

Mortis Street Cemetery

Plan of location of headstones

When first transcribed in 1972 and checked in 1979 the cemetery was heavily overgrown with long grass and blackberries. Since then the Goulburn City Council has undertaken clearing of the cemetery and it has been maintained in a tidy condition. In order to draw a plan of the cemetery many headstones were checked again in early 1986.

The difficult recording conditions in 1972 (and, it must be admitted, the transcribers' lack of experience) resulted in what is an erratic and idiosyncratic numbering pattern. The clearing of the cemetery in the late 1970s, since when it has been maintained to a better standard, had the rather surprising result that many monuments and footstones recorded earlier could not be found in 1986. Some of these can be accounted for by the fact that many massive headstones are now lying face down, and their sheer weight made it impossible to raise them in order to check the transcription or locate them on the plan. A less surprising result was the discovery of some memorials (particularly footstones) that had not been seen on earlier excursions.

The following numbers do not appear on the plan as the tombstones could not be found in 1986, although entries do appear in the list of transcriptions: 9, 21, 27, 32, 33, 35, 40, 51, 58, 66, 86, 130, 138, 150, 151, 153, 163, 184, 187, 188, 195, 205, 215, 216, 255, 257, 267, 292, 307, 311, 322, 323, 326, 328, 386, 392, 446, 472, 475, 479, 483, 484, 498, 500, 537, 550, 559, 587, 589, 590.

Other numbers do not appear on the plan since they were not used in the list at all (generally because subsequent checking indicated that two numbers referred to one headstone rather than two, or to linked headstones which have been treated as parts (a) and (b) of one entry rather than as two sequential numbers). The numbers not used in the list and therefore not on the plan either are: 51, 140, 148, 165, 212, 261, 317, 340, 357, 358, 360, 384, 438, 519, 534.