

**Item name:** Cemetery - Aria Park Cemetery

**Location:** Temora

**Address:**

**Planning:** Southern & Western

**Suburb/nearest town:** Aria Park 2665

**Local govt area:** Temora

**Parish:**

**State:** NSW

**County:**

**Other/former names:** Village of Mandamah Cemetery.

**Area/group/complex:**

**Group ID:**

**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri

**Curtilage/boundary:**

**Item type:** Archaeological-Terrestrial

**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:** This cemetery is on the NSW Heritage list. It is of historic significance, partly because of its origins as the Mandamah Public Cemetery.

**Historical notes of provenance:** This is the cemetery of the earlier planned village of Mandamah. Early in 1884, a sketch of this proposed village was drawn up and sent to the Surveyor General on 24th March, 1884. Between the 22nd and 28th October, 1884, Surveyor Arthur Bray visited the site, surveying the proposed boundaries of the village and its suburban lands, which was accepted by the Surveyor General on 30th July, 1885, with the "Village of Mandamah" and its reserves being formally gazetted on 28th September, 1885. The "Suburban Lands" of "Mandamah" comprised a block two miles square, with the cemetery, now known as the Aria Park Cemetery, at its south-western corner. In October, 1896 the cemetery was formally surveyed, being now known as the "Aria Park Cemetery". It was dedicated on 9th June, 1897. Twelve months later, Messrs Campbell and Harmon successfully tendered to grub and clear the block and enclose it with rabbit-proof fencing. Local stories recall that Clara Fong and Mabel Baker rode out to see the surveying and clearing work, and speculated on who would be the first to rest in the newest of "God's Acres". Two years later, Mabel Baker, became the first to rest there, following her death from measles which had deteriorated into pneumonia. One historic headstone there is that of James Wilson who died at Broken Dam on 14th December, 1902. His headstone erected later by his friend Thomas Peadon, the publican, bears the incorrect date of 15th December, 1892.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
9. Phases of Life

**State theme**  
Birth and Death

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:** 1897

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** A small country cemetery, a distance from the town of Aria Park (being the original Mandamah Cemetery), it is laid out in its religious portions either side of a central avenue of trees. The grounds are bounded by remnant vegetation, giving it a tree-lined surround.

**Physical condition level:**

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**Archaeological  
potential level:****Archaeological  
potential Detail:****Modification dates:****Recommended  
management:****Management:** Management category**Management name****Further comments:****Criteria a):**  
[Historical  
significance]**Criteria b):**  
[Historical  
association  
significance]**Criteria c):**  
[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural  
significance]**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]**Criteria g):**  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:****References:** Author  
Bill Speirs, Arianh Park.**Title**  
The Beehive and the Broken Dam.**Year**  
1987**Studies:** Author**Title****Number****Year**

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**Parcels:** Parcel code Lot number Section number Plan code Plan number

**Latitude:**

**Longitude:**

**Location validity:**

**Spatial accuracy:**

**Map name:**

**Map scale:**

**AMG zone:**

**Easting:** 519929

**Northing:** 6202530

**Listing:** Name

**Title**  
Heritage study

**Number** **ListingDate**

**Data entry:** Data first entered: 04/07/2006

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