



Tauranga Dying Matters Expo Programme

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

Hope Family Funerals, 2a Loop Road, Te Puna, Tauranga

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

MC: Anne Pankhurst

9:30 am – *Welcome and Karakia*

9:45 am – *Meet the Doulas*

Carol Wales, Robyn Wilson & Gaylene Delaney

Join 3 end-of-life doulas as they share who they are, what a doula is, and how they walk alongside individuals and whānau with care and compassion through dying and death.

10:30 am – *Carried Away Coffins*

Kitset Coffin Demonstration

Watch a hands-on demonstration of how to assemble a kitset coffin.

11:15 am – *Holland Beckett Lawyers*

Discover the basics of wills, trusts, and estate administration, and how to ensure your wishes are legally protected. Plus, learn how to take advantage of Free Wills Month this September

12:00 pm – *Celebrant Jack Paki*

A heartfelt look at culturally grounded, personalised ceremonies, and honouring loved ones with authenticity and care.

12:45 pm – *Hope Family Funerals*

Hope Family Funerals share how they support families to create personal, meaningful farewells with compassion and care.

1:30: pm – *Dr. Tess Moeke-Maxwell*

Dr. Tess Moeke-Maxwell is a respected researcher focused on compassionate communities and Māori approaches to end-of-life care, promoting connection and support for whanau.

2:15 pm – *Myth Busting with Waipuna Hospice*

Let's talk misconceptions! The hospice team clears up common myths about palliative care, dying, and grief.

3:00 pm – *Q & A with Our Expert Panel*

Your chance to ask questions and hear from a range of voices in the field.

4 pm – *Closing Karakia*

A collective close to a day of connection, learning, and courageous conversations.

There will also be a quiet conversation space, a variety of community stalls, a gift basket draw, and refreshments available to purchase throughout the day. Please bring cash for gift basket raffle and koha at the door.

You can register at <https://gowithgrace.nz/dyingmatters/bay-of-plenty-events/tauranga/>