
BULLUMWAAL NEW CEMETERY

Location

BULLUMWAAL ROAD BULLUMWAAL, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8422-0019

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Bullumwaal 'New' Cemetery is significant: 1. As a representative of the cemeteries established in remote goldfields of the Gippsland region. 2. As a critical source of information about the name and number of burials, particularly in light of the absence of detailed documentary evidence. 3. As important evidence of the former township of Bullumwaal which was part of a network of gold mining settlements within the Lower Tambo goldfield.

Interpretation of Site

Fifty-one burials are known to have taken place at the 'New' Cemetery, the last in 1937. Only xx burial sites can be identified, even after the undergrowth was reduced after a prescribed burn in May 2005. A perimeter fence and gate were destroyed during a wildfire in 1934 and were never replaced. The current vehicle track through the cemetery appears on maps published in the late 1980s.

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History

The story of the southern ('New') cemetery begins in 1897 with the local progress association urging the Minister for Lands to reserve a new cemetery of 10 acres, near the Krug selection. The ('Old') cemetery which was nearly in the centre of town, had proved to be poorly sited (it was not conducive to Public Health) and was clearly inadequate for the growing population but it too needed to be reserved. The site was in fact opposite Ryan's store and was to be shown on later parish plans as a recreation reserve (gazetted 1901). The 'New' cemetery site was gazetted in 1899 on the Bairnsdale side of Bullumwaal, west of the main road.

Some 25 years later 45 persons had been buried. (At this time the trustees included) Richard Clements, Bernard Clancy, and William Minter. By... 1928, the former secretary of the cemetery trust, Clements had died and had not banked the trust's funds - the new secretary Arthur Curtis, feared all had been lost. The cemetery was also in a poor condition: the ground was covered with undergrowth and the road to the site was also overgrown. By 1942, 50 had been buried there and the place was still overgrown. The cemetery closed in 1947.

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