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# Hoddle section expansion Northern Memorial Park

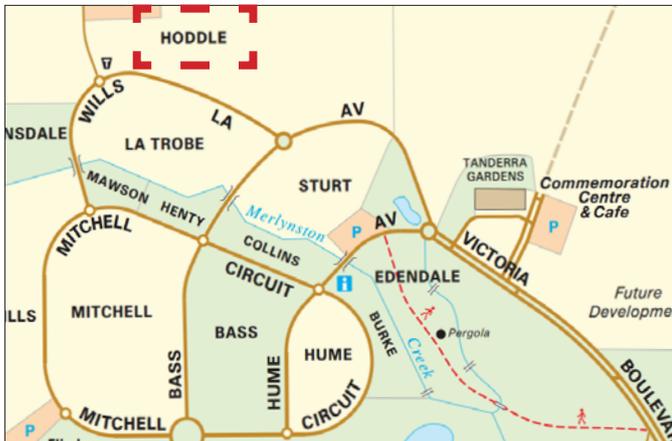
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## What is happening?

There has been significant demand within the community for additional graves at Northern Memorial Park, specifically the area referred to as "Hoddle" (refer map below).

In response to this demand, the trust is planning to construct a total of 497 monumental graves and 55 children's graves within the established Hoddle section of Northern Memorial Park.

Northern Memorial Park is located at 56 Box Forest Road, Glenroy and is managed by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.



## How long will it take?

This is a significant infrastructure project and will take approximately five months to complete from commencement date.

## Will roads be closed during the construction period?

Vehicular and pedestrian access will continue during the construction phase, however there may be some minor impact including temporary road closures around the construction area. These measures are taken to ensure public safety.

Access to internal roads will be managed during this time with a traffic management plan which will facilitate the movement of traffic around construction areas.

## What will be the impact on local residents and nearby streets?

All works are confined to within the cemetery grounds, including the removal of soil which will be contained within Northern Memorial Park.

## Will the construction noise be excessive?

This construction work will involve the use of heavy machinery. Noise will be managed to reduce impact on mourners, in compliance with the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 and in accordance with EPA and local laws.

GMCT will be in regular contact with the construction contractors to advise of scheduled funeral services and to ensure any noise or works have minimal impact.

On site signage will advise visitors of the works and request the public's patience and understanding, as well as adherence to any safety and directional instructions regarding access.

## I'd like to purchase a grave in the new Hoddle area. How and when I can do this?

It is anticipated that all graves in the new Hoddle area will be available for purchase and interment from late July 2017, however this will be subject to progress of construction. Further information about sales and interment will be available on GMCT's website, [www.gmct.com.au](http://www.gmct.com.au)

Members of the public who are interested in purchasing a grave can also register their details to receive information directly. Email [enquiries@gmct.com.au](mailto:enquiries@gmct.com.au) with your name and contact details. Please ensure you provide a phone number and email address.

All graves in the new Hoddle area will be released for 'at need' purchase and interment only, until further notice. During this time pre-purchase Rights of Interment will not be available on these graves.

It is anticipated that pre-purchase graves in the new Hoddle area will become available following completion of the first stage expansion project for the new Northern Memorial Park section, called River Red Gum.



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### How much will it cost to purchase a grave (Right of Interment) in the new Hoddle area?

All fees charged by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust are approved by the Department of Health and Human Services through a formal process.

Details of the process can be found on the Vic Health website: [www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/guidelines-for-class-a-cemetery-trust-fee-setting](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/guidelines-for-class-a-cemetery-trust-fee-setting)

The trust is undertaking community consultation regarding the proposed prices during January-February 2017. The community is able to provide feedback about the proposed prices during a four (4) week period (16 January 2017 to 14 February 2017).

Members of the public are asked to provide their feedback or to submit questions and requests for further information in writing by emailing: [pricing@gmct.com.au](mailto:pricing@gmct.com.au) or **PO Box 42 Fawkner, Victoria, 3060**.

The proposed prices are outlined in the table below.

Hoddle D Grave Type	Right of Interment (ROI) fee (\$)
Monumental – Adult	\$5,500*
Monumental – Children	\$685*

\*NB: GST is not applicable to these fees

### How did the trust determine these prices?

Fees are determined based on the cost of construction (referred to as a cost-recovery model) and the trust's perpetual maintenance obligations which relate to the long-term and ongoing maintenance of each of the public cemeteries it is responsible for.

The perpetual maintenance obligations of Class A cemetery trusts are outlined in the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003.

### How many graves will there be?

The proposed construction includes a total of 497 monumental graves and 55 children's graves.

### Who is responsible for the construction and overseeing the project during the construction period?

GMCT undertakes a formal request for quote (RFQ) tender process to engage a building and project management contractor/s.

### What type of landscaping is planned for the area?

The construction of the new Hoddle area within the established Hoddle section includes minor modification to the existing landscape, including additional planting, along the edge of the adjoining road.

### Are plans/drawings of the proposed new Hoddle area available?

Yes – a drawing is available upon request.

### Has a public car park or space been allocated to accommodate additional parking?

The need to address access issues related to car parking during high visitation has been identified as a priority.

Car parking spaces will be provided at the southern end of the development (there is currently informal car parking in this area), and parking bays will be provided along the edge of the existing road.

We encourage visitors to use formal parking areas where available, and to park their cars with consideration for surrounding traffic conditions and other visitors.

### Does the construction work require any existing trees to be removed?

Modification to the existing landscape is planned along the edge of the adjoining road. This will impact some minor plantings which will be offset by additional ground cover planting. No remnant trees will be removed during this development.

### How can I learn more about the development and progress of construction?

Information and updates will be available through the GMCT website, under the community updates page.

Interested members of the public can also register to receive our monthly newsletter for more information and to stay up to date on news regarding when stock is available for purchase.

Register at <http://www.gmct.com.au/media-news-events/newsletters/>

Or contact the GMCT customer care team on **1300 022 298** or [enquiries@gmct.com.au](mailto:enquiries@gmct.com.au)