

Incorporated Plan – Panel version February 2021

Schedule to Clause 72.04 - documents incorporated in the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme

Sorrento Cemetery - Heritage Overlay Permit Exemptions

1.0 Application

This incorporated plan applies to land within the Sorrento cemetery, being land generally located north of the main drive and as affected by heritage overlay HO516, at 78 Normanby Road, Sorrento.



2.0 Statement of Significance

What is significant?

Sited on undulating land on the southern edge of Sorrento and established in 1883, the Sorrento Cemetery at 78 Normanby Road – including surviving gravestones and memorials from the late-nineteenth to early twentieth centuries and continuing to the present day - is of significance.

How is it significant?

Sorrento Cemetery, 78 Normanby Road is of local historic, archaeological, aesthetic and social significance to the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Why is it significant?

Sorrento Cemetery, 78 Normanby Road is historically significant as it has functioned as a place of interment for the Portsea, Blairgowrie and Sorrento communities for

over 130 years. It provides a historical record and is a physical reminder of the communities of Sorrento, Blairgowrie and Portsea, their lives and names recorded in headstones, graves and memorials from 1886. The burial of shipwreck victims and a number of notable persons adds to the historical significance. The cemetery has social significance as a place of reflection and commemoration for the local community and others with a connection to the place. (Criterion A & G)

The undulating topography and informal vegetation, and interesting array of gravestone styles and materials, including some very elaborate memorials, combine to form a cultural landscape of aesthetic value. (Criterion E)

It is of archaeological significance for its ability to inform an understanding of earlier burial practices. (Criterion C)

3.0 Elements of particular significance

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

- C19th and early C20th gravestones and memorials

4.0 No Planning Permit Required

Under Clause 43.01-3 of the Planning Scheme, no planning permit is required for the following development within that portion of the Sorrento 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 and Crematoria Act, 2003*.
- 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.
- Repairs, conservation and maintenance to hard landscape elements, buildings and structures, ornaments, roads, paths, fences, gates, drainage and or irrigation systems.
- Construction or display of signage provided the sign is less than 1 square metre in area.
- Painting of previously painted structures provided surface preparation marks do not remove evidence of the original painted or other decorative feature.
- Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard AS4375 Pruning of Amenity Trees
- The process of gardening and maintenance to care for the cemetery landscape, planting themes, bulbs, shrubs and trees and removal of dead trees.

End of document