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Location

Upper Heidelberg Road HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO121

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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The Warringal Cemetery is significant as the earliest public burial ground in the Heidelberg area, as well as being early on a state wide basis. It contains typical plantings of a 19th century cemetery, which contribute to the significance of the site. It is an important, tangible record of the history of the Heidelberg area.

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Description (1999); Associates, 1999;

Hermes Number

31507

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

No description

Usage/Former Usage

No property description

Physical Conditions

Fair

Physical Description 1

An early public burial ground with typical cemetery landscape features. The cemetery is laid out in a formal grid pattern and contains a number of typical plantings. It is sited on a sloping allotment. The first burial reputedly took place in 1854. REMNANT FABRIC (Man Made):

The cemetery features a variety of modest monuments and grave stones. Most of the graves feature stone grave surrounds. The Upper Heidelberg Road frontage is entered via a pair of wrought and cast iron gates, set on a basalt plinth. A central drive runs through the site in a north south alignment. Paths throughout the cemetery are of concrete, with a vitreous clay drain along the side.

REMNANT FABRIC (Vegetation):

The site contains a number of notable plantings. These include a substantial row of Bhutan Cypress (Cupressus torulosa) along the northern boundary, and a row of Funeral Cypress (Chamaecyparis funebris) along the southern boundary. The western street frontage is screened by a clipped Privet (Ligustrum sp) hedge. A notable planting of Blue Atlantic Cedars (Cedrus atlantica var. glauca) is located in a reserve adjacent to the eastern boundary of the site. A short row of Lillypilly is located in the eastern half of the site.

POTENTIAL THREATS:

- . Reduction in the level of maintenance, and weed control, particularly of woody weeds which can damage monuments.
- . Failure to replace senescent trees with an appropriate species.
- . Introduction of plant material or structures that do not complement the heritage value of the site.

MANAGEMENT PLANS:

The site requires a detailed management plan that outlines appropriate strategies for the replacement of the perimeter plantings as they senesce, so as to minimise the impact of the heritage character of the cemetery. The plan should detail appropriate maintenance programs for these trees. It should set guidelines for the introduction of materials or structures that complement the heritage character of the site.

Intactness

Physical Description 2

No property description

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