



The Greater Metropolitan
Cemeteries Trust

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Altona Memorial Park

Proposed price increase for new lawn grave with plaque

Wattle area

Background

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust strongly supports the Victorian Government's requirement that cemetery trusts in this state are responsible for the perpetual maintenance of cemeteries under their management.

As such, GMCT, which is a not-for-profit organisation, must allocate funds to ensure the grave sites, gardens and surrounds of our cemeteries are maintained in perpetuity. This is a significant, ongoing cost obligation.

In line with this obligation, GMCT has completed a detailed review of the price of lawn graves with plaques at Altona Memorial Park.

The review has shown the price currently charged for these lawn graves at Altona is well below what it costs to develop and construct such graves and to maintain them in perpetuity.

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

What is proposed

For GMCT to meet the development, construction and perpetual maintenance costs associated with lawn graves at Altona, we propose that the current price of \$2,085.00 be lifted to \$4,185.00.

CURRENT PRICE	\$2085
PROPOSED PRICE	\$4185

All fees charged by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust require the approval of the Department of Health and Human Services. Please be aware there is provision in the approvals process for community feedback. Details of the approval 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

Further advice

GMCT is able to assist client families with information on the various interment options that are relevant to their needs. Members of GMCT's customer care team are available to meet with families to discuss the options available. The contact details for our customer care team are listed below.

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

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To provide feedback or seek further information, please contact the GMCT customer care team on **1300 022 298** or enquiries@gmct.com.au

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