

Grays Bridge Cemetery, York Plains Road, GRAYS BRIDGE



Location:

York Plains Road GRAYS BRIDGE, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Statement of Significance:

The Grays Bridge Cemetery, York Plains Road, Gray's Bridge, has significance as an important place of commemoration and as a significant cultural landscape to the local area. Situated nearby the bend of the Avon River with a mature avenue of sugar gums and younger avenue of pines markings its entrance, the Cemetery was gazetted in 1881, although the first grave of Charles Creswick dates from May 1847.

The Grays Bridge Cemetery is historically and aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. The Cemetery is associated with the development of the settlement of the Marnoo district in the mid 19th century (and certainly from 1847), with the first burial being Charles Creswick in May 1847. The Cemetery was gazetted in 1881, the same year it was fenced, while in 1884, an avenue of sugar gums was planted, having been funded by the Public Works Department. The Cemetery demonstrates important visual qualities. These qualities include the rural setting near the bend in the Avon River, the open grassed area of the cemetery ground with surviving graves including granite and marble headstones and surrounds, and a number of trees.

The Grays Bridge Cemetery is scientifically significant at a LOCAL level. The slate headstone to Charles Creswick was most likely imported from England.

The Grays Bridge Cemetery is socially significant at a LOCAL level. It is recognised and valued by the Marnoo community and the surrounding district for cultural, spiritual and commemorative reasons.

Overall, the Grays Bridge Cemetery is of LOCAL significance.

Description

The Grays Bridge Cemetery, York Plains Road, Grays Bridge, has a rural setting nearby the bend of the Avon River, 12 km north-east of Marnoo. At the entrance to the Cemetery is an avenue of mature sugar gums, together with more recently planted pines.

The open, grassed cemetery contains several graves with headstone and grave surrounds. Most of the headstones appear to be constructed of granite or marble. The graves are arranged in rows with grassed paths between. A brick memorial wall designed to hold ashes of the deceased is also situated within the cemetery. Other scattered trees are situated throughout the grassed area.

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