
Deep Lead Cemetery, 12 Oxford Street, DEEP LEAD



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Location

12 Oxford Street DEEP LEAD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Deep Lead cemetery, 12 Oxford Street, Deep Lead, has significance as a legacy of the discovery of gold in the Deep Lead area in 1857. The cemetery has significance as the final resting place of several Deep Lead miners, the population of the area reaching 20,000-30,000 during the height of the gold rush.

The Deep Lead cemetery, off the Western Highway, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with gold mining and the subsequent establishment of the Deep Lead area and gold diggings from 1857, and as the final resting place of the earliest miners and pioneers. The cemetery has particular associations with James Carter, John Maclure (Oxford Arts graduate and first Clerk of Petty Sessions at the Pleasant Creek Court) and Mary Ann Johnson (wife of the Stawell Postmaster, Edmund Johnson) whose headstones of 1859 represent the earliest in the cemetery. The cemetery also has associations with members, and their descendants, of the

Chinese community who came to Deep Lead during the gold rush and remained as settlers. These include Ah Fung and his daughter Evangeline Look, as well as Hector Percival Mow Fung, a Chinese infant whose father was the local hotel keeper and whose brother erected this headstone in 1949 after a return visit to Deep Lead from China. The decorative metal gates at the cemetery entrance are dedicated to Charles Davidson, long-time trustee of the Deep Lead cemetery. The gates were donated by Whelan the Wrecker and were originally part of the Bijou Theatre in Bourke Street, Melbourne.

The Deep Lead cemetery, 12 Oxford Street, is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Deep Lead community for commemorative and cultural reasons.

Overall, the Deep Lead cemetery is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Deep Lead Cemetery, 12 Oxford Street, Deep Lead, is situated to the left of the Western Highway, at the top of the Deep Lead hill and about 6 kilometres north-west of Stawell. The cemetery consists of an open, grassed area with defined rows of graves with headstones and other cemetery architecture. The site is bound by a post and wire fence, with decorative metal vehicular and pedestrian gates having rendered piers at the main entrance. The cemetery is surrounded by bushland.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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