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THOUSANDS OF NEW

BURIAL SPACES FOR SA

More than 3,000 new burial spaces will be created in metropolitan Adelaide as a result of a new operations complex at the State's largest cemetery, Centennial Park.

The \$3.75 million project, which will be built around the cemetery's existing crematorium, will consolidate four operational buildings into one.

The new complex will house all of Centennial Park's operations teams including those in burial, crematorium, infrastructure and grounds maintenance.

Plans for the new complex have been approved by Unley and Mitcham Councils, with construction set to commence in August 2011.

Centennial Park's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bryan Elliott, said the consolidation of operations into one new facility will free up valuable land that will provide for an additional 3,000 new burial positions.

"Centennial Park is the main provider of cemetery services to the southern suburbs community," Mr Elliott said.

"However, at current death rates, we expect to run out of first-use burial land by the year 2020.

"As Centennial Park is bordered by roads, this makes it impossible for us to expand.

"Therefore, it's absolutely imperative that we make use of our existing space.

"Centennial Park is committed to ensuring we can deliver burial, cremation and memorial services to South Australians for many years to come.

"Our new operations complex will free up valuable land that can be utilised for burial purposes and extend the long-term future of the cemetery by another eight to 10 years.

Mr Elliott said that in addition to freeing up burial space, the new operations complex would use half of the existing operational buildings' land mass and enhance its environmental performance through a range of processes and practices.

"This will result in significant energy and cost savings," he said.

“The new complex will have a range of environmental features including a series of sloping roofs with moveable windows.

“This will provide additional natural lighting and help with ventilation and air flow, reducing the need for heating and cooling.

“Rainwater and stormwater will be captured and stored within two 208,000 litre underground tanks.

“This water will be used to irrigate the memorial gardens, reducing our dependence on mains water.

“We have also included provisions that will allow us to incorporate additional environmental features in the future.”

Mr Elliott said that Centennial Park had an ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

“Centennial Park’s new operations complex, and its environmentally sustainable features, will further enhance our dedication to improve efficiency and reduce our impact on the environment,” he said.

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