

**Item name:** Old Temora Cemetery

**Location:**

Temora

**Address:**

**Planning:** Southern & Western

**Suburb/nearest town:** Temora 2666

**Local govt area:** Temora

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**State:** NSW

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**County:**

**Other/former names:**

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Landscape

**Group:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites

**Category:** Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground

**Owner:** Local Government

**Admin codes:**

**Code 2:**

**Code 3:**

**Current use:**

**Former uses:**

**Assessed significance:** Local

**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** A significant historic site containing the memorials to many of Temora's early pioneers. Its architecture demonstrates the variety of cultures and religions that have been represented in Temora. The names on headstones are seen in the street names, parks, businesses, and continuing local family names to the present. It is a focal point for those researching local, family, or cultural history.

**Historical notes of provenance:** This is not the only cemetery site in Temora. Another cemetery existed south of Austral Street on the eastside of the town and is now generally built over. Later there was also a Chinese cemetery between the Barmedman and Trungley Roads, north of the town. This Temora cemetery was laid out by the surveyors of 1880, when they laid out the town plan. It is placed outside the original town square of the four streets, Polaris, Aurora, Austral and Vesper, on land that while bearing no gold, was unfortunately not very suitable for a cemetery due to the thick clay soils. It was divided into its religious portions, each run by its own church Cemetery Trust Committee, the only difficulty being that at the time, no churches were operating as such at the commencement of the gold rush. Consequently many burials took place without any real controls or directions, and it appears that families simply chose an appropriate position within their allotted religious portion. This would explain why so many graves are placed well out of sequence and at odd angles, (variations of facing east). The earliest recognised headstone is that of Nester, a vigilante, in the Roman Catholic portion, who was accidentally shot and died on 6th August, 1880, a few weeks after the cemetery had been pegged. The first trustees of the Catholic portion were appointed by a letter of August 15, 1884. The trustees being W. Lanigan, Rev. J. J. Curley, Messrs P. Heffernan, Dan, J. Curtayne, and Charles Dillon. The earliest recognisable headstone is that of Edward Nestor, a vigilante, accidentally shot on 6th August, 1880. It is in the Roman Catholic portion.

**Themes:** **National theme**

9. Phases of Life

7. Governing

**State theme**

Birth and Death

Defence

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1880

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

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[Historical significance]**Criteria b):** All those interred  
[Historical association significance]**Criteria c):** The site is well maintained and the character of the denominational areas and the general setting including tree lined perimeter complements the streetscape  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]**Criteria d):** The site is highly valued by Friends of the cemetery and the local community in general  
[Social/Cultural significance]**Criteria e):** A valuable resource for local and family history  
[Research significance]**Criteria f):** The only Cemetery for Temora town and district  
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:** Good/Good**References:** Author  
Fr. Paul Bateman.**Title**  
The Church upon the Levels.**Year**  
1981

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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	David Scobie Architects	F Temora Shire Community based Heritage Study		2003

Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
		7014		DP	94444
	LOT	7015		DP	94444
	LOT	7022		DP	94444

**Latitude:** **Longitude:****Location validity:** **Spatial accuracy:****Map name:** **Map scale:****AMG zone:** **Easting:** **Northing:**

Listing:	Name	Title	Number	ListingDate
		Heritage study		

**Data entry:** Data first entered: 25/06/2004 Data updated: 09/02/2012 Status: Partial