



Templestowe Cemetery development

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What is happening?

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is planning to construct additional graves within the existing Templestowe Cemetery. The land size for the development area is 162 m². (Refer image below)

The proposed construction will include headstone beam graves, cremated remains headstone beam interments, and memorial seats.

Templestowe Cemetery is located at 263 Foote Street, Templestowe VIC 3106 and is managed by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust. www.gmct.com.au



Above: location of the new development at Templestowe Cemetery.

How long will it take?

Construction is scheduled to commence in March 2017 and will take approximately four months to complete from commencement date.

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

During construction, there will be increased traffic from construction vehicles, equipment and construction staff accessing the area. Local residents and visitors should expect to experience some impact to road and cemetery access during this time.

To ensure public safety and minimal impact on local residents and traffic, traffic management plans will be in place, managed by the building contractors.

A priority will be reducing any impact on visitors and in particular funeral services.

Will roads be closed?

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.

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 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:

- 34 headstone beam graves
- 19 cremated remains headstone beam interments
- 5 memorial seats



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I'd like to purchase a grave in the new Templestowe Cemetery development. How and when I can do this?

At this stage, graves will be available for purchase only after practical completion of the 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 with your name and contact details (phone and email). Please include the reference: **Templestowe Cemetery development**.

How much will it cost to purchase a grave (Right of Interment) in the new Templestowe Cemetery development?

The proposed fees are outlined in the table below.

Interment or memorial option	Right of Interment (ROI) and memorialisation fees (\$)
Headstone beam interment	\$17,355*
Cremated remains headstone beam interment	\$16,490*
Memorial seat	\$12,301*

*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

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 site will be available to the public at www.gmct.com.au and in further community updates, as well as on site.

Are plans/ drawings of the proposed new development at Templestowe Cemetery available?

Yes – a drawing can be made available upon request.

What type of landscaping is planned for the area?

As this area is dedicated to grave infrastructure, there will be minimal new landscaping/planting undertaken.

To accommodate the new grave development, a small number of poor performing trees of limited quality have been identified for removal, however these will be replaced with new trees as part of the minor landscaping that will be undertaken.

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 e-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