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## Box Hill Cemetery



B6833 Cemetery Gates



B6833 Grave "Gladsen"

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### Location

395 Middleborough Road,, BOX HILL VIC 3128 - Property No B6833

### Municipality

WHITEHORSE CITY

### Level of significance

State

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2045

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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Box Hill Cemetery, dating from 1873, extended twice in Victorian times and with a substantial 1935 addition to the cemetery grounds, had significant building works and an extensive planting program in the 1920s and 1930s. The Box Hill Cemetery reflects the overlay of development in these two major periods and is of State significance for the following reasons:

- its importance in the course of Australia's cultural history as a sophisticated and substantially intact example of a mid Victorian cemetery with an overlay of development from the 1920s and 1930s.

- \* It exhibits unusual cultural features associated with its two major periods of development.

- its possession of uncommon aspects of Australia's cultural history as a mid Victorian cemetery with an overlay

of development from the 1920s and 1930s.

\*Its importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, and design no longer practised and in danger of being lost. It is of exceptional interest as most suburban cemeteries do not demonstrate the characteristic design of their periods of growth as twentieth century overcrowding and neglect have generally resulted in the loss of earlier schemes.

\* For its collection of trees and plants, including the driveway from Whitehorse Road lined with Canary Island Date Palms (*Phoenix canariensis*), Canary Island Pine (*Pinus canariensis*), Monterey Pine (*P. radiata*), some other pine species and Smooth Arizona Cypress (*Cupressus glabra*); the railway line boundary with 19th century Smooth Arizona Cypress boundary and a 1930s boundary planting Bhutan Cypress (*C. torulosa*). Other notable trees in the vicinity of the office are Canary Island Date Palms, Bunya Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*), and Norfolk Island Pine (*A. heterophylla*).

- its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's cultural history.

\* Its importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of Australian history, by virtue of its use as a research and reference site.

\* Its importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia. For example by providing information about the patterns of deaths in Box Hill by age, religion and family; and sometimes giving causes, occupations and other information. By illustrating the importance of homelands in epitaphs and also by demonstrating the range of technical and craft skills and materials available.

\* For trees planted in the 1930s and of some botanical interest as being a good example of design from that period.

\* For its value as a historical record, a collection of individual memorials, its continuity and security, for the manner in which it inspires a respect for the dead, as a social document, and for its role in education and recreation.

- its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristic of: A class of Australia's cultural places, being a mid Victorian cemetery with an overlay of development from the post World War One period.

\* Its importance in demonstrating the principal attributes which are characteristic of the class. These are: the road and path layout with distinct compartments and view lines despite the flat site which are reinforced by boundary and accent plantings.

\* Its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique). It demonstrates the Victorian view of cemeteries as public parks which was respected and further highlighted by the post World War One design. - its importance in exhibiting characteristics of the mid Victorian and the post World War One periods valued by the community.

\* Its importance to the community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem is demonstrated in the value of the cemetery as a public park, the vistas and views within the cemetery, and also in that twentieth century development respected the earlier design.

- its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement of the mid Victorian and the post World War One periods.

\* importance for technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement, including monuments of state significance such as the collection of post World War One structures (gates to Whitehouse Road, Rutland Road, and Sanders Road: two shelters; the office: the archway and the columbarium); the Myer and Syme monuments and the cemetery's collection of memorials, tombstones and other funerary art.

- its strong or special associations with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reason.

\* Its importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational and social associations. Box Hill Cemetery has special associations for the local community because of its continual use since 1873 but is also of importance to post war migrants with family monuments at the cemetery.

- its special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.

\* Its importance for close associations with individuals whose activities have been significant within the history of the nation, State or region and are illustrated in the monuments and epitaphs to them, including C J Dennis, Joy Hester, Sydney Myer, Harold Sleight and Sir George Tallis.

Classified: 17/10/1997

File Note: Cemetery gates are included

Box Hill Cemetery, Columbarium and Myer Memorial,  
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