

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Modern technology added to one of the Region's oldest facilities**

One of the Gladstone Region's oldest cemeteries will undergo further modernisation with the installation of an additional 64 Modern Burial Systems (MBS) crypts.

Calliope Cemetery has a long history, with its earliest recorded burial taking place in 1884.

Fast forward 132 years and the facility underwent a major facelift with operation works completed on the northern section of the cemetery in 2016.

In the week commencing Monday 8 June (weather permitting), Gladstone Regional Council will undertake further work on the northern section of Calliope Cemetery, with the installation of 200 metres of fencing along the western boundary of Herbertson Road.

Further work will take place at the cemetery in October and November with 64 MBS crypts set to be installed within the south-east platform of the cemetery.

Gladstone Region Councillor Natalia Muszkat said the project would ensure the Calliope Cemetery remains aesthetically pleasing and safe for all users.

"The addition of the new crypts and fencing will allow for better use of cemetery grounds, increase the condition of the lawn and surrounding grassed area and provide greater land utilisation," Councillor Muszkat said.

"The MBS comprises of a series of underground concrete crypts, made from a prefabricated geopolymer, with grass grown over the area.

"A patented lid-lifting machine then lifts the grass, soil, crypt lid and headstone prior to a burial.

"This system offers greater land utilisation, a safe environment for employees and visitors to the Cemetery, an aesthetically pleasing environment with no excavation disturbance and the ability for burials to take place in areas where the traditional burial process is difficult or impossible."

For further updates or changes to the construction schedule, please visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/public-notice-outages](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/public-notice-outages) and click on 'Parks Scheduled Works' section or call 4970 0700.

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