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Location

277-279 St Helena Road SAINT HELENA, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO115

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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St Helena's is a rare surviving example of a churchyard cemetery. It is of local historical significance because of its association with the local pioneering family, the Beales, and other notable citizens including Walter Withers and Graham Webster. The cemetery is also the oldest in the municipality, of State significance. The high level of maintenance and the rural ambience contribute to the overall significance of the site.

St Katherine's Church building has been reconstructed and is of local historical interest, principally for its value in interpreting the original setting within the Cemetery. It contains stained glass windows of local historical significance, commemorating casualties of the Beale family in World War One.

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;

Hermes Number 31426

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

No description

Usage/Former Usage

NA

Physical Conditions

Church, Excellent

Cemetery, Good

Physical Description 1

BUILDINGS: St Katherine's Church is a small rendered brick building with a gabled slate roof. A gabled entrance porch projects on the south elevation, and has a pair of V-jointed entrance doors. The render is ruled in imitation of ashlar, and there are pointed arched stained glass windows along the west, north and east facades.

LANDSCAPE: The cemetery at St Katherine's is a rare example of a surviving churchyard cemetery. The first burial was in 1856. The layout is quite simple, with graves in rows, and a central gravel approach running towards the church. The monuments are relatively simple, predominantly gravestones, and with some graves featuring stone surrounds. The front boundary consists of a white chain slung between metal posts and is recent, as are the barbed wire fences along the other boundaries.

The 1957 bushfire that gutted the church left little original plantings. Of note, within the churchyard, are two large Lemon Scented Gums (*Corymbia citriodora*) and a Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) on the western boundary of the site, and a row of Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) adjacent to the church. Two clumps of Elm (*Ulmus procera*) may well be suckers from earlier specimens in the adjacent reserve.

Intactness

Church, Poor

Cemetery, Good

Physical Description 2

NA

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