

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 34	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 23/03/1995	Last Revision Date: 07/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 5102	Asset ID: MCH126605	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery
Other Names:	Mullewa-Carnarvon Road (previously North Road)
Type of Place:	CEMETERY
Address:	Mullewa-Carnarvon Road (previously North Road)
Suburb:	Mullewa

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814210.00	GPS Easting: 266358.000
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Photo Description:

6/10/2011

T. Henkel

Hawes designed tomb for Selby Arnold with Bicentennial plaque at centre.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 56	Assess No.:	99
Reserv No.:	3334	Vol/Fol:	LR3011/382
Dia/Plan:	134426		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Cemetery		
Current Use:	Historic Cemetery		
Ownership:		Occupied:	
Public Access:	Yes		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone (Rendered)	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:	Numerous internal changes		

Located approximately 2 kilometres to the north of Mullewa on the west side of the Mullewa-Carnarvon Road, the Pioneer Cemetery consists of a large block of land surrounded by a perimeter fence. Accessed via a simple gravel track which loops around the western end of the cemetery, there are a range of different grave types including marble headstones - both simple and ornate, simple crosses, decorative iron grave surrounds as well as adapted metal cots, masonry grave plots as well as a small concrete tomb. There are also a number of raised earthen mounds indicating unmarked graves.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1895	Source:	Keefe, B., P.149
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In the first years of settlement the town of Mullewa did not have an official graveyard. Burials were carried out on the hill overlooking the railway station and it is estimated that approximately 50 graves are located in this area. During work connected with the railway extensions, many of the graves were destroyed. Due to concerns about proximity of burials to the town well, a Cemetery Board was formed and a new cemetery was opened to the north of Mullewa on the North Road - officially gazetted in May 1895. By 1920, control of the cemetery had passed to the Mullewa

Road Board. The North Road Cemetery was used until the 1950s, when it was considered unsuitable and a new one was established south west of Mullewa, on the Mingenew Road. The Pioneer Cemetery, which is included on the local heritage trail, includes the grave of Selby John Arnold, a young altar boy to Fr John Hawes who apparently died in tragic circumstances. Hawes designed and constructed the small tomb.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	602 Early settlers 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	9.7.1 Dealing with human remains 9.7.3 Remembering the dead

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pioneer Cemetery has considerable local historic value as an important burial place in the district which was in use for nearly 60 years. The place is typical of small country cemeteries of this era. The cemetery has further historic significance for its association to Monsignor John Hawes, via the design of the small tomb for Selby Arnold.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail (1988); Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos