

Live-streaming of funerals now available

EVANS Funeral Services is now offering live-streaming video of services over the internet, meaning people around the world no longer have to miss out on the funerals of family members and loved ones.

The innovative new service is one of the first of its kind in the country and a project managing director David Parker has been working to get off the ground for quite some time.

"We've done a lot of research and spent considerable time and effort putting in a system that is simple and user friendly, both for website users and for our funeral directors," he says.

With live-stream facilities set up in the chapel, anyone with a high-speed internet connection can view funerals as they run, through the Evans' website.

"We are also looking forward to offering this service to rest homes. Some of the residents are unable to get to funerals anymore, so this means they can still be a part of it without having to leave."

For the first funeral they put on live-stream, there were 140 new visitors to the website.

Mr Parker says introducing the live-stream service is all part of their commitment of keeping up with funerals around the world.

Evans Funeral Service has also recently installed



The Evans team, from left, are Nick Evans, Joy Baty, David Parker, Kay Paku, Gavin Nickerson, Dave Armstrong and Tom Harbott.

a television screen in the front window of the chapel, so during bigger services those standing outside can still see and hear the service.

"With the recent investments, we are providing just as good a service here in Gisborne — if not better — than you get anywhere else in New

Zealand. I'm also planning on taking the live-stream service around the country," Mr Parker says.

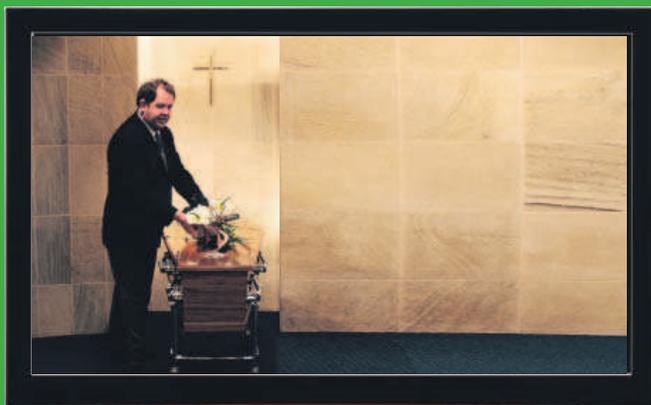
Evans Funeral Services has served the Gisborne community for more than a century, starting out in 1908. They are members of the Funeral Directors' Association of New Zealand and Selected

Independent Funeral Homes (SIFH), an international organisation which recognises excellence in funeral service.

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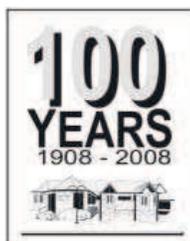
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