Axedale General Cemetery

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Cemetery Road, Axedale

Location

2050 McIvor Highway, AXEDALE VIC 3551 - Property No 227799

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO734

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Axedale General Cemetery, on Cemetery Road, established by the Department of Health in 1864, at the request of the residents of Axedale, is significant.

How is it significant?

The Axedale General Cemetery is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Why is it significant?

Historically, as tangible evidence of the early development of Axedale from the 1860s, in particular of its Protestant population. The early chapters of Axedale's history are recorded in its headstones. *Criterion A*

Aesthetically, for demonstrating the art of the stone mason in the memorials, the earliest of which date from the 1880s. *Criterion E*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Former Shires of McIvor and Strathfieldsaye Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2008;
Construction dates	1864,
Hermes Number	32570
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Axedale General Cemetery is located on the outskirts of the township of Axedale and adjacent to the Axedale Catholic Cemetery. The fencing is of 'Cyclone' woven wire in a 20th century pattern and the plantings are of native trees. By contrast with the Catholic Cemetery there are a lesser proportion of elaborate memorial.

There is little evidence of a formal layout and no ornamental plantings. The graves are generally utilitarian rather than flamboyant and the trees are scattered rather than formally planted.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Good

Historical Australian Themes

8. Building community life

8.1 Maintaining spiritual life

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