they serve, where they are and who do they commemorate?

Palliative care: a helping hand

Thurs 8 March at 1pm

Join us for a Look at current practices in palliative care with talks from Mary Potter Hospice, Te Omanga Hospice, and Sinead O'Connor – a consultant in palliative medicine and documentary film maker.



Burial law in New Zealand

Thurs 15 March at 1pm

In this presentation, we will explore how the concepts of 'public health', which underpinned Britain's sweeping burial reforms in the 1800s, continue to influence our legislation today and ask what changes may be needed to meet the needs of a multi-cultural and contemporary New Zealand.

Leaving a trace

Sun 18 March at 2pm

Cemeteries have sad, sometimes funny, often poignant stories to tell us about the communities in which we live. This presentation by Alison Kirkman explores the form, function and future of cemeteries and the information they reveal about our society.

Writing your own will

Thurs 22 March at 1pm

How to leave your property to your ex-husband, your body to science and more. Dying without a will can make life even harder for your family after your death. Tackle the administrative side of death head-on. Start by coming to hear from the Wellington Community Law Centre about the law on deaths and estates.

Death in ancient Greece

Sun 25 March at 2pm

This discussion by Diana Burton examines the ancient Greek's perspectives on death, including the noble death in battle, burial and mourning, the ways in which the dead interact with the living, and various views of the afterlife.



Calyx krater by Euphronios, c. 510 BC

Leaving a legacy

Thursday 29 March at 1pm

Adrienne Bushell, from the Nikau Foundation charitable trust talks about the value of legacies.

Talks and events occur every Thursday and Sunday until the end of June and include such topics as personalising funerals, children and grief, and euthanasia.

Watch for events in April

tour of Wellington memorials for Anzac Day and commemorations to mark 44 years since the sinking of the Wahine inter-island ferry.