

MEDIA RELEASE

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NEW FUNERAL HOME AND CONDOLENCE CENTRE AT EASTERN SUBURBS MEMORIAL PARK

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Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today officially opened the new funeral home and condolence centre at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (ESMP).

Mr Kelly said the new facilities were an investment in the long term future of the Crown cemetery which would provide a wider range of services for families.

“The establishment of a funeral home and new condolence centre is a proactive response from the Trust to what they saw as a clear need in the community,” Mr Kelly said.

“The new facilities now offer a one-stop-shop which will enable families to arrange all their funerary needs at the one location.

“The new businesses diversify the existing operations and will help address the long term maintenance needs of the cemetery and preserve important public assets for generations to come,” Mr Kelly said.

Chairman of the Trust, John Morrison, said feedback from clients and visitors expressed the need for a wider range of services at the cemetery, including a funeral home.

“Information and advice are key factors for families to make the best possible choices for their loved ones at these difficult times of their lives,” Mr Morrison said.

“The new funeral home with its state-of-the-art facilities will provide families with the comfort that their loved ones are being cared for with the utmost dignity and respect.”

Chief Executive Officer of ESMP, George Passas, said the new condolence centre, which could cater up to 200 people, provided a modern and convenient facility for after funeral services.

“The complex also houses a café and florist, providing a more pleasant experience to visitors to the cemetery,” Mr Passas said.

“ESMP is confident the new facilities will greatly enhance the services currently available to the people of the Eastern Suburbs.”

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