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# St Arnaud Cemetery, 108 Cemetery Road, ST ARNAUD



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## Location

108 Cemetery Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The St. Arnaud Cemetery, 108 Cemetery Road, St. Arnaud, has significance as a largely intact rural cemetery established in 1858, with several 19th century graves, headstones, other cemetery architecture, as well as two Victorian Gothic Rotundas and a row of mature Californian palm trees.

The St. Arnaud Cemetery is **aesthetically** and **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Collectively, it demonstrates some original visual and design qualities, providing a rural 19th century cemetery setting. The particular intact or appropriate visual and design qualities include the graves, headstones, cast iron balustrades and the mature Californian palm trees. The Victorian Gothic style rotundas, with their octagonal forms, pyramidal

galvanised corrugated iron roofs, worked timber columns, point arch and timber lattice valances (larger rotunda), finials, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding (smaller rotunda) and point timber framed windows and timber door (smaller rotunda) also make a substantial contribution to the significance of the place.

The St. Arnaud Cemetery is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with and contributes to an understanding of the development of the local St. Arnaud area from 1858 until the present day.

The St. Arnaud Cemetery is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for cultural, spiritual and commemorative reasons.

Overall, the St. Arnaud Cemetery is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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## Physical Description 1

The site of the St. Arnaud Cemetery and Rotundas, 108 Cemetery Road, St. Arnaud, encompasses a large open piece of land, surrounded by gum trees. Many early (19th century) graves (including Chinese graves) with headstones and cast iron balustrades, and other masonry cemetery architecture, are laid out in regular rows within the cemetery grounds. Two Victorian Gothic rotundas also adorn the site. The larger rotunda is characterised by an octagonal form with pyramidal, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof surmounted by a turned timber finial. It is supported by chamfered timber columns with pointed timber valance arches and lattice work between. More recent octagonal seating is situated within the structure. The smaller rotunda is also octagonal in form, with a pyramidal galvanised corrugated iron roof surmounted by a turned timber finial, supported by worked timber columns. Horizontal weatherboards form the wall cladding, which is punctuated by point timber framed windows and timber doorway. Narrow overhangs are a feature of the eaves. Another important aesthetic feature of the site is the avenue of seven Californian palm trees laid out in a single row.

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