
Memorial Park Crematorium and Floral Lawn Cemetery



Memorial Park Crematorium and Floral Lawn Cemetery, Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

Dohertys Road ALTONA NORTH, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Rec for other form of protection

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Memorial Park Crematorium and Floral Lawn Cemetery, established in 1961, at Dohertys Road, Altona North.

How is it Significant?

The Memorial Park Crematorium and Floral Lawn Cemetery is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the repository of recent family history from within the city (AHC criterion A4)

Socially, it is significant as a place known and valued by the local community (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a designed landscape which differs from any other in the municipality in terms of a highly articulated and varied content (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Hermes Number 15011

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Although opened in 1961, the park-like landscape development is notable and still developing, with mature exotic and native trees, custom designed memorials, lilly pilly hedges and the former Eastern Market wrought iron gates relocated to the entrance within a 1960s masonry gateway. The buildings are contributory to the period of development although unremarkable architecturally.

There are tree groupings and hedges in a variety of geometric forms, circular, polygonal, with pathways following curves or geometrical shapes and centred fountains. The courts formed by planting and pavement include the Courts of Memories, Tranquility, Hours, Gospel. There are the Chapel Gardens, associated rose beds, Chapel of Repose, Chapel of Peace, and Crematorium, an Armillary Sun Dial Garden, and the offices. There are also a number of thematic lawns such as the Willow and Eucalyptus lawns.

Physical Conditions

External Condition

Excellent

Integrity

External Integrity

High

Physical Description 2

Context

On flat site, facing industrial and commercial development but also close to other parklands.

Historical Australian Themes

Marking the phases of life, Disposing of dead bodies, Creating private landscape

Physical Description 3

Associations

A Love, Williamstown Cemetery Trustees

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