

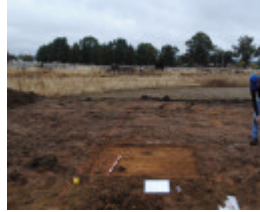
# CRESWICK CEMETERY



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### **Location**

CRESWICK-CLUNES ROAD CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

### **Municipality**

HEPBURN SHIRE

### **Level of significance**

Heritage Inventory Site

### **Heritage Inventory (HI) Number**

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Cemetery. The geophysical survey/historical research suggests that the buried features may unmarked graves/ffotstones, foundations of funeral oven, foundations of sexton's cottage and well.
Archaeological Significance	The geophysical survey has identified a range of buried features in compartment 6
Historical Significance	Evidence of Chinese funeral practices found in a number of gold rush cemeteries, including Castlemaine, Maryborough, and White Hills (Bendigo).
Hermes Number	195083
Property Number	

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## History

The first burial ground was an the Black Lead. The Creswick Cemetery was opened in 1858, the first burial being that of a child, John James Bunyan, on the 20th December 1858. In the centre of the main avenue stands the monument to the 22 men who perished in the Australasia *Mine* disaster in 1882. John Graham in his book *Early Creswick* wrote, "Nearly every pioneer family in the district has members whose remains in this peaceful and hallowed spot. It is devoutly to be trusted that future generations will reverence and protect the resting place of their ancestors." The Cemetery is an important element in the landscape and carries many nineteenth century memorials. Source: Graham, J., *Early Creswick* pp.116, 117

The Creswick Cemetery Trust, in consultation with the Chinese Memorial Foundation Inc, decided to erect a monument to memorialize almost 400 people, mainly Chinese who are buried in unmarked graves in Compartment 6 at their cemetery. These interments have taken place from 1858 to 1923.

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