
Cemetery, 20 Dalyenong Road, STUART MILL



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Location

20 Dalyenong Road STUART MILL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for VHR

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Stuart Mill Cemetery, 20 Dalyenong Road, Stuart Mill, has significance as an important place of commemoration and as a significant cultural landscape. The cemetery was gazetted in 1865 and contains rare surviving wooden tablets, together with other headstones, grave surrounds, graves to Chinese diggers, a large granite block monument to the MacDonnell family and a column and urn representing a memorial to the soldiers who fought in the Great War.

The Stuart Mill Cemetery is **historically** and **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the settlement of Stuart Mill in the second half of the 19th century, being gazetted in 1865. The cemetery demonstrates important visual qualities which include the bushland setting, open grassed cemetery with regular rows of graves having grassed paths between, stone and wooden headstones and grave surrounds, large monument to the MacDonnell family and the column and urn representing the memorial to the soldiers who

fought in the Great War.

The Stuart Mill Cemetery is **scientifically** significant at a **STATE** level. The wooden tablets to some of the graves are a rare surviving example of 19th century grave architecture no longer practiced.

The Stuart Mill Cemetery is socially significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Stuart Mill community for cultural, spiritual and commemorative reasons.

Overall, the Stuart Mill Cemetery is of **STATE** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The site of the Stuart Mill Cemetery 20 Dalrymple Road, Stuart Mill, encompasses a large open grassed area on slightly sloping land surrounded by bushland. A post and wire fence forms the cemetery boundaries, with concrete gate posts and a rudimentary circular steel vehicular gate forming the cemetery entrance. The graves are laid out in regular rows separated by grassed paths and the various grave surrounds are an obvious feature of the cultural landscape.

A notable and rare feature of the cemetery is the surviving wooden tablets, in addition to the granite and other headstone.

There is also a granite block monument to the MacDonnell family, graves of Chinese diggers, and a column and urn representing a memorial to those soldiers who fought and died in the Great War. The memorial has the names of those locals who perished on the battlefield as follows:

- Pte Robert THWAITES / Buried here/ died of wounds Gallipoli veteran/ All others lies buried on their fields of battle.
- Cpl Wm. J. THWAITES
- Pte Hartley EDELSTEN
- Cpl Hny EDELSTEN D.S.M.
- Cpl Herbert STORER
- Lnt Robert SWANTON
- Pte Thomas THWAITES
- Pte Arthur FROHLICH
- Pte Robert FARISH

Comparative

Wooden tablets to grave surrounds are a rare surviving feature of 19th century cemeteries. A timber memorial is located at the Westgarthtown cemetery, Thomastown. A lone timber headstone also survives at Concongella, off Landsborough Road.

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.

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