
OLD CEMETERY



52406 old cemetery
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Location

18 OLD CEMETERY ROAD, CASTERTON, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Casterton Old Cemetery is located in a nine acre reserve five kilometres west of the centre of the township of Casterton, in Old Cemetery Road. It is Casterton's first Cemetery, although the Cemetery referred to as Casterton New Cemetery was actually gazetted prior to it. The burials date from the mid 1840s (but the earliest gravestone is dated 1854) and burials continued until 1964. The layout is typical of a simple nineteenth century cemetery, set on a gentle rise overlooking the town. The graves are laid out in typical denominational fashion. A number of indigenous trees have grown throughout the cemetery, lending it a peaceful bush setting, enhanced by the indigenous spring wildflower display which appears. The Cemetery is in excellent condition, and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Casterton Old Cemetery is of historical, architectural and social significance to Glenelg Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Casterton Old 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 Casterton Old 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	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Construction dates	1840,
Other Names	PIONEER CEMETERY, CASTERTON 'OLD' CEMETERY,
Hermes Number	52406
Property Number	

Usage/Formal Usage

Visited by tourists

Physical Description 1

The Casterton Old Cemetery Reserve is located on Old Cemetery Road, some five kilometers west of the central commercial area of Casterton. The gravestones and unmarked graves are enclosed in a roughly square reserve of approximately nine acres, the perimeter of which is defined by a modern fence. (hairpin fence)

The graves are grouped in the conventional manner, according to denominations. There are no structures on the site, although a number of graves have small memorial plantings on them. It appears that some graves have had large plantings (trees) which have been removed due to the damage they were causing to the graves. Many indigenous trees have grown on the site, giving the cemetery a peaceful bushlike setting, enhanced by the display of remnant indigenous ground flora which appears each spring.

The graves of many families who made important contributions to the development of the Casterton community are located in the cemetery.

Physical Conditions

Excellent

Historical Australian Themes

9.7: Dying

9.7.1: Dealing with human remains

9.7.2: Mourning the dead

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

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