



**The Greater Metropolitan
Cemeteries Trust**

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Niche walls restoration project Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery

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The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (GMCT) will be erecting two memorial niche walls near the main entrance on Bell Street. The new walls, to be made of high quality granite, will replace the deteriorating brick walls. Construction is scheduled to commence 18 April and be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

The impressive new architect-designed structures will be clearly visible to client families and members of our local communities when entering the gates to this historic cemetery.

The cremated remains currently interred in these walls, and the plaques currently installed, will be individually removed and placed in secure storage at the Fawkner Memorial Park crematorium for the duration of the works. The removal, storage and reinstatement process will be conducted with the greatest care and respect.

The location of each existing wall niche will be replicated in the two new niche walls. When construction is complete, the cremated remains will be transferred by GMCT staff to the appropriate wall niche location.

The existing niche walls provide memorial positions for 560 individuals. The new walls will have niches on both the east and west sides, increasing the number to a total of 860 positions, and allowing members of the community the opportunity to purchase wall niches in vicinity of loved at Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery.

Why is this work necessary?

GMCT made the decision to replace the existing walls after sub-surface soil movement caused significant damage to the foundations of the 40-year-old structures. GMCT will replace these memorial walls at no cost to families or loved ones.

GMCT apologises for any inconvenience caused by the necessity to construct

the new walls. The construction project will deliver a high quality, long-term solution.

Contact us

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Artists impression: The new granite niche walls to be constructed at Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery.