

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**EASTERN CEMETERY GATEHOUSE**

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**Location:**

141 ORMOND ROAD EAST GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1170**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO193**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

The Eastern Cemetery Gate Lodge was built in 1888-89 by Messrs. Neville and Heard, to the design of Joseph Watts. The single storied building, constructed of brick with stone quoin work, features several steeply pitched iron gables, battlemented bay windows, castellated porch, and tall hexagonal chimneys.

How is it significant?

The Eastern Cemetery Gate Lodge is of architectural and social significance to Victoria

Why is it significant?

The gate lodge is architecturally significant as an example of the Picturesque Rural Gothic style of architecture, set apart from similar designs of the previous fifty years by the substitution of intricate cast iron work for carved timber in the highly decorated bargeboards. The building, constructed in a major provincial population centre, is important as a rare and essentially intact example of a cemetery gate lodge, which is an integral part of the planned cemetery and helps to create the picturesque garden atmosphere typical of garden planning last century. The building is of interest as an example of work by Joseph Watts, one of the most prominent architects in Geelong throughout the 1870's and 80's.

The gate lodge is socially significant as part of the cemetery landscape for its demonstration of the customs and tastes of the late nineteenth century period, particularly the elaborate funerary ritual and formal mourning customs.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1874 -
Architect / Designer	Watts, Joseph
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1925
Property number	

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