

Developing a Memorial Park for Melbourne's South East

Reimagining Memorial Parks for Victoria



Creating inspiring and attractive public parkland space

TIMING

SMCT is poised for immediate initiation of Kingston Memorial Park and could be in operation within 3 years.

ACCESS & AMENITY

All of SMCT sites open 365 days per year during daylight hours in a safe, secure and inviting environment.

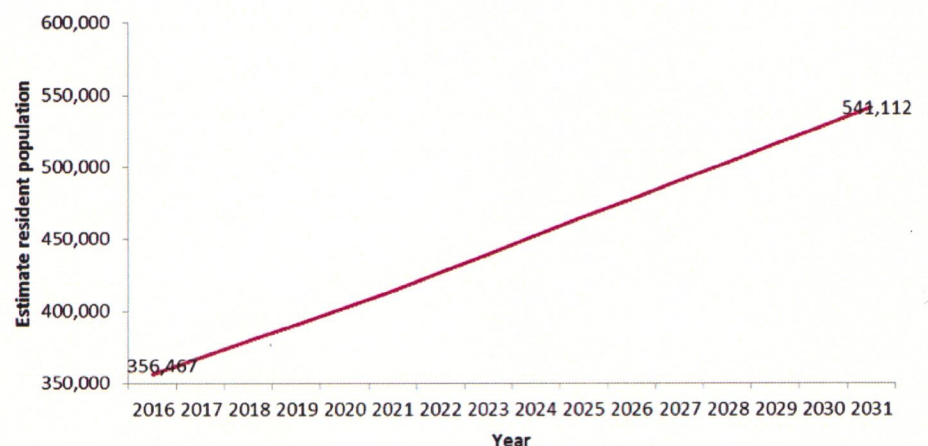
Kingston Memorial Park development will provide passive and active recreation opportunities, achieving a 'chain of parks' linked by cycle and walking trails in a downgraded portion of the South East Green Wedge.

- creating multipurpose community assets
- passive and active recreation
- chain of parks – bike paths, shared paths, wetlands
- enhancing liveability for local communities
- increasing visitation to the municipality

Kingston Memorial Park Securing the Green Wedge in perpetuity.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The population in the south east is increasing, and the availability of land for burial and memorialisation is decreasing. The south eastern growth corridor population is projected to increase by 26% from 2.3 million (2015) to 3 million (2031).



As shown in the graph above the over 65 population is projected to increase by 52% from 356,467 in 2016 to 541,112 in 2031. Forecast death projections in the 65+ age group show an increase of 65% from 12,399 in 2016 to 20,800 in 2031.



**SOUTHERN
METROPOLITAN**
CEMETERIES TRUST

Honouring and celebrating life

Depleting land for burial in Melbourne's South East

Across our eight locations, SMCT provides services for approximately 12,000 deceased Victorians per annum. Current death rate projections forecast that by 2026 there will be limited burial land within 30+ km south east of Melbourne. Kingston Memorial Park will respond to meeting Melbourne's inner urban community population needs.

It is imperative to allocate land for burial and memorialisation in Melbourne's south east

PLANNING

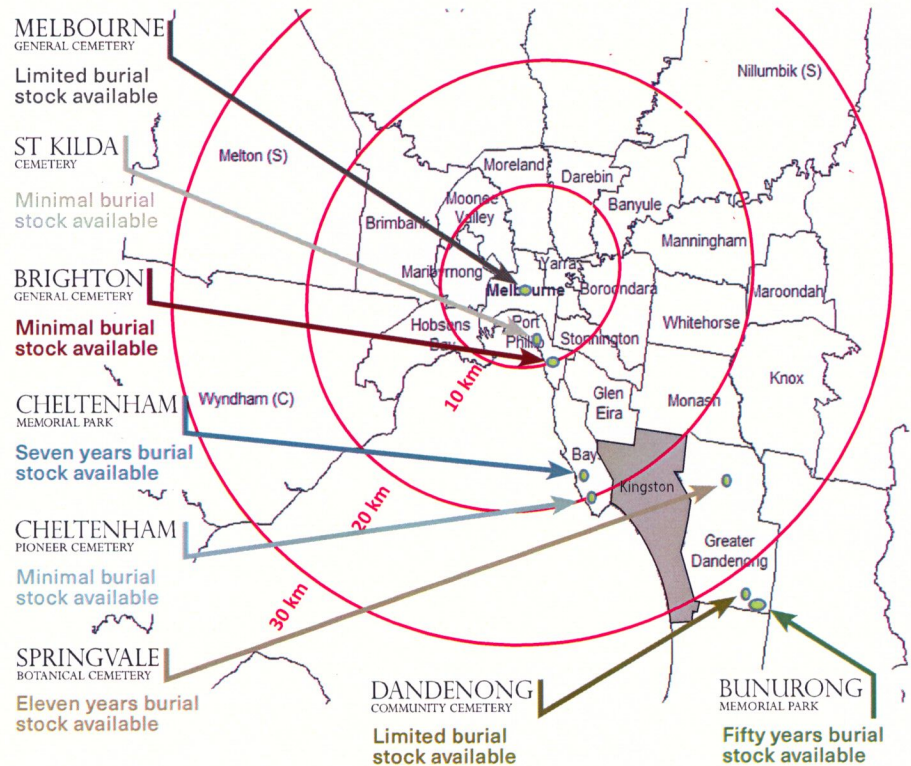
SMCT are facilitating a whole of government approach in undertaking the master-planning for the proposed memorial park site. The subject land is approx. 130ha, and is fit for purpose for a memorial park. A comprehensive feasibility study has included multi-stakeholder consultation.

PLAN MELBOURNE Initiative 4.4.4 highlights the 'need to identify and secure suitable locations for cemeteries'. The benefits of providing a memorial park in the South East Green Wedge are further augmented by this point in Plan Melbourne's Issues Summary: 'While generous green spaces are a fundamental component of Melbourne's identity, open spaces are not evenly distributed across the metropolitan area, with established suburbs generally having less open space than growth areas.'

It is estimated that this development will serve the needs of the community for more than 77 years, based on population growth and death rate projections.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The memorial park development will improve amenity, featuring environmental sustainability and water management benefits. The site will be designed and developed using sustainable and contemporary environmental practices and materials. SMCT's commitment to environmental best practice has been demonstrated through recent developments at Springvale Botanical Cemetery and Bunurong Memorial Park.



The proposed development will benefit both upstream and downstream water management through improved flood mitigation and Bio Swale water treatments of existing stormwater channels before entering Port Phillip Bay.

Enhancing liveability for the local community at no cost to the ratepayer

SMCT has proven capability in developing and maintaining contemporary memorial parks that meet the needs of diverse communities. We currently oversee eight locations across Melbourne's south east, including the iconic Melbourne General Cemetery, the stunning Springvale Botanical Cemetery and the contemporary Bunurong Memorial Park which is undergoing extensive developments to create an innovative memorial park like no other.

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