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# Ashens Cemetery, 2071 Murtoa-Glenorchy Road, WAL WAL



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## Location

2071 Murtoa-Glenorchy Road WAL WAL, 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 Ashens Cemetery 2071 Murtoa-Glenorchy Road, Wal Wal, has significance as an important place of commemoration and as a significant cultural landscape to the local area. Characterised by a rural grassed setting with a perimeter row of Murray pine and other plantings, the cemetery features some surviving elaborate graves and grave surrounds which date from c.1874.

The Ashens Cemetery is **historically** and **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The Cemetery is associated with the development of the settlement of the Warranook district in the second half of the 19th century, and particularly from c.1874. The Cemetery demonstrates important visual qualities. These qualities

include the rural setting with an open grassed area of cemetery ground and perimeter Murray pines and other plantings, and some surviving marble and granite headstone with cast iron surrounds.

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

Overall, the Ashens 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 Ashens Cemetery, 2071 Murtoa-Glenorchy Road, Wal Wal, has a rural setting. The cemetery is bound by a timber post and wire fence and there is a basic sign stating the title "Ashens Cemetery".

The open, grassed cemetery contains some surviving graves with headstones and cast iron surrounds. The headstones appear to be constructed of granite or marble and are generally elaborately designed and crafted. The graves are arranged in rows. The three remaining headstones are in memory of Robert Gellatly, his wife Anne McPherson; Mary J Faux; James Prentice and his wife Elizabeth Jane. Surrounding the cemetery are a row of Murray pines as well as other native plantings.

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