

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: GNADENTHAL CEMETERY

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Day's Lane Tobin's Lane PENSURST

STUDY NUMBER: 353

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: A **SECTION:** XV **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 474 D14; VicRoads 73 E7; located on the east side of Day's (or Tobin's) Lane on a rise about 1.5km north of the Penshurst Macarthur Road

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



1752 Gnardenthal Lutheran Cemetery, Day's Lane, Penshurst

Image Date: 26/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the surviving graves, monuments, fences, etc., plantings and the whole of the cemetery reserve.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The cemetery is divided into two parts, the older being towards the south-east corner and the newer being along the Day's Lane boundary and closer to the entrance gates. There are about 75 burials in the cemetery. The first burial dates from June 1861, and the cemetery continues to be used today.

HISTORY:

The land on which the Gnadenthal cemetery is located is on the northern end of Section XV Allotment A of the parish of Boramboram. The land was sold to G. G. Crouch, date not known but probably at the same time that J F Krumnow purchased the surrounding allotments, IX, X, and XVI. Allotment A was subsequently subdivided and developed by the Burger and Mirtschin families from 1853.

A congregation was established at Gnadenthal in 1853, by the predominately German Wendish Community, served by Pastor Schurmann. The name "Gnadenthal" means "valley or dale of grace".

The Gnadenthal cemetery was established on land formerly owned by Peter Burger, and the first burial was took place in June 1861 (Huf, 70). Members of the Lutheran community continue to be buried in the cemetery.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

CONDITION:

The cemetery is well maintained, and the overall condition of the graveyard is good.

INTEGRITY:

high degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Gnadenthal Cemetery is a single denomination Lutheran Wendish Cemetery located on the east side of Day's (or Tobin's) Lane, about 1500 metres north of the township of Penshurst. The cemetery is divided into two sections, the older being towards the south-east corner and the newer being along the Day's Lane boundary and closer to the entrance gates. There are about 75 burials in the cemetery. The first burial took place in June 1861. The cemetery is in very good condition, and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Gnadenthal Cemetery is of historical and social importance to the districts of Penshurst, Tabor and Tarrington and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Gnadenthal Cemetery is of historical significance as an enduring record of those who have lived and died in the Lutheran and Wendish communities of Tabour, Penshurst and Tarrington. It is of further historical importance as a reflection of passing phases, ways of life and death, particular events, and as documentary evidence. It is of particular historical interest in that it is a single denominational burial site.

The cemetery is of social significance for reflecting the customs and tastes of the tightly knit German community, for reflecting the strong Lutheran and Wendish religious values, and for reflecting different economic and social status within the community. It is also important as a place of passive recreation.

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The Gnadenthal cemetery is of architectural significance for its range of tombstones, memorials and iconography reflecting the aesthetics of different periods and groups within the community. It is also of interest for its overall design and position within the broader landscape.

COMPARISON:

262 Boram Boram Cemetery, Boram Boram Lane, Penshurst
354 Hamilton South Lutheran Cemetery, Chatsworth Road, via Hamilton
388 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Complex, Tabor Road, Tabor
088 Zion Lutheran Church Complex, Byaduk Lutheran Church Road, Byaduk

ASSESSED BY: tfh & aen

ASSESSMENT DATE:

25-Oct-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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