

Statement of Cultural Significance for Catholic Cemetery, Mount Barker

UNDERSTAND SIGNIFICANCE

1

UNDERSTAND THE PLACE

Define the place and its extent

Investigate the place: its history, use, associations, fabric

Articles 5-7, 12, 26

ADDRESS: Daddow Road, Mount Barker. Place no.: 1100

EXTENT: CT 5108-665, Piece 2, Section 2802, Hundred of Macclesfield

HISTORY: c1850s

Mount Barker was one of the first recognised localities in the Adelaide Hills and was also one of the first to be settled. First viewed by Sturt in 1830 and identified by Captain Collet Barker in 1831, it was climbed and explored in 1837, and squatted from 1838. In 1839, South Australia's first Special Survey opened up the Mount Barker lands and farmers flocked to the area, providing a catalyst for the establishment of the township of Mount Barker in 1840. Surrounding farmers patronised and provided goods for the town's first shops, and the town flourished with an 1840 police station and early courthouse, an 1844 steam mill and other early industrial buildings, several 1840s hotels and stores, and the various churches and community buildings which would make Mount Barker one of the most significant towns in the hills.

There were many different religious denominations which flourished in Mount Barker. One of the earliest groups to organise themselves there were the Roman Catholics. The first recorded Catholic priest to serve the Mount Barker area was James Watkins, who arrived in February 1848. Soon after his arrival a long two-roomed stone hut was constructed on 'Paddy's Hill', half of which was used as a church and presbytery, the other half as priest's residence.

In July 1849, Watkins was replaced by Father Michael O'Brien. From 1851, the stone hut was also used as a school, and from 1868-70, Josephite sisters occupied a separate stone building near the hut. In 1894, a large two-storey presbytery was constructed which included the original stone hut. The land above the presbytery was used as a Catholic cemetery from the c1850s. Many local Catholics were buried here in the 19th and 20th century, and although some of the gravestones have been moved in the 20th century, the cemetery remains one of the most significant in the district.

EXTENT OF HERITAGE LISTING:

- Not State Heritage listed.
- Heritage Online 2004, Mount Barker Heritage Survey, included in the proposed Mt Barker Paddy's Hill Historic (Conservation) Zone MBPZ.

DESCRIPTION AND FABRIC: Large cemetery comprising stone and marble head-stones and crosses, and some graves surrounds including cast-iron railings. [Some of the headstone have been relocated to a row adjacent path above former manse.]

INTERIOR: describe the interior eg raked ceilings, heritage pews, stained glass windows, marble altar, stations of the cross, paint colours, floor coverings.

USE: Cemetery

ASSOCIATIONS: (connections that exist between people and a place, including social and spiritual values and cultural responsibilities)

2 ASSESS CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Assess all values using relevant criteria

Develop a statement of significance

Article 26

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE: The Catholic Cemetery on Daddow Road is an outstanding example of a 19th-century cemetery which demonstrates typical cemetery design and detailing of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and has significant associations with the early religious development of Mount Barker, especially the development of Catholicism in the area.

RELEVANT CRITERIA: (Under Section 23(4) of the Development Act 1993):

- (a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area, having significant associations with the early religious development of Mount Barker, especially the development of Catholicism in the area.
- (c) it has played an important part in the lives of local residents, especially those who have used or been associated with the cemetery
- (d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area, being an outstanding example of a 19th-century cemetery which demonstrates typical cemetery design and detailing of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- (e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event, namely the various important local residents who are buried and commemorated here.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL VALUE: Text

STATEMENT OF SOCIAL VALUE: provide an assessment of this value.

RELEVANT CRITERIA: name the criteria used to develop this statement of value

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Describe the significance of this site.

DEVELOP POLICY

3 IDENTIFY ALL FACTORS AND ISSUES

Identify obligations arising from significance
Identify future needs, resources, opportunities and constraints, and condition
Articles 6,12

Text

4 DEVELOP POLICY

Articles 6-13, 26

5 PREPARE A MANAGEMENT PLAN

Define priorities, resources, responsibilities and timing
Develop implementation actions
Articles 14-28

MANAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY

6 IMPLEMENT THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Articles 26-34

7 MONITOR THE RESULTS AND REVIEW THE PLAN

Article 26