
CAVENDISH CEMETERY (OLD)



23316 Old Cavendish Cemetery 0110



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23316 Old Cavendish Cemetery 0113



23316 Old Cavendish Cemetery 0114

Location

Scott Street (extension) CAVENDISH, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 12, 2003

What is significant?

The Old Cavendish Cemetery is located approximately 1.5 kilometres west of the centre of Cavendish, on the banks of the Wannon River. There are a number of graves dating from 1850 to 1922, even though the cemetery was condemned in 1895. The boundary is defined by Monterey Pines (*Pinus radiata*) and two mature specimens of Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*). The cemetery is in good condition and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it Significant?

The Old Cavendish Cemetery is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

What is significant?

The New Cavendish Cemetery is of historical significance as an enduring record of those who have lived and died in the community, as a reflection of passing phases, ways of life and death, particular events, and as a source of documentary evidence. The cemetery has further historical significance for the burials of individuals and families who made important contributions to their community. The 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 important as a place of homage and of passive recreation. The New Cavendish Cemetery is of architectural significance for its range of tombstones, memorials and iconography reflecting the aesthetics of different periods and groups within the community. It is also of interest for its overall design and position within the broader landscape.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23316
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The condition of the cemetery grounds and graves is good.

Physical Description 1

The Old Cavendish Cemetery is located on the banks of the Wannon River, approximately 1.5 kilometers west of the centre of the township of Cavendish. The site is approximately 0.7 hectares of sloping grassland with 32 above ground graves or headstones. There is a boundary planting of Monterey Pines (*Pinus radiata*), two mature Blue Gums (*Eucalyptus globulus*). A typical cemetery planting, an Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens* 'Stricta') is planted on one of the graves, and a variety of different perennial plantings have escaped from individual graves sites to spread over the site. Some of these include Sweetpeas, Roses, Belladonna Lilly and Iris.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

Usage/Former Usage

Condemned cemetery - now used as passive recreation facility

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity

Physical Description 3

Cemetery Reserve?

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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