

QUEENSTOWN CEMETERY, 70 SMITHS GULLY RD, SMITHS GULLY



263 - Queenstown Cemetery
- Shire of Eltham Heritage
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02 - Relics of the old mining
days in the Queenstown
district, The Leader, date
unknown - includes a
photograph of the cemetery.
Note the well-kept nature of
this cemetery then and the
young cypress trees (ELHPC
No.161) - Shire o



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Queenstown Cemetery
Mining 1 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 1 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 2 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 3 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 4 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 5 - Shire of Eltham
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Colour 6 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 7 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Mining 2 - Shire of Eltham
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Queenstown Cemetery
Colour 8 - Shire of Eltham
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Location

70 SMITHS GULLY RD SMITHS GULLY, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO163

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1866 cemetery and the mature planting within the cemetery and the surrounding site to a radius of 30 metres.

How is it significant?

The cemetery is historically, aesthetically and socially significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The cemetery is historically significant as a rare example (in Melbourne) of a private burial ground established by a district's early settlers - many of the early burials in the cemetery are those of diggers who worked on the nearby Caledonia (St Andrews) goldfields. A study of the graves and associated records tells the story of the difficulties faced by early miners and settlers in the area, and in particular the high child mortality rate (Criterion A). The cemetery is also historically significant as the resting place of several prominent local citizens, including Charlotte Ness and Kathleen Donaldson (Criterion H).

The cemetery is socially and historically significant because it only closed in 1981 and many local residents still have close links to it (Criterion G).

The cemetery is aesthetically significant because it has remained relatively undisturbed for a long period of time and has become an important flora and fauna sanctuary (Criterion E).

BICK STUDY, 1992

The 1860s Queenstown Cemetery has historical significance for its associations with early settlement as the cemetery for the Caledonia Diggings during St. Andrews gold mining era. The rush to these diggings resulted in the establishment of Queenstown (now St. Andrews)

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HISTORY

SOCIAL

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE CEMETERY INCLUDING ALL GRAVES, GRAVE MARKERS, METAL FLOWER CASE FRAME AND SURROUNDING SITES TO A RADIUS OF 30 METRES - THE SURROUNDING SITES ARE PART OF THE CEMETERY'S SETTING.

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;
Construction dates 1866,
Other Names 70 SMITHS GULLY RD, SMITHS GULLY,
Hermes Number 104515
Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

EARLY SETTLEMENT

GOLD MINING

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

Physical Description 1

The Queenstown Cemetery has some 55 monuments, most of which date from the early 20th century. The disturbed earth elsewhere presumably indicates a (large) number of unmarked graves.

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Public Cemetery

Later Use: Burials discontinued 1951

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