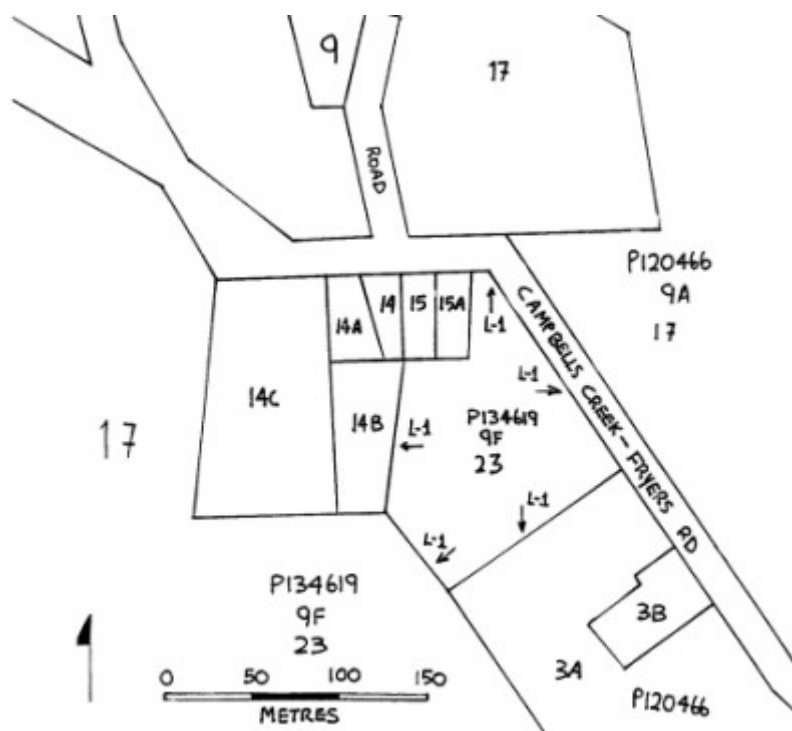


DEADMANS GULLY BURIAL GROUND



1 deadman's gully burial ground fryerstown grave stone



deadmans gully burial ground plan

Location

CAMPBELLS CREEK-IRISHTOWN ROAD IRISHTOWN, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1750

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO988

VHR Registration

November 26, 1998

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 28, 1999

Primary historical records on Burying Flat Cemetery are scant. The cemetery's origins are undoubtedly linked to the great Mount Alexander alluvial goldrush of 1852-54. Like the other small cemeteries linked to this rush, the Burying Flat Cemetery would have closed c1857. The cemetery on elevated ground above the junction of Nuggetty and Fryers Creeks. The gold seekers in the frenzy for gold choosing a convenient patch of ground where gold was unlikely to be found but one which was totally unsuitable for their own hygiene.

The Burying Flat Cemetery is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Burying Flat 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 rush to the district.

The Burying Flat 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: in an area of the goldfield which was renowned for robberies and murders.

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)

* Permit conditions will be reviewed on the completion of a Conservation Plan acceptable to the Executive Director.

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| Construction dates | 1852, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, Registered archaeological place, |
| Hermes Number | 5513 |
| Property Number | |

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 1750 in the category described as a Heritage place, Archaeological place:

Deadmans Gully Burial Ground, Campbells Creek-Fryers Road, Fryerstown, Mt Alexander Shire Council.

EXTENT:

1. All of the Crown land marked L-1 including above-ground structures (headstones, stone mounds and alignments), and any archaeological deposits and relics on diagram number 608444 held by the Executive Director. The land comprises all of Crown land parcel P134619.

Dated 5 November 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/>