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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) has prepared a masterplan for a proposed new cemetery at 166-176 St Andrews Road, Varroville, called Macarthur Memorial Park.

Urbis was engaged by CMCT to undertake community consultation to inform the development of the masterplan and Development Application. This report documents the consultation process, community feedback, and considerations in response to community feedback.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Community consultation was undertaken over 6 weeks in June and July 2017. Consultation activities included:

- Distribution of a letter and project fact sheet to 1,600 households, stakeholders and previous submitters notifying them of the proposed DA, community information and feedback sessions and contact details for further information.
- Two Community Information and Feedback Sessions (three hours each) attended by approximately 41 people.
- Formal feedback forms available at the Community Information and Feedback Sessions
- A project website including copies of all materials distributed and displayed at the Community Information and Feedback Sessions.
- Additional feedback channels including a dedicated project email, 1800 phone number and online feedback forms.
- A meeting as requested by three stakeholders who responded to the letter distributed to the local community.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Feedback received during the consultation process were generally either supportive (14 feedback forms) or not supportive (12 feedback forms), with no middle ground. The feedback was often not in response to specific aspects of the masterplan, but expressed as being for or against the proposed land use as a cemetery.

Other themes raised in feedback were:

Planning Process

- Opposition to the September 2016 JRPP decision to allow a cemetery as a permissible land use on the site, continues to affect how some regard the draft master plan for the site.
- There is distrust in the planning and decision making process, particularly regarding the role of State Government and decision making bodies who did not support the views of Council.
- There is a level of distrust regarding the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.

Traffic

- There is a general concern about existing traffic congestion on St Andrews Road.
- There are concerns regarding the poor condition of St Andrews Road and its future ability to support additional traffic.
- The draft master plan needs to show site access off St Andrews Road and parking provision across the site more clearly.
- There is support for St Andrews Road to be improved and upgraded as part of the draft master plan.

Scenic Hills

- There is a strong desire to preserve the Scenic Hills for its heritage values, ecology and natural amenity. Based on this, many are opposed to any form of development occurring in this region.
- There are concerns that approval of development application will pave the way for future development in the Scenic Hills region.

Draft Master Plan and Design

- There is support for the overall vision of the draft master plan including the landscape design, open space and recreational facilities.

A summary of all feedback is outlined in Section 3.2 of this report.

CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK

The project team have been provided with detailed notes of all feedback received during the community consultation process. This has also been reviewed in project meetings.

- Road design and layout, visual impact, access and parking, landscape design and sculptural design and locations have been further considered in the review of the draft master plan and technical investigations. Specific responses are outlined in the Statement of Environmental Effects accompanying the development application.
- Archaeological investigations of Aboriginal heritage have continued, and will be reviewed in consultation with Traditional Owners.
- A review of the draft master plan will be undertaken against the requirements of the Conservation Management Plan prior to finalisation and lodgement of the development application.

CONCLUSION

All community feedback received during the consultation process has been summarised in this report and provided to the Project Team for their consideration. This report will also be submitted to Campbelltown Council with the Development Application.

1. INTRODUCTION

Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) has prepared a masterplan for a proposed new cemetery at 166-176 St Andrews Road, Varroville, called Macarthur Memorial Park. Figure 1 shows an aerial view of the development site (the site).

Urbis was engaged by CMCT to undertake community consultation to inform the development of the masterplan and Development Application.

Figure 1 – Site Location



1.1. THIS REPORT

This report documents the consultation process, community feedback, and considerations in response to community feedback.

This report has been provided to the Macarthur Memorial Park project team to help inform their ongoing prior to submission of a Development Application to the Campbelltown City Council.

The report will also be submitted to the Campbelltown City Council as part of the detailed Development Application.

2. CONSULTATION PROCESS

2.1. PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

The community consultation process for Macarthur Memorial Park aimed to:

- Provide information about the draft master plan and the process to prepare the development application.
- Invite feedback through a range of channels, to inform ongoing design and planning.
- Collate feedback and prepare a summary of consultation outcomes.
- Inform the finalisation of the draft master plan and the preparation of the development application for lodgement.

2.2. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

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- Additional feedback channels including a dedicated project email, 1800 phone number and online feedback forms.
- A meeting as requested by three stakeholders who responded to the letter distributed to the local community.

2.3. LETTER TO RESIDENTS AND FACTSHEET

A letter and project factsheet was distributed on 7th and 8th June 2017 to approximately 1600 neighbouring residences, to notify them of the proposed development and upcoming consultation activities. A copy of the distribution catchment can be found Appendix A.

The letter also advertised an opportunity to meet with the Project Team at the upcoming Community Information and Feedback Sessions. See Appendix B for a copy of the project fact sheet.

2.4. PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

An advertisement detailing the Community Information and Feedback Sessions was placed in the Macarthur Chronicle and Macarthur Advertiser for distribution in the week from the 12th – 16th of June 2017.

A copy of the advertisement can be found in Appendix C.

2.5. STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS

A letter or email was sent to local stakeholders and previous submitters on Wednesday 7th of June 2017 offering an opportunity to meet with members of the Project Team. It included the project factsheet and advertised the upcoming Community and Information Feedback Sessions.

Stakeholders included:

- City of Campbelltown Councillors.

- State Labour MPs.
- Community groups.
- Neighbouring properties.
- Previous submitters.

2.6. MEETING WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

Three neighbours to the site took up the offer to meet with Susan Rudland (Community Consultation) and Cameron Nixon (Urban Planner) on 21 June 2017 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Participants at the meeting were provided an A3 colour copy of the information boards and feedback forms to be displayed at the community information and feedback sessions.

Key issues discussed included:

- The role and purpose of the consultation process at this time.
- The use and validity of consultation outcomes, if it is not based on the final development application.
- The planning and development application process.
- The need for the final master plan to align with the Conservation Management Plan and amended LEP.
- The basis for the application, and the ownership status of the site.
- The importance of greater clarity in labelling, definitions, illustrations and plans.
- The design and materials for the road network.
- The nature of proposed parking provision.
- The Local Heritage curtilage and permitted activities.
- Impacts on views, vistas, heritage landscape and fauna.
- Retention and treatment of dams and waterholes.
- Safety and security.
- Noise and lighting impacts.
- Privacy and property value impacts.
- Upcoming community information and feedback sessions.

Following the meeting, participants emailed with further questions and clarifications regarding the purpose of the meeting, the use of consultation outcomes, the consistency of information provided, access points off St Andrews Road, and when fully detailed final plans and supporting information would be available.

It was also requested that Council extend the Public Exhibition period to at least 3 months (not including mid-December to end January) to allow the community to examine all information and seek advice as required.

2.7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK SESSIONS

The Community Information and Feedback Sessions were held on Thursday 22nd and Saturday 24th June at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown. Each session was conducted over 3 hours.

Table 1 – CIFS Time and Duration

Session 1	Session 2
Thursday 22nd June 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm	Saturday 24th June, 10:00am-1:00pm

Approximately 41 community members attended the sessions, with 28 attending on Thursday and 13 on the Saturday.

The sessions were also attended by members of the Project Team including:

- Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust – Developer.
- FJMT – Architect.
- Florence Jaquet Landscape Architect – Landscape architect.
- The Transport Planning Partnership – Traffic.
- Artefact – Heritage and Archaeology.
- Urbis – Urban planning.
- Urbis – Community consultation.
- Urbis – Heritage.

2.7.1. Information provided

At each session, information about the project was available in a number of different formats, including:

- A1 information display boards (see Appendix B).
- Display boards printed in A3 booklet.
- A4 copies of the project factsheet distributed in the local area (see Appendix A).
- The opportunity to speak directly with members of the Project Team.

2.7.2. Feedback

At each session, feedback was invited via:

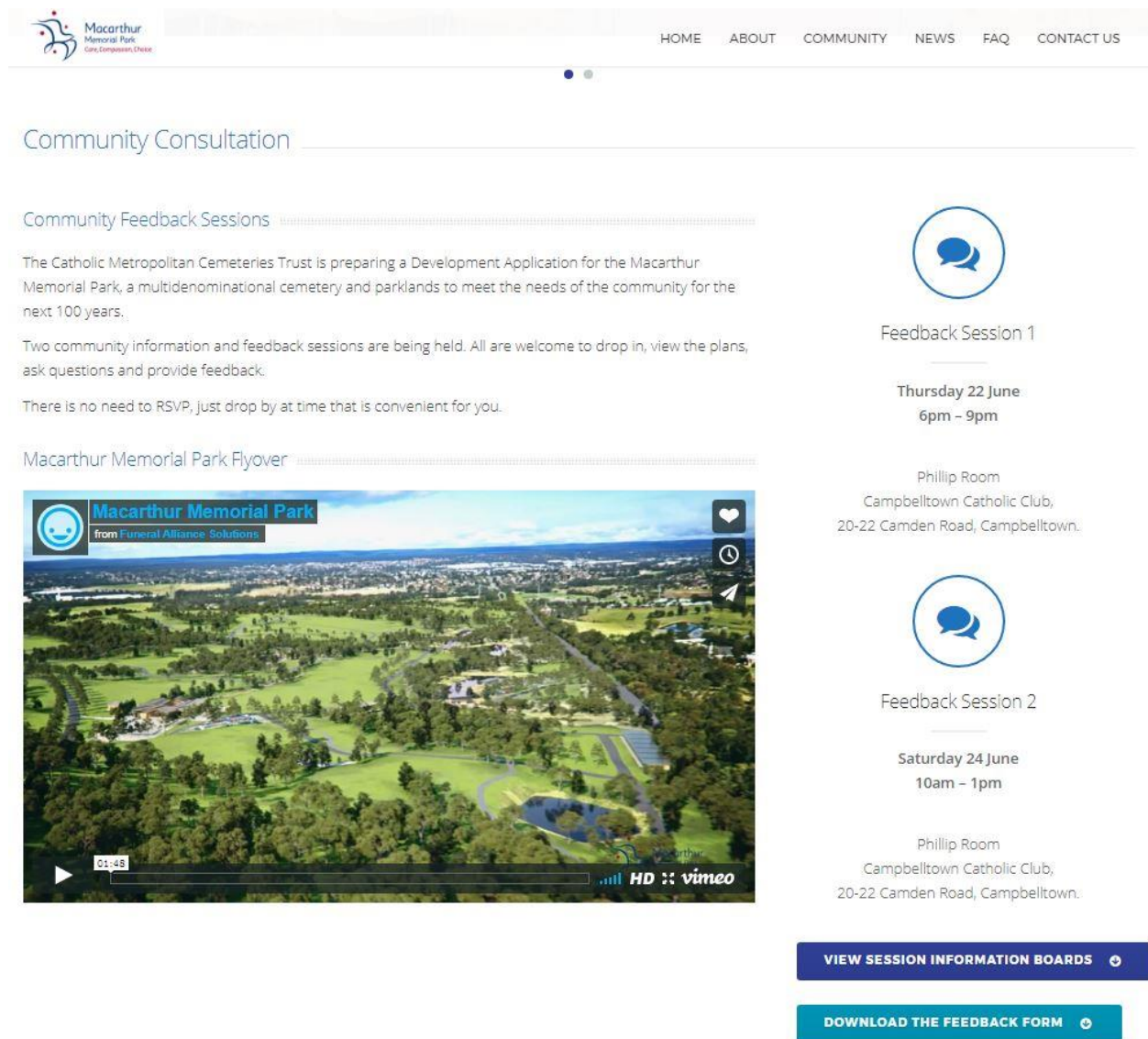
- Feedback forms and reply paid envelopes (see Appendix E).
- Online feedback forms on the project website.
- Members of the Project Team were briefed to note down the key issues and questions raised during discussions, and these were collated and reviewed after each session.

The feedback received is documented in Section 3.2 of this report.

2.8. MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PARK WEBSITE

A copy of the information boards displayed at the Community Information and Feedback Sessions were uploaded to the project website (www.mmpark.com.au/local-community) so the information was available broadly. The feedback forms distributed at the Community Information and Feedback Sessions were also made available to download from the project website.

Figure 2 – Macarthur Memorial Park Website



3. SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

3.1. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Twenty-six feedback forms were received at the time of writing. Feedback was generally either supportive (14) or not supportive (12), with no middle ground. The feedback was often not in response to specific aspects of the masterplan, but expressed as being for or against the proposed land use as a cemetery.

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Scenic Hills

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- There are concerns that approval of development application will pave the way for future development in the Scenic Hills region.

Draft master plan and design

- There is support for the overall vision of the draft master plan including the landscape design, open space and recreational facilities.

3.2. FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Table 2 – Summary of Feedback

Category	Details
Masterplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for the overall vision of the masterplan, including the site location, landscaping design, open space and recreational facilities.• Opposition to the masterplan from residents in relation to development in the Scenic Hills region, the genuine need for a cemetery and proximity to Varroville House.
Burial design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion to include above ground crypts and vaults in the masterplan.• Request for the replacement of the mortuary with a cool room.

Category	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment against the use of horizontal lawn plaques. • Comment in support for a crematorium on site.
Roads and Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that the masterplan does not indicate the proposed road network within the site. • Comments regarding the existing traffic congestion on St Andrews Road and Mt Carmel School. • Concern about an increase in traffic on St Andrews Road. • Concern that an upgrade to St Andrews Road is not included within the masterplan. • Suggestions for St Andrew's road to be widened and improved to cope with the increase in traffic. • Question regarding the compatibility of the road design with the LEP. • Concern regarding the proximity of roads to Varroville House.
Parking and access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment that the masterplan does not indicate parking areas. • Comment that motor car access to the site is not indicated on the masterplan.
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment that the site is against the NSW cultural heritage legislation. • Concern that the site is incompatible with the heritage value of the Scenic Hills region.
Landscape design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the proposed gardens and incorporation of open space. • Support for the landscape design which is considerate of the environment of the Scenic Hills region. • Support for the lawn burials, waterways and landscaped recreational areas. • Preference for native fauna in the planting design. • Comments that the design is not in line with the rural setting of the area.
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role and purpose of the consultation process. • Questions raised regarding the availability of information at the Community Information Sessions. • Comment that the proposal will pave the way for future development. • Questions raised regarding the integrity of the JRPP decision to re-zone the land. • Concern regarding the involvement of state government and political parties who do not support the decisions of local council.

Category	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment to invite all Raby Road residents to Community Information Sessions. • Opposition to the involvement of Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.
Demand for cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for a cemetery to cope with the future demands of a growing population, particularly with the growth in the south west Sydney. • Support for a cemetery to address a burial shortage in Sydney. • Concern that there is no demand for a cemetery in the area. • Concern that there is no burial shortage in Western Sydney. • Comments that a cemetery is a necessity for the region. • Comment that the cemetery is not needed due to the proximity to Leppington Forest Lawn.
Buildings and sculptures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for the buildings to be utilised for educational visits. • Comment that the buildings are incompatible with the Campbelltown LEP. • Comment against the visual design of the buildings and sculptures. • Suggestion for good seating and toilet facilities. • Comment that the masterplan does not detail the location and design of proposed sculptures and monuments.
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments that the Scenic Hills area should be preserved for its heritage values, and historical and natural amenity. • Opposition for any development to occur in Scenic Hills. • Concern regarding the proximity of the site to Varroville House. • Concern that site location is incompatible with Campbelltown LEP. • Support for the location of the site due to natural amenity of the area. • Request for the site to be moved to lower ground. • Comment to move the cemetery to be more central to Campbelltown and the south west growth centres.
Operation of site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for afterhours access to the chapel for viewing and associated funeral activities. • Comment for security on site.

3.3. CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK

The project team have been provided with detailed notes of all feedback received during the community consultation process. This has also been reviewed in project meetings.

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4. CONCLUSION

This report has summarised feedback received during community consultation regarding the draft master plan undertaken in June and July 2017.

Community consultation was conducted to invite feedback on the draft master plan to date, and to inform ongoing planning and design for the preparation of the development application. Information outlined work in progress.

All community feedback received to date is summarised in this report and provided to the Project Team for their consideration.

This report will also be submitted to Campbelltown Council with the Development Application.

Overall, there were clear views expressed during community consultation, both for and against the draft master plan.

These views appear to be influenced by differing perspectives, between those who opposed the decision of the JRPP in September 2016 to allow a cemetery as a permitted use on the site, and those who see an identified need for a new cemetery in the region.

Specific feedback on aspects of the draft master plan have been considered, specifically in relation to the importance of clear and detailed information in the final development application, options to review the design and layout of the road network and parking provision, and heritage, landscape and amenity impacts.

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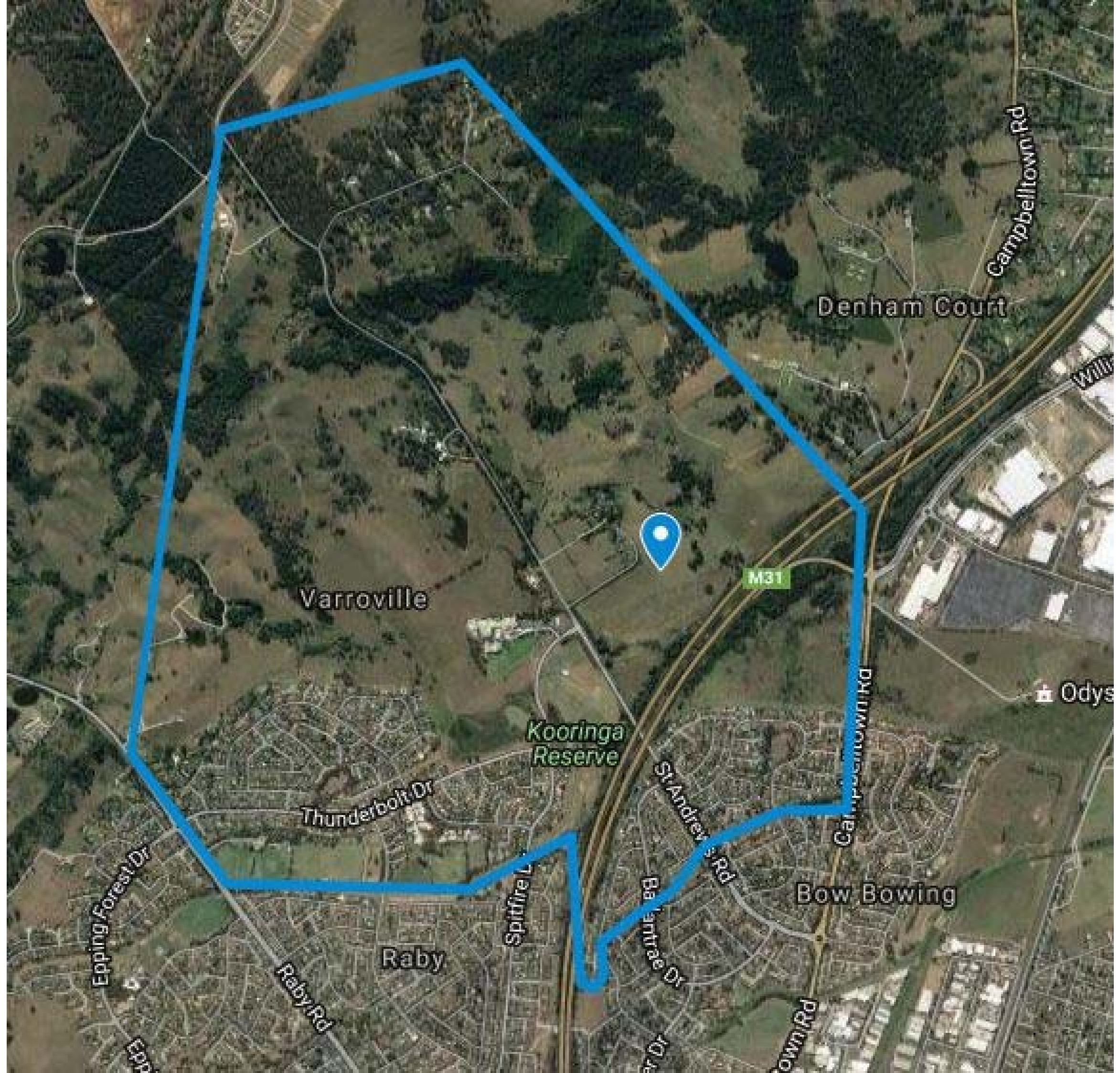
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APPENDIX A DISTRIBUTION CATCHMENT



APPENDIX B

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Macarthur Memorial Park Development Application

Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is preparing a Development Application (DA) for the Macarthur Memorial Park, a multid denominational cemetery and parklands to meet the needs of the community for the next 100 years.

About the proposal

The proposed Macarthur Memorial Park is located at 166 –176 St Andrews Road, Varroville.

Key features include:

Cemetery

- Burial areas for approximately 136,000 burial plots, including concealed burial rooms, lawn cemetery, natural burial areas, cremated remains, monumental areas and crypts
- A crematorium is a prohibited use and will not be constructed on the site.

Parklands

- 35.5 hectares of publicly accessible parkland including walkways, sculpture park and picnic areas.

Buildings and facilities

- Six new buildings to accommodate cemetery and recreational uses, including a multid denominational chapel, cemetery function room, café and workshop.

Heritage

- Restoration of existing historic buildings for public use
- Expanded heritage curtilage around Varro Ville Homestead
- A 'no build area' restricted to development as a lawn cemetery to protect the visual landscape.

Parking and access

- Vehicle and pedestrian access via St Andrews Road
- Construction of internal roads, pathways and approximately 280 parking spaces.

Planning process

The DA follows the decision in September 2016, by the Joint Regional Planning Panel, to include *cemetery* as a permitted use on the land at Varroville.

As part of the DA, a range of technical studies, including heritage, traffic and visual assessments are being undertaken.

Once the DA is completed, it will be lodged with Campbelltown Council and placed on public exhibition. Due to the significance of the project, the consent authority will be the Sydney South West Planning Panel.

Community consultation

Two community information and feedback sessions are being held. All are welcome to drop in, view the plans, ask questions and provide feedback.

Where: Phillip Room
Campbelltown Catholic Club,
20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown.

When:	Session 1	Session 2
	Thursday 22 June	Saturday 24 June
	6pm – 9pm	10am – 1pm

There is no need to RSVP, just drop by at time that is convenient for you.

Landscape masterplan

A landscape masterplan has been prepared for the entire site by Florence Jaquet Landscape Architect. Please see over the page for details.

More information

For more information on the project or to provide your feedback please contact:

T: 1800 244 863

E: macarthurmemorialpark@urbis.com.au

W: www.mmpark.com.au

Feedback is being collected by Urbis, an independent social research company.

Draft Landscape Masterplan

166-176 St Andrews Rd



APPENDIX C PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

Macarthur Memorial Park Development Application



The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is preparing a Development Application for the Macarthur Memorial Park, a multid denominational cemetery and parklands to meet the needs of the community for the next 100 years.

Community information and feedback sessions

The community is invited to attend upcoming community information and feedback sessions. All are welcome to drop in, view the plans, ask questions and provide feedback.



Macarthur
Memorial Park
Care, Compassion, Choice



Event details

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Saturday 24 June,
10am – 1pm

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For more information please contact | P: 1800 244 863 | E: macarthurmorialpark@urbis.com.au
or visit our website www.mmpark.com.au

APPENDIX D INFORMATION BOARDS

Macarthur Memorial Park Development Application

Project Team

The project team here today includes:

- **Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust** – Applicant
- **Urbis** – Planning, Consultation and Heritage
- **Florence Jaquet** – Landscape Architect
- **FJMT** – Architect
- **Artefact Heritage** – Aboriginal and European heritage and archaeology
- **The Transport Planning Partnership** – Traffic and Parking

Welcome to the Community Information and Feedback Session for the Macarthur Memorial Park Development Application.

Please take this opportunity to view the plans, speak with the project team and provide your feedback.

Providing feedback



Please ask for a feedback form and place it in the box provided.

All feedback received will be reviewed and considered before the Development Application is submitted to Council.

Thank you.



Artist impression of Varroville Lakeside Memorials

About the Macarthur Memorial Park

166 – 176 St Andrews Road, Varroville

113 hectares

The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is preparing a Development Application (DA) for the Macarthur Memorial Park, a multidenominational cemetery and parklands to meet the needs of the community for the next 150 years.

The site is located at 166 – 176 St Andrews Road, Varroville and is approximately 113 hectares in size.



Aerial of the site

Key features

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Parklands and public art

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Artist impression of the Chapel

Staging of Development

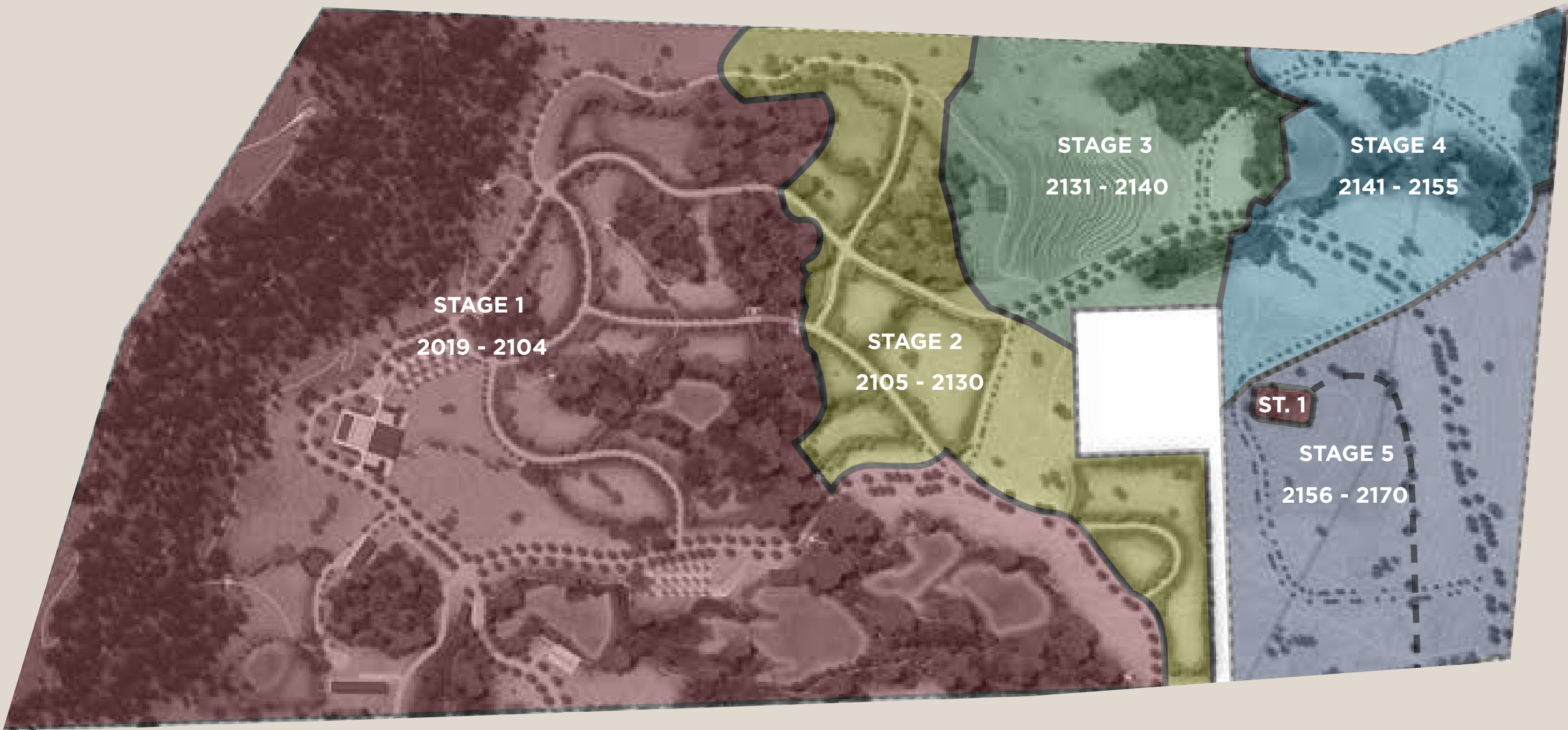
The development of the cemetery will happen over many years, slowly extending the cemetery in stages.

The northern half of the site (north of Varroville House) is expected to reach capacity in approximately 110 years and the full cemetery will reach capacity in approximately 150 years.

Stage 1

Stage 1 will have the largest footprint and include:

- Chapel, mortuary, function building and associated carpark
- Ground staff facilities, administration office, café gatehouse facility and associated carparks
- Entrances and roads within stage 1 area
- Outbuildings restoration works, keeping existing road for access.
- The rest of site remains unchanged.
- This stage will provide burial for approximately 85 years.



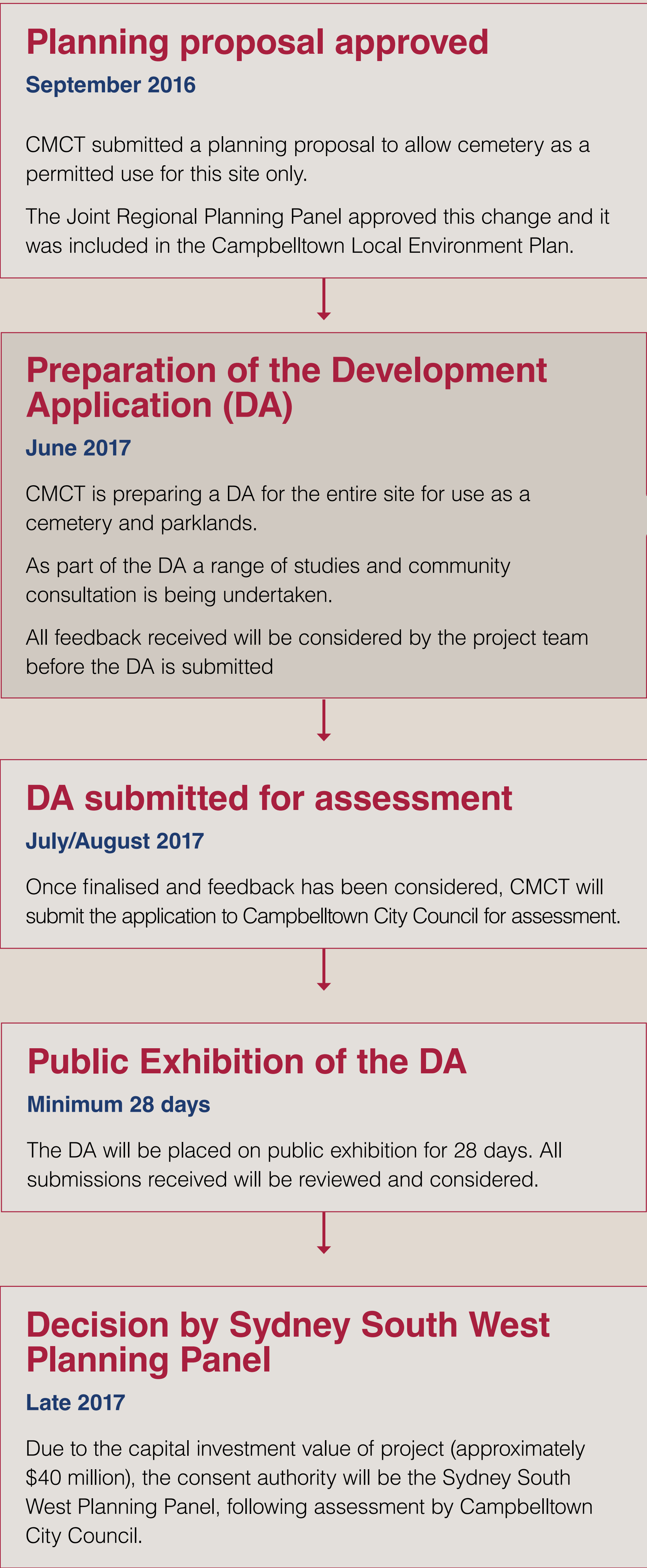
Staging plan



* OUT BUILDINGS RESTORATION WORKS

Stage 1 plan

The Planning Process



Campbelltown Local Environment Plan

Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) are legal instruments prepared by Council to guide planning decisions and ensure local development is appropriate.

7.8A of the Campbelltown LEP outlines the site-specific conditions that apply to the site of the proposed Macarthur Memorial Park.

You can view this on the Campbelltown Council website.

WE ARE HERE

Community feedback

The community can provide feedback at two key points in the DA process:

1. Preparation of the Development Application

Submit your feedback to the project team. All feedback received will be considered prior to submitting the DA to Council.

2. Public Exhibition

This is your opportunity to provide a formal submission to Council on the DA.

How to provide feedback

Submit a feedback form in the box provided or on the contact details below

P: 1800 244 863
E: marcarthurmemorialpark@urbis.com.au
W: www.mmpark.com.au

Landscape Masterplan

A landscape masterplan has been prepared for the entire site by Florence Jaquet Landscape Architect.

This concept is based on the belief that a cemetery can be a park, a sanctuary, a sculpture park and open space available to all. It is also based on the belief that the landscape concept should respect and respond to the site-specific constraints.

The vision

The landscape plan vision is to provide:

- Burial space that offers choice, at affordable prices, in varied settings, for a multi-denominational community
- A distinctive landscaped cemetery, the best of its kind, the pride of the industry
- A sculpture park, offering opportunities for local and Australian artists
- A respectful space and scenic route, open to all
- A cemetery which respects and safe keeps the important colonial and non-colonial landscape
- An arboretum for future preservation and education of generations to come
- A concept which respects the land, its landform and ecology by carefully laying roads and any built environment and limiting their “footprint”
- Concealed, private and low laying burial spaces to minimise visual impact



Artist impression

Landscape Masterplan



Heritage

The Macarthur Memorial Park site has played an important role in the history of NSW.

Aboriginal Heritage

Macarthur Memorial Park is situated near the border of both the Darug and Gandangara language groups.

Several Aboriginal heritage investigations of Macarthur Memorial Park have been completed, including consultation with the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation. Investigations have identified 29 sites within the study area with ranging archaeological sensitivity. Further studies are being completed.

Heritage protection and restoration

It is acknowledged that a cemetery will require alterations to the Varroville Estate. The proposed works will be undertaken in a way that is sensitive to the rural landscape and significant heritage character of the place.

To protect and restore the heritage of the site the following initiatives have been proposed:

- Expanded State Heritage Register curtilage around Varroville Homestead acknowledging the significance of cultural landscape
- Restoration of the heritage listed outbuildings within the Macarthur Memorial Park site for public use as an Education Centre, relating to the site's rich Aboriginal and European Heritage
- A 'no build area' restricted to development as a lawn cemetery to protect the visual landscape
- Retention of part of the existing well-preserved vineyard contour trenches and partial reinstatement of vineyards
- Interpretation of the original carriageway

European Heritage

The site of the Macarthur Memorial Park, forms part of the original Varroville Estate (c.1810) which comprised 1,000 acres granted by Governor Macquarie to Dr Robert Townson, the first European land owner.

Varroville House is a substantial single storey residence (not part of the Macarthur Memorial Park site) which was established in 1858-59 and contains heritage significance at a State level. The Macarthur Memorial Park site however includes significant aspects of the cultural landscape associated with Varroville House, including outbuildings (timber slab hut, cottage, and former coach house) early carriageway, remnant vineyard contour trenching and dams.



The cottage (left) and former coach house (1952)



The cottage (constructed mid 19th century)



Part of the chain of dams some of which have been attributed to the occupancy of Charles Sturt (late 1830's)

Traffic, Access and Parking

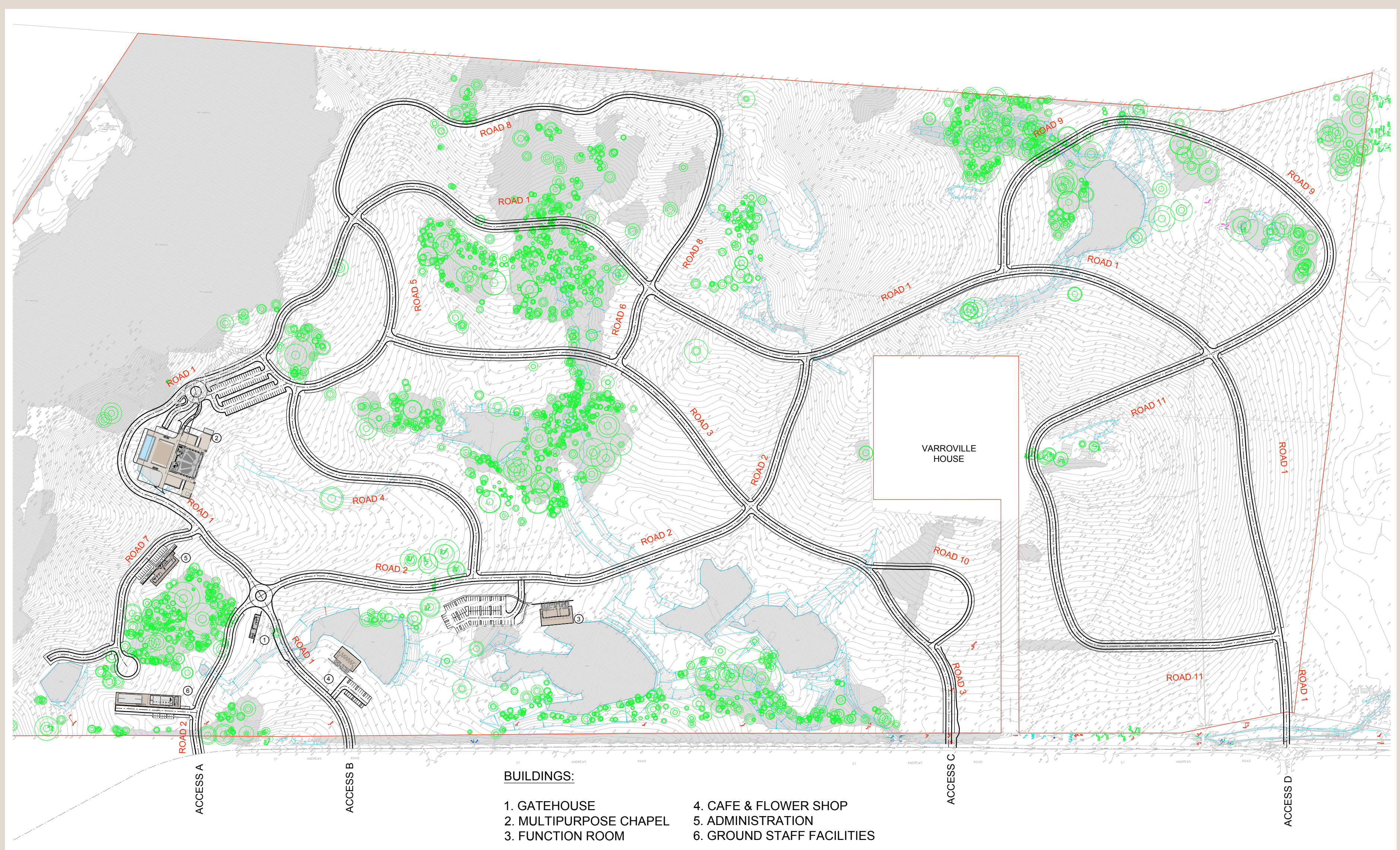
The Macarthur Memorial Park will include:

- 4 access points via St Andrews Road
- Access A connecting with Road 1 will be the main site access
- Approximately 280 formal parking spaces to service the Chapel and other buildings
- Additional parallel parking adjacent to the burial rooms throughout the site
- A road network to provide access between buildings, parkland and burial areas
- Walking trail network throughout the site

Traffic assessment

A traffic and parking assessment has been completed by The Transport Planning Partnership. Key findings include:

- There are sufficient internal car parking spaces and kerbside parking spaces to provide excellent parking provision for people wanting to park alongside graves
- The road network has sufficient capacity to accommodate the expected traffic volumes including the additional traffic associated with the proposed development
- Overall there will be no adverse traffic and parking implications associated with the proposal.



Proposed site layout



Thank you for coming to the Community Information and Feedback Session today

Your feedback is important to us, and will help to inform the detailed development application.

Please fill out a feedback form today and leave it in the box provided, or take a Reply Paid envelope and return it to us later.

You can also provide feedback by:

P: 1800 244 863

E: marcarthurmemorialpark@urbis.com.au

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All feedback will be collated in a Summary of Consultation Outcomes report, that will be lodged as part of the application.

APPENDIX E

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FORM



MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PARK - FEEDBACK FORM

Thank you for attending the Community Information and Feedback Session. Your feedback is important to inform the preparation of the Macarthur Memorial Park Development Application.

Please place completed forms in the box provided, or return your feedback via:

E-mail: macarthurmemorialpark@urbis.com.au

Post: In the Reply Paid envelope supplied OR mail to:
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Macarthur Memorial Park Consultation Team
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Phone: 1800 244 863

1. How did you find out about the Community Information and Feedback Session today?

2. Please indicate the answer that best describes you (please tick).

☐ Local resident ☐ Local business

☐ Other : _____

3. What is your view of the proposed master plan for Macarthur Memorial Park?

4. What aspects of the master plan do you like *the most*?

5. What aspects of the master plan do you like *the least*?

6. Thinking of your responses to the above, what improvements would you suggest?



MACARTHUR MEMORIAL PARK - FEEDBACK FORM

7. Are there other issues that should be considered to inform the preparation of the development application?

8. Do you have any other comments or suggestions you would like to make?

9. Thinking of today's session, please respond to the following statements (Please tick):

Agree Disagree

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have been able to find out information about the project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The information presented was relevant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The information was clearly presented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My questions were answered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I was able to provide my thoughts and feedback on the proposal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I felt that my feedback was listened to |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Project Team and facilitators were helpful. |

10. If you would like to receive further information about the development application, please provide your contact details below:

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Thank you for your feedback.



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