

Alberton Cemetery Heritage Permit Exemptions

1.0 Application

This incorporated plan applies to the Alberton Cemetery, HO248, at 214 Yarram-Port Albert Road.

2.0 Statement of Significance

The Alberton Cemetery, established c.1850, at 214 Yarram-Port Albert Road is of State significance historically:

- for the burial sites that are among the earliest in the State, comparing with cemeteries such as at Portland, Geelong and Port Fairy in representation of the pre-gold rush period in the Colony. (RNE criterion C.2)
- for the historical importance of the headstone inscriptions and form to Gippsland and the history of its settlement. (RNE criterion A.4)
- for the memorial groupings that show the change in access to the site from river to road. (RNE criterion B.2)
- for the early date and fine craftsmanship of many of the memorials and the rarity of some of the surviving timber structures and headstones. (RNE criteria E.1 & F.1)
- as a picturesque example of a nineteenth century cemetery with a notable gatehouse (RNE criterion E.1)

3.0 Elements of particular significance

The following buildings, areas, structures and trees within the Cemetery are of particular significance:

- The c.1900 Gatehouse.
- The remnant Canary Island and Monterey Pines, and remnant indigenous vegetation.
- The curving access road leading to the 'old section'.
- The 'old section' of the cemetery containing the earliest graves, situated closest to the river, and any other gravesites that date from prior to 1920.

4.0 No Planning Permit Required

Under Clause 43.01-2 of the Planning Scheme, no planning permit is required for the following development within that portion of the Alberton Cemetery subject to the Heritage Overlay:

- Interments, burials and erection of monuments, re-use of graves, burial of cremated remains, and exhumation of remains in accordance with the *Cemeteries Act 1958* (as amended).
- Stabilisation, conservation and repair of monuments.
- Emergency and safety works to prevent damage and injury to property and the public.
- Monument works undertaken in accordance with *Australian Standard AS4204 Headstones and Cemetery Monuments*.
- Demolition, alteration or removal of buildings and monuments except those specified in section 3.0 (elements of particular significance) above.
- Construction of a building provided the building is not more than 3 square metres in area and not more than 2 metres in height.
- Conservation and repairs to roads and paths, fences and gates, drainage and irrigation systems.
- Construction or display of signage provided the sign is less than 1 square metre in area.