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# HOTSPUR CEMETERY



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## Location

GOUGH'S ROAD, HOTSPUR, GLENELG SHIRE

## Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Hotspur Cemetery is located approximately 2 kilometers south east of the township of Hotspur, off the Condah-Hotspur Road Upper. Many local townspeople and pastoralists are buried in the cemetery, although only a limited number of headstones and fences surrounding graves remain. This is probably due to frequent bushfires in the area. The cemetery was gazetted in 1871, but it is possible that burials were occurring on another site from the 1850s, as many historical records refer to the Hotspur cemetery in the very early 1860s. The earliest burials at this site are likely to date from the 1870s, but the earliest headstone only dates from August 1900. The Hotspur cemetery is a very small community cemetery with no apparent designed layout, or plantings. The Cemetery is in good condition generally, and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Hotspur Cemetery is of historical, social and architectural significance to Glenelg Shire.

What is significant?

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

The 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.

The Hotspur Cemetery is of architectural significance for its range of tombstones, memorials and iconography reflecting the aesthetics of different periods and groups within the community. It is also of interest for its overall design and position within the broader landscape.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	52352
Property Number	

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## Usage/Former Usage

Continues as a cemetery

## Physical Description 1

The Hotspur Cemetery is a small community cemetery with several unmarked graves, and a number of marked graves, most with a stone marker or iron fence. It is likely that there are many more graves than gravestones, as severe fires have swept through the area and burnt out large areas in the past 150 years. The earliest gravestone remaining dates from August 1900. The cemetery is surrounded by a simple post and wire fence. Some trees remain on the site, but none appear to have been deliberately planted.

## Physical Conditions

Very Good

## Historical Australian Themes

9.7: Dying

9.7.1: Dealing with human remains

9.7.2: Mourning the dead

9.7.3: Remembering the dead

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