

Keilor Cemetery Expansion

Ely Court, Keilor East

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS | SEPTEMBER 2016

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (GMCT) is undertaking an extension to the Keilor Cemetery to continue to provide a much-needed variety of interment options to the local community.

FAQs

What is happening?

The Keilor cemetery is being expanded; ground works are taking place including roads and foundations for new grave spaces. This involves excavation of rock, significant concreting works, and landscaping and refurbishment of the site.

This will take place in 3 stages. Stage 1 is the current stage of construction, which commenced July 2016.

How long will it take?

Stage 1 works are scheduled to be complete in mid-2017.

What will the impact be to local businesses?

Ely Court will remain open for the duration of works.

Will roads be closed?

No roads are being closed; Tunnecliffe Court is being used for site amenities and a works and equipment compound for the duration of the project. This closure will not affect the shared path.

What's happening to the bike path?

The shared path is being improved, with a new connection from the existing bridge over the Calder Freeway at the end of Tunnecliffe Court up to the lights at Keilor Park Drive. The existing shared path will remain open until the new path is completed.

Will it be loud?

There will be some machinery noise during daylight hours; this is not anticipated to affect residential properties.

How many graves will there be?

Stage 1 approx 1400 (current stage of construction)
Stage 2 approx 3600
Stage 3 approx 1100

Can I buy a grave on the completion of construction? When?

You can lodge an expression of interest for future purchases in person with GMCT staff at Keilor cemetery or by email to the GMCT western regional office Altona@gmct.com.au.

Following the completion of Stage 1 (mid-2017), those who have registered their interest previously will be updated on the release of pre-need availability. A number of graves will be released for at need immediate use.

Who is overseeing the project? Who is the builder?

The builder is Ace Civil, a contractor with an excellent reputation; they have worked on similar projects in the past. Ace Civil will be overseen by GMCT's project management team who will ensure that all runs smoothly.

Can I see plans/ drawings of what it will look like?

Artist's impressions are available in community updates on the GMCT website www.gmct.com.au. On site signage also features images and construction timelines.

What landscaping is planned? What plants will be there?

The landscaping has been designed by a leading Melbourne landscape architecture firm, who have designed a contemporary and elegant landscape, suited to the local environment and in harmony with the existing character of Keilor Cemetery. Planting includes a mix of species that are known to perform well in this environment, including some trees, native grasses, and shrubs.

Are any trees to be removed?

Yes, there are some non – indigenous trees that require removal. These have all been assessed by a professional arborist, and all relevant permits and authorisations have been acquired.

How do I find out what happens next?

On the GMCT website- look for community updates, and join our mailing list . You can register to receive our monthly e-newsletter on our website.