

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

Site No.	Street/Site Name	Town / Suburb	Postcode	Record No.
Address 14-22	Oakden Rd	Drysdale	3222	72
Site Name Drysdale Cemetery				Page No. 1 of 4

Key Dates:	Original c1850s	Major Changes
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Existing Use/Type
cemetery

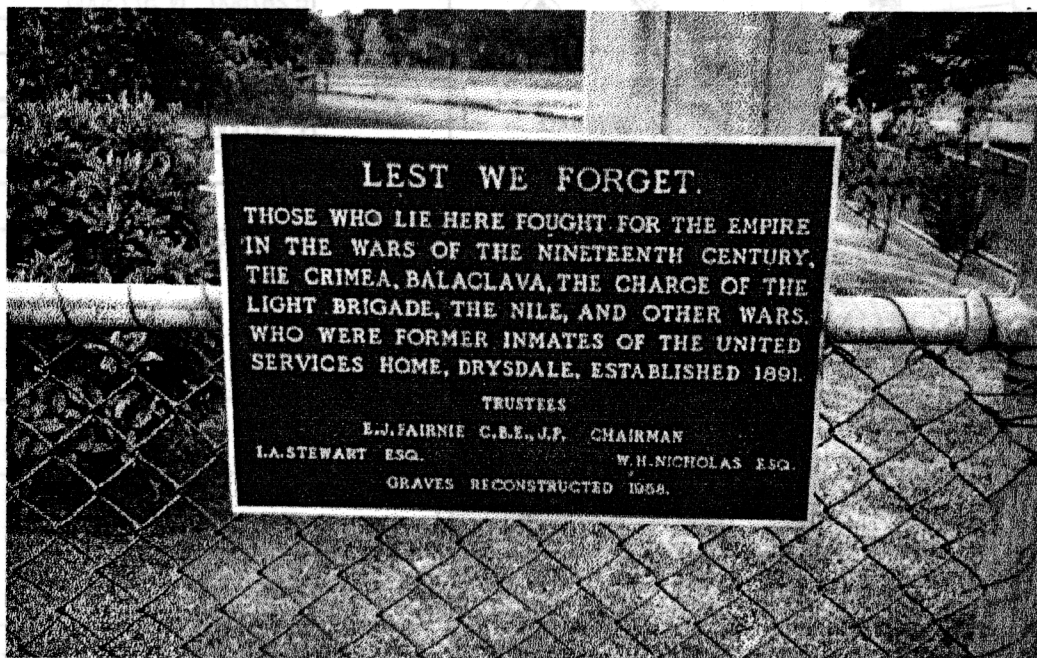
Precinct Name

Survey Date
22/12/1995

Neg. No.
7/27-29

Video Track No.

Recorded By
RL/KF



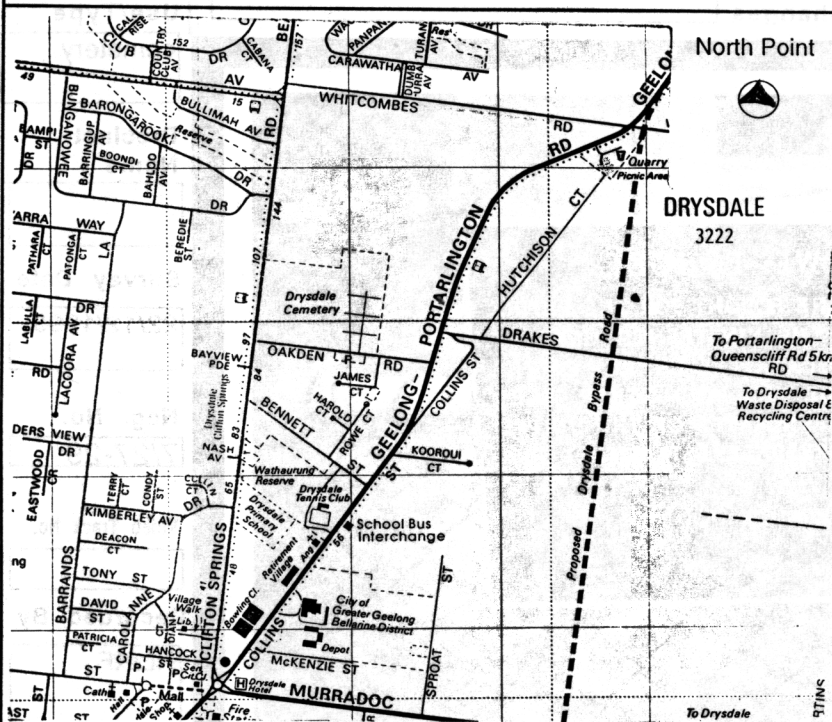
Heritage Status: CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER National Estate: Nominated <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Buildings Register Nominated <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> National Trust Register: <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Archaeological Register : <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> AHS Degree of Significance <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Condition of the fabric: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruinous <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed Integrity of the site: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Partially excavated <input type="checkbox"/> Fully excavated	Present Threats: <input type="checkbox"/> Human; mining <input type="checkbox"/> Human; visitor erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Human; vandalism <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human; development <input type="checkbox"/> Human; conservation/maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Human; stock <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Forces; erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Forces; vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Not threatened
	Significant Architectural Features: <input type="checkbox"/> Original Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Original Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Wall Decoration <input type="checkbox"/> Verandah Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Verandah Decoration <input type="checkbox"/> Original Parapet <input type="checkbox"/> other prominent elevations	Original Roof <input type="checkbox"/> Original Openings <input type="checkbox"/> Original Decoration <input type="checkbox"/> Original Finish <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch

Not To Scale



Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 287500 N 5773000

Map Melways map 238

Scale 1: 20,000

Access

Geelong Cemetery Trust

Informants

Ownership:

☒ Crown

☐ Private

☐ Resident owner ☐ Occupier only

Local
Govt
Area

☒ City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County Grant

Parish Bellarine

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

The Drysdale Cemetery is located on a large block of land to the north east of the urban section of the township. It is situated on a hill with a slope facing east and many large, old trees. The grounds are set out with each denomination in a designated area. Some of the headstones are associated with pioneer families and several sandstone monuments date from 1854. There is a separate section devoted to the commemoration of Crimean War Veterans. (see additional information) The monument is a large multi sided structure which contains the names of the veterans who are buried nearby and had resided at the Drysdale War Veterans Home. It is fenced off in a separate section of the cemetery in the north eastern area.

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> monument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement	esMigration	Communities	cmMonuments
Maritime		Landscapes	
Tourism		The Wider World	wwWar
Workforce		Cultural Activity	
Townships	twMunicipal	Miscellaneous	

History of Site/Object/Place:

The Drysdale Cemetery contains the graves of many pioneer families including the Wisbey, Wiffen, Kingsbury and Gallop 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 are the work of stonemasons and craftsmen from both local and regional areas.

The Drysdale Cemetery has a special commemorative section devoted to the Crimean War Veterans, buried in the cemetery, who resided at the veterans home in Crimea Street, Drysdale. These veterans were housed from 1890 to 1922 in the purpose built United Services Home for Veterans which was based on the models of the Chelsea and Greenwich institutions in London.(1)

References:

1. A. Willingham, 1986, *Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study*, GRC Vol.1., pp. 90-1

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Drysdale Cemetery, which is situated north east of the township, is set out in designated denominational areas with the graves of many pioneer families. It contains some large ornate memorials and headstones dating from the 1850s and large old trees. The Crimean War monument is associated with the purpose built veterans home in Crimea Street Drysdale which was based on London Institutions.

The Drysdale Cemetery has aesthetic, historic and social value to the Drysdale region.

The Drysdale Cemetery headstones are a source of genealogical information. Many of the monuments are representative of of monumental masonry craftsmanship. The Crimean section, 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.

The cemetery contains the graves of many Bellarine Peninsula families. The cemetery is unusual for its section devoted entirely to veterans of the Crimean War which is dominated by the Crimean memorial.

It is of REGIONAL cultural significance.

Additional Information

Photograph of the Crimean memorial.

