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# Northern Memorial Park River Red Gum Park Land extension

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## What is happening?

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is planning to develop the current greenfield site located north of the existing Northern Memorial Park. The total land size is 60 hectares.

The extension is currently referred to as River Red Gum Park Land, a reference to the trees which are a prominent feature in the area. Due to the significant size of the site, grave stock will be developed and released in stages (Stages 1A, 1 and 2).

The proposed extension will include a range of grave and memorialisation options which cater to the needs and preferences of the local and wider community. These include lawn headstone graves, lawn plaque graves and monumental graves.

Northern Memorial Park is located at 56 Box Forest Road, Glenroy and is managed by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust. [www.gmct.com.au](http://www.gmct.com.au)

## How long will it take?

This is a significant infrastructure project and Stage 1A will take approximately 10 months to complete from commencement date. Construction is proposed to commence in April 2017 (Stage 1A).

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

During construction, there will be increased traffic from construction vehicles and employees accessing the site. To ensure public safety and minimise impact on local residents and traffic, traffic management plans will be in place, managed by the building contractors.

## Will roads be closed?

There may be limited vehicular and pedestrian access during the construction phase. These measures are taken to ensure public safety.

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

## Will the construction noise be excessive?

This construction work will involve the use of heavy machinery which will generate a normal amount of noise. However, this should be limited to the surrounding areas and measures will be in place to ensure compliance with government environmental standards.

GMCT will be in regular contact with the construction contractors to advise of scheduled funeral services at Northern Memorial Park 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.

## How many graves will there be?

The proposed construction includes a total of :

- 1400 monumental graves (released as part of Stage 1A).

It is proposed that further development (Stage 1 and Stage 2) will also include lawn headstone graves, lawn plaque graves and directional monumental graves.

## I'd like to purchase a grave in the new River Red Gum Park Land development. How and when can I do this?

At this stage, graves will be available for purchase only after practical completion of each stage of construction.

Further information about sales and interment will be available on GMCT's website.

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 (phone and email) and reference **River Red Gum Park Land** in the subject line.



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## How much will it cost to purchase a grave (Right of Interment) in the new River Red Gum Park Land development?

The proposed fees are outlined in the table below.

Grave type	Right of Interment (ROI) fee (\$)
Monumental – Adult	\$9,366*
Lawn headstone	\$8,131*
Lawn plaque	\$8,131*
Directional monumental	\$7,637*

\*NB: GST is not applicable to these fees

## How did the trust determine these prices?

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)

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.

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

GMCT will undertake a formal request for quote (RFQ) tender process to engage a building and project management contractor/s. Once the contract has been awarded, information about who to contact in relation to the construction and construction site will be available to the public at [www.gmct.com.au](http://www.gmct.com.au) and in further community updates, as well as on site.

## Are plans/ drawings of the proposed new River Red Gum Park Land extension area available?

Yes – a drawing can be made available upon request.

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

As this is a new development, significant and appropriate landscaping will be undertaken as part of the project. This will include rehabilitation of the natural character of the Campbellfield Creek and formal avenues of trees along major internal roads.

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

Car parking has been incorporated into the design, located along internal roads. Overflow parking has also been factored into the design for the new development.

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

The proposed design for the extension works within key features of the landscape and a number of existing trees will be retained including the River Red Gums which are a prominent feature of the landscape. Some poor-performing non-indigenous trees will be removed. Final details regarding the landscape and other flora have not yet been finalised.

## 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)