
White Hills Cemetery



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Location

Holdsworth Road, WHITE HILLS VIC 3550 - Property No G13068

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2136

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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White Hills Cemetery, established c.1853 and developed during the mid-Victorian period, subject to a long period of neglect during the twentieth century but still in use, is of State cultural significance:

- as an early example in Victoria of a cemetery influenced by Romantic and Picturesque ideals which gained worldwide popularity in the early to mid nineteenth century; this is exemplified by its layout and design with curved gravel paths enclosing denominational compartments, carefully placed plantings and focal architectural features;

- for its collection of trees and plants; these are typical of nineteenth century cemeteries in Victoria, demonstrate strong associational links with their cemetery setting, include a collection of indigenous plants within an urban area and include several outstanding trees listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees of Victoria;
- for its strong link with the Chinese community demonstrated by the large number of burials (many still marked by headstones) and the Chinese burning tower;
- for its collection of buildings and structures; these include representative examples of typical features such as entrance gates, fencing, rotunda and headstones as well as highly distinctive and unusual features such as the Chinese burning tower;
- for its considerable aesthetic appeal derived from mature trees and shrubs, the large number of flowering plants (especially bulbs), undulating site, strong architectural elements and vistas (within the site, looking beyond the boundary and views into the site).
- for its strong historical and social links with Bendigo and the gold diggings to the north of the city; exemplified by its early date of development, its long continuity of use for its original purpose, its links with early government surveys and urban development of the town, and its prominent part in Bendigo life and society.

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