

# SPRINGTHORPE MEMORIAL, BOROONDARA GENERAL CEMETERY



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1 springthorpe memorial kew  
side view



springthorpe memorial kew  
front view



springthorpe memorial kew  
sculpture sep1982



springthorpe memorial kew  
stained glass ceiling feb1986



springthorpe memorial kew  
snake head drain

## Location

430-440 HIGH STREET KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0522

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO64

## **VHR Registration**

April 7, 1982

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - June 18, 1999

What is significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial within the Boroondara Cemetery (VHR0049) commemorates Annie Springthorpe, and was erected in 1897 by her husband Dr John Springthorpe. It was designed by Harold Desbrowe Annear and includes Bertram Mackennal sculptures. It contains twelve columns of deep green granite from Scotland supporting a Harcourt granite superstructure, and a glass dome roof of lead lighting.

How is it significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial is historically important in demonstrating nineteenth century social and cultural attitudes to death, and for reflecting the ideals of the Victorian Garden Cemetery movement which aimed at providing comfort for mourners. The memorial is important in demonstrating uniqueness, no other example being known of such aesthetic composition, architectural design and execution, or scale. It is important in exhibiting good design and aesthetic characteristics and for the richness and unusual integration of features. The Springthorpe Memorial is also important in illustrating the principal characteristics of the work of a number of artists including Desbrowe Annear, Mackennal, the glass manufacturers Auguste Fischer and the bronze work of Marriots.

## **Permit Exemptions**

### **General Exemptions:**

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices

without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1897,
Architect/Designer	Annear, Harold Desbrowe,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BOROONDARA CEMETERY,
Hermes Number	617
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Assoc.People MRS ANNIE SPRINGTHORPE

## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 522 - The Springthorpe Memorial, Boroondara Cemetery, High Street, Kew.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No.33 7 April 1982 p.995]

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*