RUSSELL CREEK PIONEER CEMETERY

Location

395 RUSSELL CREEK ROAD HILL END, BAW BAW SHIRE

Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0117

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	This is probably the site of the cemetery recorded near Russell Creek from the 19th century. A stump on the site may have been intented to mark the cemetery, but it seems more likely that this represents the remains of a fencepost. The presence of burials is not obvious from surface inspection.
Archaeological Significance	The cemetery probably contains human remains in unmarked burials, some of which may have been disturbed by later activity.
Historical Significance	The site is significant for its relation to historic settlement in the surrounding area.
Hermes Number	156654
Property Number	

History

It is likely that there were approximately 12 burials in the Russell Creek Cemetery between 1860 and 1920. Information taken from death certificates suggests that these may include the following:

Scott, John; died 12th December 1861 at Russells Creek. Buried 20th December 1861.

Alderson, George; died aged 59 years7th March 1862 as a result of being struck by a branch falling from a tree.

Page, Amelia; died 20th November 1863, aged 30 years.

Burgess, Amelia; died 11th April 1886, aged 5 years.

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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