



Images: Bunurong Memorial Park (A - C)

Have your say on a new memorial park in Bangholme

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) is proposing to purchase land in Bangholme to develop a new memorial park, and we want to hear from you.

Supporting South-Eastern Melbourne

Melbourne's south-east community is growing and its population is ageing. Existing cemeteries in this area are expected to reach capacity in less than 15 years.

It can take a long time to establish a new memorial park. That's why we are planning now to ensure that families can continue to have choice and dignity during life's most difficult moments. We also recognise the importance of having access to services in the local area where families feel most connected.

Places for reflection and connection

Today's memorial parks are full of life. They bring together beautiful gardens, walking trails and spaces to gather. They enhance the natural environment and create opportunities for community connection.

Proposed location

SMCT is considering buying land on Bunurong Country at 226-256 and 306-356 Pillars Road in Bangholme to transform it into a memorial park. The land is approximately 144 hectares in size – larger than Bunurong Memorial Park (100 hectares). It is close to M3 Eastlink and Springvale Road making it accessible to families across Melbourne's south-east.



A gathering space for community



5,000 new trees and restored landscape



Healthier waterways and flood management



12kms of community walking trails



Environmental education opportunities



Contributing to local jobs and the economy



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Please scan code or visit smct.org.au/new-location to provide your feedback and register for a community session.



Timeline



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is SMCT looking for more land?

South-East Melbourne is growing and our population is ageing. More people will need burial and memorial services in this region in the future. SMCT is planning now to make sure there is enough space for future generations.

What land is being considered?

SMCT is considering land at 226-256 and 306-356 Pillars Road in Bangholme as a possible location for a future memorial park.

Would the land be accessible to community?

SMCT's proposal would transform private land into an accessible, open public space for all.

Has the land been purchased?

No. The land has not been purchased. SMCT is still assessing whether the site is suitable and seeking the approvals needed before any decision can be made.

Why is the community being consulted?

We want to understand community views, answer any questions and hear any concerns. Community feedback will help inform the assessment process.

What can the community have a say on?

The community can provide feedback on local issues, concerns, opportunities and expectations. This feedback will help inform planning and decision-making.

What happens next?

SMCT will continue technical studies, stakeholder engagement and planning investigations. If the project proceeds, there will be more opportunities for community input on future planning and design of the site.

How can I have a say?

Please scan the QR code below or visit smct.org.au/new-location for more information, to provide your feedback and to register your interest in participating in a community session.

