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Extent of registration map

Location

Cemetery Road INVERLEIGH, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Inverleigh Cemetery is situated on Cemetery Road, approximately one km east of the western boundary of the township of Inverleigh. The cemetery was officially proclaimed in 1859 and was laid out in a standard design as early as 1844. The Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England established churches near the cemetery in the 1850s. However, these sites were abandoned and substantial churches established within the township boundary. The cemetery comprises approximately 9 acres [.36 ha] and is divided into denominational areas, with clusters of graves widely distributed across the reserve and large spaces in between. Pedestrian and vehicular access to the cemetery is gained through the S. J. Venters Memorial Gates (1938). Significant interior plantings include the large *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Cypress) situated in the centre of the cemetery as well as a mixture of *Sheoak ssp.* (Sheoak), *Cedrus deodara* (Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress). Perimeter plantings largely consist of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) with inter planting of native shrubs, particularly along the southern boundary addressing Cemetery Road. The cemetery's earliest headstone marks the grave of Partick Monahan who was buried in 1851. Mrs Charlotte Pellet who died 9 April 1876, was the housekeeper of Lt. Gov. Charles La Trobe at Jolimont. The cemetery also contains the graves of local pioneering families, and more recently, former residents of the Inverleigh, Murgheboluc and Wingeel districts. The Inverleigh Cemetery is managed and maintained by the Inverleigh Cemetery Trust.

How is it significant?

The Inverleigh Cemetery is of historical, social and architectural (aesthetic) significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Inverleigh Cemetery is of historical significance as an enduring record of those who have lived and died in the community, as a reflection of the passing phases, ways of life and death, particular events, and as documentary evidence of the districts prosperity and hardships.

The Inverleigh Cemetery is of social significance for reflecting the customs and tastes of the community, for reflecting different religious values, and for reflecting different economic and social status. It is also an important place for passive recreation.

The Inverleigh Cemetery is of architectural (aesthetic) significance for its range of tombstones, memorials and iconography reflecting the aesthetics of different periods and groups within the community, and for its typical planting.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 2, Heritage Matters P/L, 2009; |
| Hermes Number | 111441 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The Inverleigh Cemetery is situated on allotment 53a, section A on the northern side of Cemetery Road, one km east of the western boundary of the township. The cemetery comprises approximately 9 acres [3.6 ha] and is divided into denominational areas, with clusters of graves widely distributed across the reserve and large spaces in between. Pedestrian and vehicular access to the cemetery is gained through the S. J Venters Memorial Gates (1938), comprising four brick pillars with steel gates addressing Cemetery Road. A gravel path runs north from the entrance gate, before circling a large *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Cypress) and extending the length of

the cemetery. Interior plantings include a mixture of *Sheoak ssp.* (Sheoak), *Cedrus deodara* (Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress). Perimeter plantings largely consist of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) with inter planting of native shrubs, particularly along the southern boundary addressing Cemetery Road.

Integrity

The Inverleigh Cemetery is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the Inverleigh Cemetery.

9 Marking The Phases of Life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.2 Mourning the dead

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

Physical Description 2

Extent of Registration: to the extent of the Inverleigh Cemetery to the whole of the land being allotment 53a, section A, Parish of Doroq, including the grave stones, grave sites and the interior plantings of *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Cypress), *Cedrus deodara* (Cedar), *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress).

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