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AGATHA CEMETERY GETS A FACELIFT

Work to upgrade the Agatha Cemetery next to Flora Park has begun and is expected to be concluded by the end of November 2018. The project incorporates the construction of a drainage system to control soil erosion as well as grabbing and clearing to make provision for new graves.

A river stream exists between the area currently used for burial and the new site where new graves will be located, this makes it impossible to access the new site. As part of the upgrade a 2.4m x 1.8m low level bridge will be built across the river stream to allow mourners and families access to the new site. The new gravesite will cover 1.7 hectors.

Mayor Maripe Mangena said that the project will address numerous complaints raised by residents in relation to the state of the cemetery and the fact that the commentary has reached its capacity. The project will cost R3.5 million inclusive of professional fees. Moepeng Trading 40 cc was appointed as the contractor.

Cemeteries in Nkowankowa and Lenyenye have also reached their capacities. The municipality has established a new cemetery to cater for Lenyenye. In Nkowankowa there is still a legal dispute on the land earmarked for the extension. The matter is still before the courts.

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