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\$23 MILLION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT ENFIELD MEMORIAL PARK



A \$23 million community development will become the new centrepiece of one of the largest areas of manicured open space in Adelaide's northern suburbs.

Plans by Adelaide Cemeteries for a new multi-function community precinct, including function spaces, retail outlets and reflection rooms, have been approved to proceed to the State Commission Assessment Panel, for Enfield Memorial Park.

It will be constructed on undeveloped cemetery land to the west of the existing offices and crematorium and will ensure Enfield Memorial Park is able to meet community needs for at least the next 50 years.

According to figures from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, a development of this size creates 203 full-time jobs on-site and in the supply chain during construction.

Tenders are expected to be released in late September with construction to commence in February next year. It is anticipated to be completed in mid-2022.

The development is being financed via a loan from the South Australian Government, announced in last year's State Budget.

Adelaide Cemeteries Chief Executive Officer, Mr Robert Pitt, said the plans had been developed with Adelaide architectural firm Walter Brooke & Associates and would provide world-class facilities for families, visitors and the South Australian community.

“Established in 1946, Enfield Memorial Park has served the South Australian community for more than 70 years,” he said.

“This contemporary facility and its surrounds will enhance the existing gardens and grounds of Enfield Memorial Park. Adelaide Cemeteries greatly appreciates the South Australian Government’s support for this important initiative.

“Adelaide Cemeteries research has identified a forecast doubling of the number of annual deaths in South Australia by 2050.

“In addition, people’s end of life wishes are evolving and becoming more diverse. Adelaide Cemeteries needs to respond to these changes.

“This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a new community asset at Enfield that will help redefine how cemeteries are perceived and used within our community.”

Mr Pitt said Enfield Memorial Park was one of the largest areas of open green space in inner-northern Adelaide.

“Our gardens and grounds are already a popular drawcard for walkers and joggers,” he said.

“The addition of a facility with versatile function rooms, a café and a nature play space will encourage more visitors to what is a hidden jewel in the Enfield area.

“We will continue to engage with our community to ensure a strong, vibrant and sustainable future for Enfield Memorial Park while maintaining our position as South Australia’s leading provider of cemetery services.”

Mr Pitt said Adelaide Cemeteries was mindful of its environmental responsibilities with the new facility.

“A centrepiece of the new facility will be modern cremators which comply with European environmental standards,” he said. “This means that the new crematorium, when operational, will reduce current emissions by up to 90%.”

Mr Pitt said that community consultation had already commenced and would be expanded over the coming months as detailed designs became available.