
BUNYIP GENERAL CEMETERY



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Location

Bunyip Tonimbuk Road BUNYIP, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO28

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Bunyip Cemetery is of significance to the Cardinia Shire because it provides good evidence of the growing shire townships and for its associations with the Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Independent congregations in the Shire, which all had sections within the property. Bunyip Cemetery has significance for the physical integrity of its gates (part) and store, and for the documentary history provided by its tombstones of notable local families such as the Towts, and Jeffersons.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1893,
Other Names	Bunyip Tonimbuk Road, Bunyip,
Hermes Number	29973
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Physical Description 1

This cemetery is distinguished by its partially preserved picket gates (c1908?), rebuilt picket fence and entry (reputedly matching those of c1908), along with a gabled weatherboarded lodge (once used for the robing of clergy, now a store) and the monuments. The store has a trussed gable, segment-arched multi-pane windows, an unlined interior, timber floor, riveted iron water tank and corrugated iron roof. The grounds are thinly planted.

Some of the notable monuments include that to: Thomas Cunningham (d. 28.6.24), a granite cross in an obelisk form; Michael & Honora Fallon (d.31.3.1915, 18.9.08) in white marble; the Lineham family; Agnes Towt (d.23.5.48) and William J Jefferson (d.24.7.13). The masons were typically from Melbourne and Clifton Hill. Two former Shire presidents and some Shire councillors are buried in the cemetery.

Mature planting includes: *Trachycarpus fortuneii* (Chusan palm), *Arbutus unedo* (Irish strawberry at gate) along with some rose specimens which may be old. There are also native grasses on the site (i.e. *Drosera sp.*, *Themeda sp.*).

Physical Conditions

The fencing has been rebuilt and shows signs of alterations such as unused tenons on posts.

The lodge appears to be relatively complete and from an early period but the gable finials are missing (were Latin crosses).

Historical Australian Themes

Theme - 9.3 Churches and cemeteries

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