

INTRODUCTION TO CEMETERIES IN GOULBURN AUSTRALIA

Whether you're embarking on a journey to uncover the roots of your family tree or just interested in the lives of the great men and women who helped shape Goulburn's history, we invite you to discover our historic cemeteries on this self-guided tour.



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GOULBURN GENERAL CEMETERY

(cnr Sydney & Gorman Roads, North Goulburn)

The Goulburn General Cemetery commenced operating in 1904 and is a fully operational cemetery which is open daily. It is divided into the following denominations;

- Church of England
- Seventh Day Adventist
- Methodist
- Interdenominational
- Presbyterian
- Undenominational
- Baptist
- War Grave Section
- Salvation Army
- Lawn Section

There are also memorial niche walls available for the interment of cremated remains. These walls are the Helen Gulson Memorial Wall, the Banksia, Waratah and Wattle Niche Walls. There is also a lawn section set aside for dual interment of cremated remains.

Historic Twynam Family Graves

The Twynam family owned and lived at Riversdale from 1875 until it was acquired by the National Trust in 1967.

- Take the first gate on your right hand side past the lawn section. The graves are located in section 32, lot 37.
- Edward Twynam: born 1831; Argyle District Surveyor 1864; Surveyor General of NSW 1888.
- Emily Rose Bolton: born 1845 in Hexham near Newcastle NSW to an intellectual and artistic family; married Twynam 1866, died 1910; from 1867-1882 had 8 children; won a prize in Chicago International Exhibition 1893 (embroidery) and exhibited an elaborately carved chair at the first Australian Exhibition of Women's Work in Melbourne 1907.

Above information drawn from various sources held in Goulburn Mulwaree Library.

MORTIS STREET PIONEER CEMETERY

(via Cemetery Street, adjacent to the Goulburn Correctional Centre)

Mortis Street Cemetery was the first Goulburn General Cemetery. It was officially closed for new burials with the opening of the new Goulburn General Cemetery, however family members were still being interred in family plots up to 1954. It is maintained as a historic site. The cemetery is bounded by Mortis Street, Maud Street and Cemetery Street. It was the second cemetery to be established in the Goulburn township area.

Established in the late 1830s, it has sections for burials of Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist and possibly Baptist adherents.

The earliest burial recorded on a headstone is that of Alexander Fraser, painter and glazier, who died on 2 September 1839, aged 50 years. According to the headstones, the oldest person recorded to be buried here is Duncan McDonell of Munerigie, who died on 21 September 1861, aged 101 years.

Historic Durack Family Graves

- The graves are roughly in the middle of the cemetery.
- For easy access, walk alongside the former engineering works. At the end of the building, turn left and walk along the pathway.
- There are five members of the Durack family buried on this site – Mary, Jeremiah, Mary, Patrick and Michael (note - there are only three headstones).

ST SAVIOUR'S ANGLICAN CEMETERY

(Cemetery Street, behind the Goulburn Correctional Centre)

The St Saviour's cemetery was almost certainly in use from about 1830 although the crown grant designating it as a burial ground was not made until 1842. The cemetery was closed for burials in 1937, but it should be noted that some memorials commemorate deaths later than that (for instance, for Violet Hutchison who died in 1957). The earliest headstones are for John Weakley (14 July 1831 or 1834) and Harriet Edwards (26 February 1833). The monument commemorating the burial of the person who reached the greatest age is that for Mary Kremer, who died in 1941 aged 99 years.

Captain William Hovell's Grave

- Hovell's grave is a sandstone altar-style monument, surrounded by a white wrought iron fence. It is located almost directly opposite a gate on the right hand boundary fence of the Cemetery.
- New research seems to indicate that Hovell may not actually be buried in this grave, even though his name is on the memorial. He died in Sydney (9 November 1875) but there is nothing found to suggest that his body was brought back to Goulburn for burial.

KENMORE/ST PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

(Middle Arm Road)

Kenmore Cemetery (also known as St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery) is located on Middle Arm Road. It opened for burials in 1889 and is still fully operational and open daily. Council assumed responsibility for this Cemetery in April 1998. Up until May 2002 it was essentially a monument burial ground with only very limited burial space left. In May 2003 Council extended the Cemetery and it now offers a lawn, as well as a headstone section on the western side of the chapel.

A portion of this Cemetery is retained by the Catholic Church. It contains the graves of nuns and priests. The grounds and records of both the General and Catholic Cemeteries are maintained by Council.

JEWISH CEMETERY

(Long Street)

The Jewish cemetery is situated in Long Street, in a valley below the War Memorial on the northern outskirts of town. The land for the cemetery was given in 1845 by Elias Moses, prompted by the fact that in late 1844 two daughters of John Moses were drowned and were buried in unmarked graves on the land.

Goulburn was noted for the high proportion of Jews amongst its population from the 1840s to the mid 1870s. It has been estimated that up to 22 burials have taken place here. Many of these were never marked by headstones but several of those remaining have inscriptions in both English and Hebrew. The cemetery was very overgrown and the stones in bad repair until the Australian Jewish Historical Society with the assistance of local historian Mr Stephen Tazewell embarked on an active program of restoration in the 1980s.

OTHER CEMETERIES IN THE REGION

Towrang Burial Ground

About 11 kilometres north of Goulburn, on the northern side of the Hume Highway, is the site of the Towrang Stockade, a penal settlement established in 1833 for the purpose of putting convicts to work in chain-gangs on building an extension to the Great South Road. At various times there were reputed to be up to 250 convicts in the Stockade and the ministers of the Goulburn churches visited Towrang as a matter of course. Only three headstones remain in the small burial ground, in an enclosure near the site of the old Towrang Stockade.

Abstracts of Headstone Inscriptions

- Mary BROWN, died 25 June 1841, aged 4 years 1 month
- John MOXEY, died 6 November 1838, aged 38 years. Private soldier 80th Regt., 22 years service. This stone was erected by his comrades as a token of respect towards a good and deserving soldier.
- Elizabeth WHITICKER, died 9 June 1841, aged 33 years. [The stonemason appears to have mistakenly inscribed the second letter of the surname as E, realised his error and amended it to read H, but the H is superimposed over the E, so both letters are visible].

Lake Bathurst Cemetery (St John's Anglican Church, Braidwood Road, Lake Bathurst)

Marulan Cemetery (All Saints Anglican Church, George Street, Marulan)

Marulan Catholic Cemetery (St Patrick's Catholic Church, George Street, Marulan)

Tallong General Cemetery (Long Point Road, Tallong)

Tarago Cemetery (Lime Street, Tarago)