

MOUNT PILOT CEMETERY

Location

RILEYS ROAD CHILTERN, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0122

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	Burial ground - in use 1858-1860.
Archaeological Significance	<p>The burial ground is archaeologically significant as it contains the remains of individuals who died on the Indigo Goldfields. The remains could offer forensic evidence of cause of death, physical condition at the time of death, burial practices and adherence to religious protocols.</p>
Historical Significance	<p>The cemetery is important for illustrating the former gold mining activity that had taken place in this area with many hundreds setting up in the bush to try their luck at the Indigo Goldfields. The cemetery demonstrates that not all who came to the goldfields left and how quickly and area changed from a hive of activity to abandonment. The cemetery has some tenuous relationship to local landowner Judge Gaunt whose inaction when faced with the need for burial of an infant stimulated a push from locals to start their owned cemetery at this site.</p>
Other Names	Indigo Goldfields Cemetery,
Hermes Number	149541

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History

The Indigo Goldfields Cemetery contains 59 individuals with death certificates that are held at the Chiltern Athenaeum Museum, however there are potentially two more graves without certificates that were also buried at this location; a woman and a baby that died in a mine, from where their bodies were not removed for two weeks.

It is reputed that the cemetery started when Judge Gaunt, a landowner close to the cemetery site (Woodlands) and when a baby died on the goldfields his inaction on arranging burial prompted locals to start the cemetery.

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