

# GRANNY'S GRAVE

**Location**

OFF HICKFORD PARADE WARRNAMBOOL, WARRNAMBOOL CITY

**Municipality**

WARRNAMBOOL CITY

**Level of significance**

Heritage Inventory Site

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number**

H7421-0014

**Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site      Site retains an extant monument and grave marker dating from 1904. Presumably the monument sits atop of the burial.

Archaeological Significance      On the assumption that the monument overlays the burial of Granny Raddleston, the site has the potential to provide information about one of Warrnambool's earliest white settlers and the nature of her life and death. This would make the site of moderate archaeological significance.

Historical Significance      Grave site has high significance denoting the resting place of the purported first white woman to die in Warrnambool. This significance is reflected in the general name of the area (Grannies) and in the monument itself which was renewed by Council in 1904 and is a well known local landmark. It also relates to the early period of settlement, marking a phase common to settlements prior to establishment of formal cemeteries

Hermes Number      146489

## History

Little is known about Agnes 'Granny' Raddleston or the grave site. She is thought to have been the wife of a crayfisher and they both lived in a tent nearby. Agnes died very early in the settlement of Warrnambool and was simply buried in the Lady Bay dunes prior to the formal establishment of Warrnambool's cemetery.

The Warrnambool Examiner editor Richard Osburne and local citizens later raised funds for a proper grave marker sometime in the second half of the 19th century. The headstone was possibly erected in 1904, with the present structure around the grave erected in 1933.

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