
HEYWOOD CEMETERY

Location

CEMETERY ROAD, HEYWOOD, 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 Heywood cemetery is located approximately five kilometers north of the township of Heywood, off the Heywood - Mount Gambier Road. The reserve is a simple rectangular area of about five acres, fenced in a simple post and wire fence. There are no significant plantings. The first burial at the site was in 1855, when the daughter of a stockman from Oakbank station was buried here. The site continued to be used for local burials informally until its official gazettal in 1866. There are about 1800 graves in the reserve, although only 900 or so are marked. Most graves have stone or concrete headstones, although a few very early timber markers survive. Overall, the cemetery is in very good condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Heywood Cemetery is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Glenelg Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Heywood 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 documentary evidence. 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 passive recreation. The Heywood 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

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Construction dates	1855,
Other Names	DRUMBORG CEMETERY,
Hermes Number	52459
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Continues to be used as a cemetery

Physical Description 1

The Heywood Cemetery is a large cemetery reserve of five acres, located on the rise of a hill, looking back towards Heywood township. The cemetery has a range of stone memorials, wrought and cast iron grave surrounds and a very few surviving timber headstones and crosses. The surrounding fence is a typical simple wire and post and rail fence. No significant plantings remain on the site. The graves are laid out traditionally, according to denominations.

Physical Conditions

Very Good

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

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