

## Item Details

**Name**  
St Marys General Cemetery

**SHR/LEP/S170**  
LEP #303

**Address**  
175-191 Great Western Highway ST MARYS NSW 2760

**Local Govt Area**  
Penrith  
**Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
Unknown



<b>Item Type</b>	<b>Group/Collection</b>	<b>Category</b>
Archaeological-Terrestrial	Cemeteries and Burial Sites	Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground

## All Addresses

### Addresses

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
175-191	Great Western Highway	ST MARYS/NSW/2760	Penrith	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

## Significance

### Statement Of Significance

The St Marys general cemetery dedicated in 1881 is the earliest and largest general cemetery in the LGA. Its establishment demonstrates the aging population in the St Marys/Werrington nexus over the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and the emergence of a large suburban population at this time. The cemetery is a good example of a general cemetery formally laid out and is indicative of its era as demonstrated by its network of paths, and materials and style of memorial stones.

### Criteria a)

#### Historical Significance

The cemetery demonstrates the aging population in the St Marys/Werrington nexus over the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and the emergence of a suburban population at this time. It provides a direct record of St Marys twentieth century history and progress.

### Criteria c)

#### Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The cemetery is a good example of a general cemetery formally laid-out and is indicative of its era as demonstrated by its regular path network, and materials and style of memorial stones.

### Criteria f)

#### Rarity

The cemetery is the earliest and largest general cemetery in the LGA.

#### Integrity/Intactness

High

## Owners

**Records Retrieved: 0**

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

### Description

**Designer** **Builder/Maker**

Physical Description	Updated
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The item is a general cemetery situated on the Great Western Highway to the east of St Marys. The cemetery comprises a near square block. It is an elevated site with a slight grade to the east. The cemetery has a formal layout of paths and reserves for the denominations which at the time of dedication were Church of England, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Wesleyan Methodist, Independent, and Roman Catholic. The cemetery is characterised by its regular alignment of memorial stones orientated on an east-west axis. The older monuments tend to be clustered in the margins of a path with an asphalt surface on a north-south axis. The path is bordered by shade trees. The original cement rendered gateposts are located at the southern end of the path at the Great Western Highway. Other paths are concrete paved. This historic access ceased with the installation of the aluminium railing fencing which encloses the cemetery. The grounds are screened from the highway by a row of trees. The Major plantings are brush on southern boundary and bottlebrush along central drive, and cotoneaster along western boundary. The cemetery has a small concrete block store.

**Physical Condition** **Updated** 03/06/2005

Good

## Modifications And Dates

## Further Comments

### Current Use

Cemetery

### Former Use

## Listings

Listings

			Records Retrieved: 3		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010	303	9/22/2010 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study	St. Marys General Cemetery	SM-14	4/1/1987 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study		2260303	11/1/2007 12:00:00 AM		

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

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The cemetery was opened in 1881 with an Anglican section administered by a trust. The sections for Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans and Independent came later. The cemetery is the major burial ground for the St Marys region. In post second world war years the cemetery was used for burials of migrants of Greek, Maltese, Italian and Eastern European descent.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 2		
National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
9. Phases of Life	Birth and Death	Recognition of past events
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Rural villages

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0		
Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 6

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Pail Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
Penrith Cemeteries: Conservation Plans			1989		Don Godden and Associates Pty Ltd
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Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Stapleton, L & E.		Stapleton Collection c1975-1990	
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