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Street Address	19-27 Gordon Road, Redland Bay	
GPS/RPD	Lot 2 RP209904	
Place Type	Built	





Red-e-map (RCC, 2017).

Redland Bay Cemetery, Redland Bay (AHS, 2017).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Good
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	20/01/2017		

Historical Context

The Redland Bay Cemetery on Gordon Road is the second cemetery established in the suburb following European settlement. Redland Bay was a farming settlement from the 1860s; sugar was initially grown, however by the close of the nineteenth century the region had become a prosperous fruit growing district. [1] The development of Redland Bay was linked geographically with the emerging community in Mount Cotton, which included large numbers of German immigrants from the 1870s. While the Mt Cotton Community initially developed its own cemetery, it was soon inadequate.[2]

In 1890, an area of land on Serpentine Creek Road was gazetted as a cemetery, and was run by a board of trustees that included leading families of the district, such as the Mullers, Collins', Heinemanns, and Moores. [3]. The cemetery was situated on the road between Redland Bay and Logan, and by the early twentieth century, its location was deemed to be too distant. It was closed in c.1945.[4]

In 1907, resident P.P. Outridge donated 5 acres of land on Redland Bay Road, near Gordon Road, and the areas second cemetery was established on the site.[5] The new cemetery became known as the Redland Bay North Cemetery, and four internments were removed from the old cemetery on Serpentine Creek Road. [6]

The Redland Bay Cemetery on Gordon Road is still in use as the region's cemetery. Many notable early residents are interred there.

Physical Description

The Redland Bay Cemetery is bounded by Gordon Road to the east, All Saints Anglican Church to the north, RCC maintenance yards to the south and bushland to the west. The main entrance is via Gordon Road, and the cemetery has a number of zones including monumental burials (inclusive of historical internments), columbarium, lawn burials, and memorial rock garden. Tree groves border the cemetery on the south east, southern, western and northern borders, consisting generally of slash pine and remnant eucalypt, indicating the early placement of the cemetery away from the township.

Statement of Significance

The Redland Bay Cemetery has historic and associative significance as a place which embodies community values. It is an important link to past members of the Redland Bay community with burial commencing around 1909, while it remains operational as the regions cemetery. It signifies the establishment of a community with the attendant requirement for structures and facilities to support that community. It is also important for its link to the families of the Redland Bay area.

The cemetery has historical significance as the cemetery for the Redland Bay township where many notable residents are interred. It demonstrates the development of Redland Bay and the surrounding areas in the early twentieth century and remains in use today as the City's main cemetery.

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Criteria G	The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social,
	cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.

The Redland Bay Cemetery has special association with a number of pioneering families from the district. Many of them are interred there and the place holds special significance for their family members and the wider community.

Primary Themes				
1.0 Peopling Places	1.04 Family and marking the phases of life			

References

- [1] EHP, "Serpentine Creek Road Cemetery: 601927".
- [2] Ibid.
- [3] Mary Howells, "Places of the Redlands: Redland Bay", p.5.
- [4] EHP, "Serpentine Creek Road Cemetery: 601927".
- [5] Ibid; Howells, "Places of the Redlands", p.5.
- [6] EHP, "Serpentine Creek Road Cemetery: 601927".