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New Tender Funerals' Facility Launched in Canberra

A Community-Driven Approach to Affordable and Meaningful Funeral Services

Thursday, 22 August 2024: Tender Funerals, in collaboration with The Snow Foundation and Capital Property Group, has opened their new facility in the Canberra Region. Today's launch event at Fairbairn represents a significant milestone in Tender's mission to provide compassionate and affordable funeral services to the Canberra community.

"We are thrilled to open our doors in Canberra and provide a space where families can feel welcome and supported when faced with death. Our services are designed to empower families to make informed choices, provide options for participation and foster a healthy grieving process. The Snow Foundation and Capital Property Group have played instrumental roles in bringing Tender Funerals to the region, and we're so grateful for their comprehensive support," Catherine Prosser, General Manager of Tender Funerals Canberra Region said.

Tender Funerals is a not-for-profit organisation with the mission to ensure every Australian has access to meaningful and affordable funerals. The Canberra site has six family spaces and is surrounded by the gardens and nature of the Fairbairn precinct. The spaces include arrangement rooms to discuss funerals, gathering rooms for families to spend time with their person who has died and each other, and two wash and dress rooms for families to prepare their person for the funeral.

There is also a multi-purpose space which can be used for funerals, ceremonies and workshops. Tender Funerals supports any style of funeral for every part of the community. Their operational model includes a benevolent fund to ensure that families experiencing financial distress are also able to access meaningful funerals.

"Tender Funerals addresses the needs of grieving Canberrans with a compassionate and inclusive approach to dying. We are thrilled to support a service that offers dignity, affordability, and meaningful choices to our community during times of grief and distress," The Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron AM said.

"This new facility sets the standard for inclusive and personalised funeral services in the Canberra region."

The Snow Foundation provided initial seed funding and additional funding of \$1m and together formed a significant partnership for the project with Capital Property Group who are providing pro bono resourcing.

"Our family has a long history of supporting the people of Canberra and the surrounding region, and we believe this new facility will add to that important legacy," Stephen Byron, CEO of the Capital Property Group said.

"By supporting Tender Funerals, both The Snow Foundation and the Capital Property Group hope to provide a positive and innovative approach for grieving Canberrans. This partnership underscores our commitment to supporting community initiatives making meaningful impact."

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About Tender Funerals: Tender Funerals is a not-for-profit funeral service that offers personalised, meaningful, and affordable funeral services and community education. Founded on the principle of compassion, Tender supports families to make informed choices and participate actively in the care and remembrance of their loved ones.

About The Snow Foundation: The Snow Foundation, established by Terry Snow AM in Canberra in 1991, is focused on fostering positive social change. It supports a range of causes, from grassroots entrepreneurial projects to established organisations and leaders working for social change. The foundation is committed to building community infrastructure and promoting a more caring and inclusive community.

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