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Western Australia Garden of Remembrance (GRM) and Dutch Annex Redevelopment Progress Updates

This document provides chronological progress updates on the redevelopment of the Western Australia Garden of Remembrance (GRM) and Dutch Annex.

2026 Progress

- The ashes retrieval program concluded.
- The Parliamentary Standing Committee endorsed the 'medium works notification' on 6 February 2026.
- OAWG appointed Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) as managing contractor in May 2026 to provide design, construction and project management services, including a 12-month defects liability period.
- OAWG contracted Arrow Bronze to supply commemorative plaques.
- Through JLL, GHD Design was engaged to prepare design concepts and work with OAWG during the design development phase.
- A 30 per cent design concept was developed.
- Stakeholder consultation was undertaken in Western Australia from 9 to 10 September 2026.

Progress to the End of 2025

- Structural issues were identified at the WA GRM and Dutch Annex.
- A geotechnical investigation was undertaken.
- Propping was installed to stabilise the commemorative walls and reduce safety risks.
- The WA GRM and Dutch Annex closed to the public in February 2025.
- The commemorative walls continued to deteriorate, and further investigation confirmed that they needed to be dismantled to protect public and staff safety.
- The removal of commemorative plaques and demolition of the walls were completed in June 2025.
- Stakeholder consultation was undertaken in Western Australia from 23 to 27 June 2025.
- Ground-penetrating radar investigations were undertaken to help identify interred ashes.
- An ashes retrieval program was initiated.
- Cost estimates were prepared to confirm the budget available for the redevelopment works.
- Planning, procurement and site investigations were conducted.