
EAGLEHAWK CEMETERY PRECINCT



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Location

5 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO20

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Eaglehawk Cemetery, dating from 1863, continuously developed and still in use as a cemetery is of local significance:

- as a reserve for significant native and exotic species, in particular the avenue of *Quercus sp. Araucaria cunninghamii* and *A. bidwilli*, *Grevillea robusta*, *Pinus radiata* and *P. canariensis*, *Ficus macrophylla*, many *Eucalyptus spp.* and *Lagunaria patersonii*;
- for its collection of trees and plants which are typical of nineteenth century cemeteries in Victoria, which demonstrate strong associational links with their cemetery setting;
- for its collection of buildings and structures; these include representative example of typical features such as entrance gates, fencing and headstones;
- for its considerable aesthetic appeal derived from mature trees and shrubs, sloping site, sense of enclosure and vistas both within the site, views out of the site and from the exterior into the site;
- for its strong historical and social links with the Borough of Eaglehawk, exemplified by its early date of development, its retention of considerable portions of remnant bush within its boundaries, its retention of the major portion of earliest burials, planting, paths and layout within its confines, its long continuity of use for its original purpose, its links with early development of the town and its prominence within the life and society of Eaglehawk.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Hermes Number	155118
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The site is roughly bounded by Victoria Street, Avereys Road, Curtain Street and Coulson Street/Grenfell Avenue. The main entrance to the Eaglehawk Cemetery is on the Government Road, with a separate entrance and gates fronting Grenfell Avenue. A new entrance to a carpark, depot and caretaker's residence is off Avereys Road.

The site is relatively undulating extending to the high point towards Curtain Street in the south with the oldest section of graves and layout towards the highest part of the site. The oldest section of the cemetery is in the southern corner of the site and is laid out in a rectangular grid pattern. There are four main walks planted extensively with a great variety of mainly exotic species, bisecting these are cross paths also extensively planted with exotic trees giving the site its dominant character of the nineteenth century plantings.

Much of the site is currently being remodelled according to the 'Eaglehawk Cemetery Concept Plan' (nd). The site now contains a large modern crematorium located in the centre of the site and areas of bush are being cleared and sown to grass as memorial lawns and rose gardens are created as part of the concept. This development seriously detracts from the historic character of the early cemetery and associated planting and layout.

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