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# SPRINGTHORPE MEMORIAL, BOROONDARA GENERAL CEMETERY



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1 springthorpe memorial kew side view



springthorpe memorial kew front view



springthorpe memorial kew sculpture  
sep1982



springthorpe memorial kew stained glass  
ceiling feb1986



springthorpe memorial kew snake head  
drain

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## Location

430-440 HIGH STREET KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0522

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO64

## VHR Registration

April 7, 1982

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 18, 1999

What is significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial within the Boroondara Cemetery (VHR0049) commemorates Annie Springthorpe, and was erected in 1897 by her husband Dr John Springthorpe. It was designed by Harold Desbrowe Annear and includes Bertram Mackennal sculptures. It contains twelve columns of deep green granite from Scotland supporting a Harcourt granite superstructure, and a glass dome roof of lead lighting.

How is it significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The Springthorpe Memorial is historically important in demonstrating nineteenth century social and cultural attitudes to death, and for reflecting the ideals of the Victorian Garden Cemetery movement which aimed at providing comfort for mourners. The memorial is important in demonstrating uniqueness, no other example being known of such aesthetic composition, architectural design and execution, or scale. It is important in exhibiting good design and aesthetic characteristics and for the richness and unusual integration of features. The Springthorpe Memorial is also important in illustrating the principal characteristics of the work of a number of artists including Desbrowe Annear, Mackennal, the glass manufacturers Auguste Fischer and the bronze work of Marriots.

Construction dates	1897,
Architect/Designer	Annear, Harold Desbrowe,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	BOROONDARA CEMETERY,
Hermes Number	617

Property Number

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## History

<span class="c1">Associated People: Assoc.People MRS ANNIE SPRINGTHORPE</span>

## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 522 - The Springthorpe Memorial, Boroondara Cemetery, High Street, Kew.  
[Victoria Government Gazette No.33 7 April 1982 p.995]

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