

OTHER DATES:

1963 - The first Memorial Niche Wall was constructed

1972 - The Lawn 1 section was completed

1980 - The Brenda Willis and Athena Rose Gardens were developed

1990 - Niche Wall 2 was constructed

1993 - Lawn 2 was completed

2002 – The Monumental Lawn area was completed.

2018 - The new Gazebo was completed

2019 - Renovations to the little gazebo took place to become the Ian Davis Information Centre

2019 - The Kempton Family and Margaret Harvey Rose Gardens were completed

2022 – Lawn 3 was completed

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CAMPERDOWN CEMETERY



**Camperdown Cemetery Location:
Cemetery Road, Camperdown VIC 3260**

CAMPERDOWN PUBLIC CEMETERY HISTORY

Burials have taken place at the Camperdown Cemetery since 1854, after being 'pegged out' by District Surveyor Robert D Scott in 1853, on instructions from the Surveyor General.

The first recorded interment was Edmund Baker, an Irish immigrant who had died 44 from an accident at Koort Koort Nong.

Formal plans prepared by Surveyor Robert Scott and his Temporary Assistant, Louis W D'Elboux, were submitted by the Governor in Council the following month. Prominent residents, John Manifold, John Walls, Daniel Curdie, Adolphus Clark and TW Cooper were appointed the first trustees.

Scott's design indicated a formal radial plan of serpentine paths centred around a circular central chapel reserve, with defined burial areas for each denomination in the western half, reserves in the eastern half and areas to be beautified with flowers and shrubs.

The cemetery was re-surveyed by James Short in 1894 resulting in a slightly altered boundary, removal of the eastern half of the design and chapel reserve.

Subsequent changes have included some paths being utilised for grave sites, reserves changed to lawn plots, additional land purchased to the north for more lawn cemetery plots and the sale of a caretaker's cottage and surrounding land.

Trustees have been replaced by the Camperdown Cemetery Trust.

BURIALS OF SIGNIFICANCE



In 2021 the Trust determined it appropriate to highlight details of certain graves at the Cemetery. With the assistance of the Camperdown and District Historical Society information was developed on a number of significant graves at the Cemetery.

In 2022 the Camperdown Cemetery Trust was fortunate to receive a grant from the Federal Government's Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program for historical signage at the Cemetery. There are currently 3 signs with space for an additional sign in the future.

The signs include the following details:

James Murdoch Arthur, Edmund Baker, Margaret Bamford, Dr Daniel Curdie, Isabella Park (Dawson), Harold Lamb, Peter McArthur, John McCabe, Michael McCabe, Donald McNicol, Duncan McNicol, McDonald Family, Manifold Brothers, Wombeetch Puyun, James Tail, William Andrew Taylor, Duncan Stewart Walker and John Walls.

The grave of the Dawsons and the Wombeetch Puyunn are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.