

## POLICY ON STATE FUNERALS

The Policy and procedures which have been observed since 1966 for State Funerals are as follows:

- 1) The Premier approves the grant of a State Funeral
- 2) State Funerals are offered for:
  - a) A Governor or former Governor
  - b) A Premier or former Premier
  - c) A Lieutenant-Governor or former Lieutenant-Governor
  - d) A Chief Justice or former Chief Justice
  - e) A Minister, President of the Legislative Council, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly or Leader of the Opposition dying in office
  - f) A former Minister, President, Speaker or Leader of the Opposition in special cases. Each case should be decided on its merits, but a reasonable basis in the absence of any special consideration would seem to be to have held office for at least six years, and to have remained in public life until shortly before the time of his death or to have completed his term of office not more than, say, six years before his death.
- 3) Where the family prefers to have a private funeral consideration will be given to the conduct of a State Memorial Service.
- 4) Consideration of the offer of a State Funeral or a Memorial Service is given only to those former office holders who were living in the State at the time of their death and for Funerals & Memorial Services to be held within New South Wales.

A precedent exists for consideration of the grant of a State Funeral for a deceased distinguished NSW citizen. There have been relatively few of these.

Henry Lawson	1922
Professor Sir Edgeworth David	1934
Sir Alfred Parker (Lord Mayor)	1935
Wallace Worth (Chairman PSB)	1960
Dame Mary Gilmore	1962
Dr Victor Chang	1992
Mr John Newman, MP	1994

When the Premier approves of the offer of a State Funeral or Memorial Service, the arrangements are made by the Protocol Division and all costs are met by the Government.