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HISTORIC GOULBURN CEMETERY SAVED

The NSW Government has stepped in to save the Forest Cemetery near Goulburn, allowing for the protection of around 40 historic graves.

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole said the Department of Industry has acquired the land, which will be sold back to the local community for just one dollar.

“The Forest Cemetery at Middle Arm will remain in community hands,” Mr Toole said.

“It was in danger of being sold by the local council to cover unpaid rates. The last known owner of the property died around 70 years ago.

“This historic site is one of great significance to the community, particularly the small band of dedicated locals who have maintained it for decades.”

The cemetery is the final resting place for around 40 locals, six of whom served in either the First or Second World War.

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward said descendants of the original owners of the land still live in the area and they have worked tirelessly to save this unique plot of history.

“Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW have been negotiating with Goulburn Mulwaree Council to find a community solution. The announcement today means this site can continue to be cared for by the Forest Community Association,” Ms Goward said.

“The council has agreed to waive rates ensuring the cemetery’s future as a memorial to the region’s history and to the servicemen laid to rest here.”

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