

BORAM BORAM CEMETERY



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Location

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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How is it significant?

The Boram Boram cemetery comprises 8 acres [3.2ha] located on the south side of Boram Boram Lane off the Hamilton Highway 5.5kms north-north-west from the centre of the township of Peshurst. The cemetery takes the traditional form of denominational division, with remains of a formal layout between, being wide serpentine paths bisected by a straight path leading from the gateway. The remains of red scoria can be seen on the paths. There are no surviving substantial plantings. The earliest grave located is dated from 1860, and the cemetery contains the names of many local pioneering families. An unusual gravestone is that dedicated to six of seven men who were accidentally killed on the Koroit Railway on the 1st March 1890. Interestingly there is a separate grave with an almost identical gravestone for another worker, Michael McMahon, also killed on the railway who died in July, 1890. The cemetery overall is in poor condition although individual graves and gravestone range in their condition from good to poor.

What is significant?

The Boram Boram 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, such as the Eales, Chesswas, O'Brien, Olle, Barker, Waller, Ritchie, McIntyre and Kinnealy as well as many others.

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. It 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	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23348
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

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Physical Description 1

The Boram Boram cemetery comprises 8 acres [3.2ha] and appears to be divided into denominational areas in the usual way although there are some names common to different areas. Clusters of graves are widely distributed across the whole reserve with large spaces in between.

It has the remains of a formal layout with wide serpentine paths bisected by a straight path leading from the gateway. The remains of red scoria can be seen on the paths. There are no surviving substantial plantings. The remains of one tree stump, probably a Cypress can be seen about 20m from the front gate and about 5.0m from the simple fibro-cement shed which is the only structure on the site. This shed appears to date from after the Second World War.

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

Usage/Former Usage

cemetery

Integrity

high degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

James Callanan

Six of the seven young Irish navvies killed in the Railway disaster of 1st march 1890 about 5.0kms south of Peshurst.

William Waters

John O'Donnell

John Dunphy

Patrick Magee

John Dillon

In a separate incident:

Michael McMahon who was killed on the railway 15th July 1890.

Physical Description 3

Cemetery Reserve

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