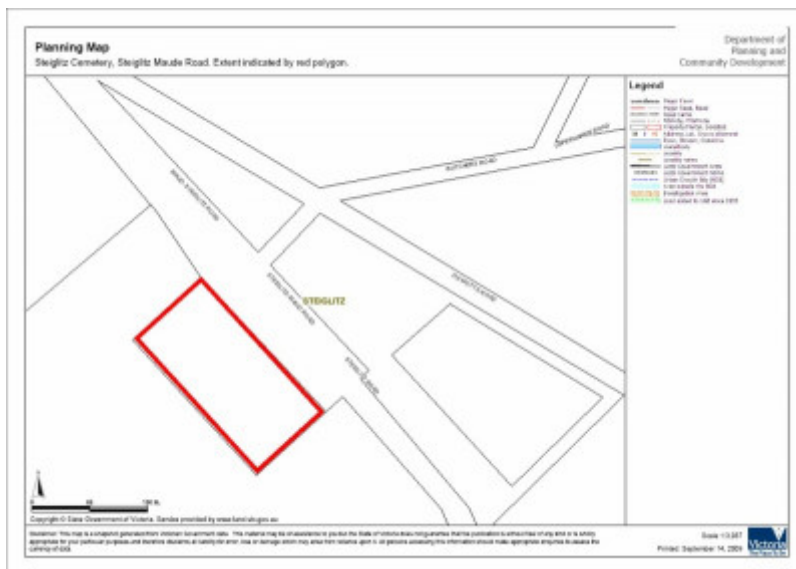


# Steiglitz Cemetery



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Extent of registration map

## Location

Steiglitz Road STEIGLITZ, Golden Plains Shire

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is situated on allotment 68C Parish of Durdidwarrah, on the Steiglitz Road, approximately two km south of the former gold mining settlement of Steiglitz. A site for a general cemetery was proclaimed in 1860. It replaced an earlier cemetery, located on high ground above the Sutherlands Creek, on the Steiglitz-Meredith Road. According to one account, the original burial ground was not suitable due to the condition of the soil. The first trustees of the Steiglitz General Cemetery were elected in October 1860 and included local townsfolk: Benjamin Goulden, Archibald Weir, Michael Fitzgerald, James Western and John Anderson. The cemetery comprises approximately 5 acres and is divided into denominational areas, with clusters of graves widely distributed across the reserve and large spaces in between. Some of the graves have been delineated by elaborate wrought or cast iron fences. Interior plantings are minimal, but include a mature *Cedrus deodara* (Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress). A post and wire fence defines the perimeter of the site, enclosing the cemetery from the surrounding bushland.

How is it significant?

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is of historical, social and architectural (aesthetic) significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is of historical significance as an enduring record of those who have lived and died in the local community, as a reflection of the passing phases, ways of life and death, particular events, and as documentary evidence of the districts prosperity and hardships.

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is of social significance for reflecting the customs and tastes of the community, for reflecting different religious values, and for reflecting different economic and social status. It is also an important place for passive recreation.

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is of architectural (aesthetic) significance for its range of tombstones, memorials and iconography reflecting the aesthetics of different periods and groups within the community, and for its typical interior plantings of *Cedrus deodara* (Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress).

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### Physical Description 1

The Steiglitz General Cemetery is situated on Allotment 68C Parish of Durdidwarrah, on the western side of Stieglitz Road, approximately two km south of the township boundary. The cemetery comprises approximately 5 acres and is divided into denominational areas, with clusters of graves widely distributed across the reserve and large spaces in between. Some of the graves have been delineated by elaborate wrought or cast iron fences. Interior plantings are minimal, but include a mature *Cedrus deodara* (Deodar Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress). A post and wire fence defines the perimeter of the site, enclosing the cemetery from the surrounding bushland. Pedestrian access is gained via a gravel path, through a set of formal gates. Steiglitz General Cemetery is intact, is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

## Physical Description 2

**Extent of Registration:** To the extent of Steiglitz General Cemetery, to the whole of the land being Allotment 68C Parish of Durdidwarrah, including the gravestones, graves and internal planting of *Cedrus deodara* (Deodar Cedar) and *Cupressus sempervirens* (Italian Cypress).

## Historical Australian Themes

### Australian Historic Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the Steiglitz Cemetery.

#### 9 Marking The Phases of Life

##### 9.7 Dying

##### 9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

##### 9.7.2 Mourning the dead

##### 9.7.3 Remembering the dead

## Integrity

Steiglitz General Cemetery is intact, is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

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