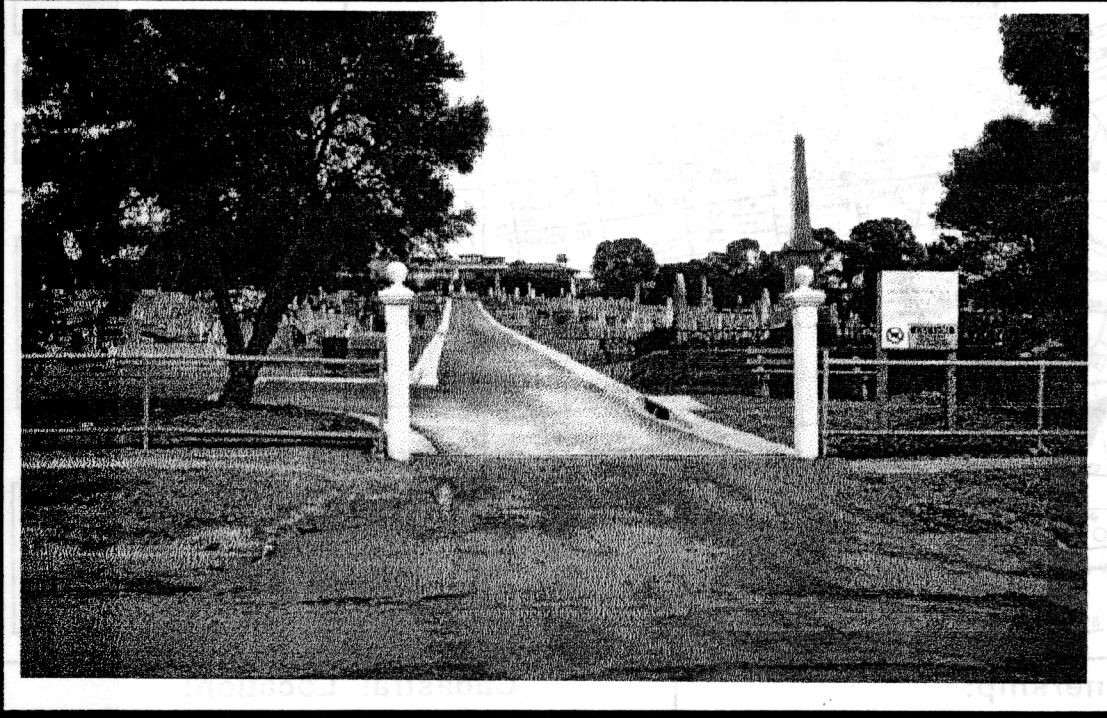


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Key Dates:	Original	Major Changes	Existing Use/Type
	c1860s		cemetery



Precinct Name	Survey Date
	8/11/1995
Neg. No.	Video Track No.
7/15	
Recorded By	
RL/KF	

Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

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Condition of the fabric:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Ruinous Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

Partially excavated

Fully excavated

Present Threats:

Human; mining

Human; visitor erosion

Human; vandalism

Human; development

Human; conservation/maintenance

Human; stock

Natural Forces; erosion

Natural Forces; vegetation

Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

Original Materials

Original Chimneys

Wall Decoration

Verandah Structure

Verandah Decoration

Original Parapet

other prominent elevations

Original Roof

Original Openings

Original Decoration

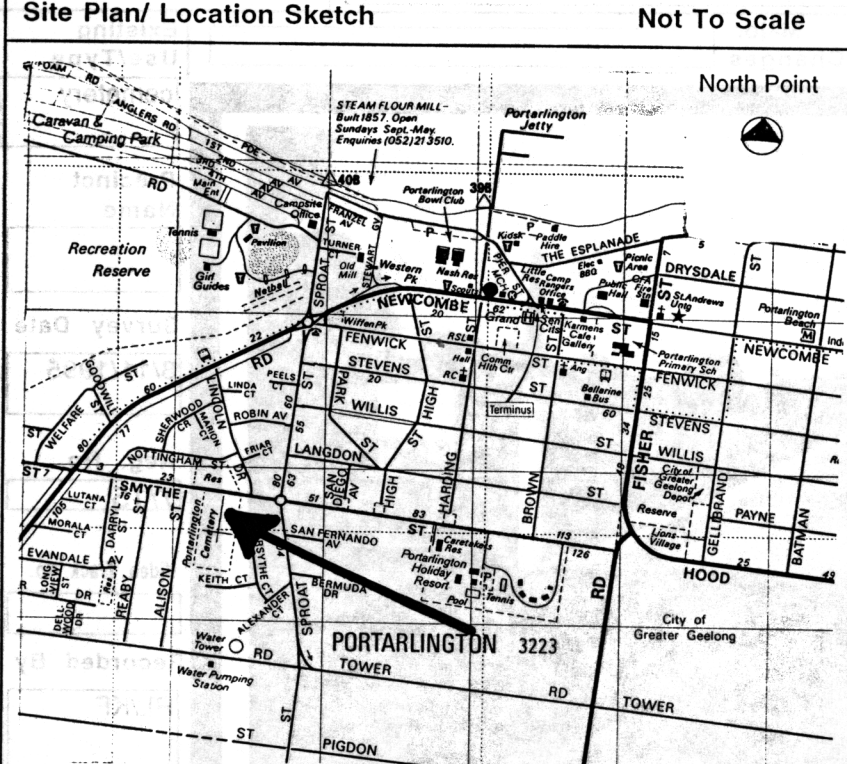
Original Finish

Early Garden

Early Fence

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

Map

Scale

Access

Informants

Geelong Cemetery Trust

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

The Portarlington Cemetery is located at some distance from the urban section of the town on a hill with a central roadway traversing the block from Smyth Street entrance. This entrance is marked with wooden gate posts topped with ornamental spheres. The cemetery plan (see additional information) has separate sections for each denomination with a diamond feature section at the top of the hill. There are several large ornamental trees and the paths are asphalt with curb and channeling.

The headstones represent many early pioneer families such as Calhoun, Widdicombe, Pywell and P.M.Brown. Several of the larger memorials hold prominent positions in the cemetery. The Wesleyan/Methodist and the Church of England sections hold the highest ground with the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian sections down the hill and near the gateway entrance.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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Historical Themes:

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Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

History of Site/Object/Place:

The Portarlington Cemetery dates from the early pioneering period of the town. It contains the graves of many pioneer families particularly the Calhoun, Pywell, Widdicombe, Willey and Cox families. Dating from the 1850s the headstones give a social history of the district and are a valuable source of genealogical information. The local cemetery was generally built away from the residential area for health and cultural reasons but they were usually planted with groves of trees, which in some cases have commemorative significance.

A number of the memorials are large and ornate giving an indication of the status of the individual or the family. These structures may be the work of stonemasons and craftsmen from both local and regional areas.

References:

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Portarlington Cemetery is located south west of the town on a hill and contains the graves of many district pioneering families. It is organised in Wesleyan/Methodist, Church of England, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian denominational sections with headstones dating from the 1850's. Some of the large ornamental groves of trees have commemorative significance.

The Portarlington Cemetery has scientific, historic and social value to the surrounding district.

The Portarlington Cemetery headstones and memorials are a source of genealogical information and examples of monumental mason craftsmanship. The size and decoration of the memorials indicating the status of the individual or the family and the location and layout of the Cemetery make this an important cultural place.

It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

Additional Information

Plan of Portarlington Cemetery GHRC

