

78 Normanby Road, Sorrento Statement of Significance - February 2022

Heritage Place: Sorrento Cemetery

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What is significant?

78 Normanby Road, Sorrento known as the Sorrento Cemetery is 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?

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

Why is it significant?

78 Normanby Road, Sorrento is historically significant as it has functioned as a place of internment 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).

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