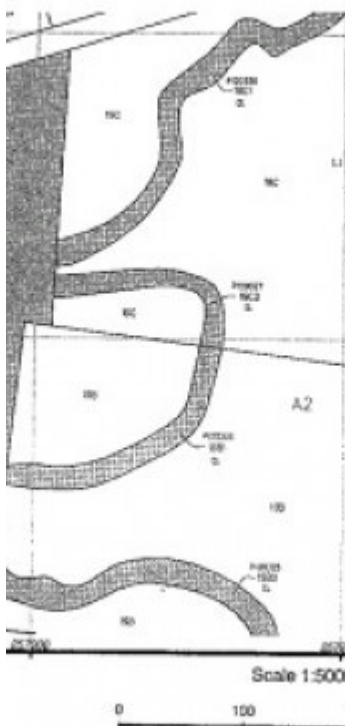


# DEADMANS GULLY CEMETERY



deadmans gully cemetery  
plan

## Location

CHAPEL STREET GOLDEN POINT, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1410

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO746

## VHR Registration

February 12, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 23, 1999

Primary historical records for Deadmans Gully Cemetery are scant. Its origins lie in the great Mount Alexander alluvial goldrush of 1851-54. Like other small cemeteries linked to this rush, the Deadmans Gully Cemetery would have closed c.1857. The cemetery is situated on a benched area, on the southern side of Deadmans Gully. Gold seekers, in the frenzy for gold, chose a convenient patch of ground where gold was unlikely to be found, but one which was totally unsuitable for digging graves and hygiene.

The Deadmans Gully Cemetery is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Deadmans Gully Cemetery is historically important due to its association with a key event in Victoria's history and a defining moment in the development of Australia's character and culture. The cemetery is associated with the first significant gold rush to the district.

The Deadmans Gully Cemetery is historically and scientifically important as a very rare artefact of Victoria's greatest gold rush. A comprehensive archaeological survey of the Castlemaine district undertaken in 1989 concluded that 'because of the ephemeral nature of structures and technology (predominantly, timber and human sweat) employed in the early gold-rush days there is little physical evidence of the intensity of activity and cathartic social experience sustained by the study area during the rush years'. The significance of this site is also derived from its setting: the cemetery overlooking the head of the Golden Gully, the goldfield's richest gold bearing lead.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

#### **EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:**

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

##### **General Conditions:**

All permit exempt alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.

If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

##### **Layout**

Repairs, conservation and maintenance to hard landscape elements, buildings and structures, ornaments, roads and paths, fences and gates, drainage and irrigation systems

##### **Landscape**

The process of gardening and maintenance to care for the cemetery landscape, planting themes and removal of dead plants

Management of plants in accordance with Australian Standard, Pruning of amenity trees AS 4373

Removal of vegetation to maintain fire safety and to protect registered buildings and structures

Removal of plants listed as State Prohibited and Regionally Controlled Weeds in the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994

Construction dates            1851,

Heritage Act Categories    Registered place, Registered archaeological place,

Hermes Number                5386

Property Number

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### **Extent of Registration**

## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1410 in the category described as a Heritage and Archaeological Place:

Deadmans Gully Cemetery, Chapel Street, Golden Point, Chewton, Mt Alexander Shire Council.

### EXTENT

1. All of the land marked L-1 including above-ground structures (headstones, stone mounds and alignments), trees, and all archaeological deposits and artefacts on Diagram 608087A held by the Executive Director being all of the Cemetery Reserve, 200x 250 links, fi acre shown on 'Plan of Roadside Building Allotments' at Golden Point, Crown Lands Office, 25 March 1857, and being P120289, Allotment 19E, Section A2, Parish of Faraday, County of Talbot.

Dated 5 February 1998

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*