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### Location

Hawdon Street HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

### Municipality

BANYULE CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO125

### Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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### Statement of Significance

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The Hawdon Street Cemetery is regionally significant as a rare example of an early private cemetery in Victoria. It is the closest private cemetery to the City of Melbourne, and an integral part of the history of the Heidelberg area.

Heritage Study/Consultant Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;

Hermes Number 31491

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

No description

## Usage/Former Usage

No property description

## Physical Conditions

Poor

## Physical Description 1

A small private cemetery, nestled within suburban development. The cemetery dates back to 1851, and is only partially intact. REMNANT FABRIC (Man Made):

The site features a number of gravestones (approx. 12), some marking original plots, others moved across when the site was developed in 1955. Of particular note are a wooden grave surround, and a more substantial stone and cast iron grave surround. Some of the stones are on an angle, and others covered by vegetation.

REMNANT FABRIC (Vegetation):

The site is dominated by large conifers, typical plantings in early cemeteries. These include Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) and two large unidentified weeping conifers (*Chamaecyparis funebris?*). Other plants include a number of *Viburnum* sp. and a Common Oak (*Quercus robur*) which now sits flush with the western fence line.

POTENTIAL THREATS:

- . Deterioration of gravestones and surrounds.
- . Vandalism.
- . Lack of weed control.
- . Removal of gravestones and conversion to a reserve.

MANAGEMENT STEPS:

A management plan is required for this important site. It should detail an appropriate method of conserving the gravestones and grave surrounds, provide measures for the repair of damaged stones, and provide guidelines for the appropriate management of the vegetation on the site. It should also investigate the placement of those grave stones which have been moved, and removal of less significant shrubby vegetation.

## Intactness

Poor

## Physical Description 2

No property description

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