



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16760
2. **NAME** *Menzies Cemetery (1895-1939)*
3. **LOCATION** Sandstone Road, Menzies
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 170 on Deposited Plan 254923 being part of Reserve 3348 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3131 Folio 779 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 16760 prepared by McMullen Nolan and Partners Pty Ltd
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Menzies
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency. Shire of Menzies)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 25/07/2008
Permanent Entry 25/08/2009
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Menzies Cemetery, a burial site located in a cleared area of native bushland, comprising grave markers with traditional headstones and distinctive metal grave markers, stone wall and metal gate entry, and gazebo, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place presents a microcosm of life on the West Australian goldfields between 1895 and 1939 and has the potential to yield information relating to the population, religious affiliation, ethnicity, morbidity and settlement of the area;

the place is distinctive for the number of ornamental iron monuments making use of locally available materials and skills in the absence of traditional funerary fixtures;

the place has aesthetic significance for the variety of monuments and other funerary fixtures, many of which display skill, artistry and craftsmanship in the disciplines of blacksmithing and stone masonry;

the place demonstrates associations with the earliest foundations and subsequent development of Menzies and the North Coolgardie Goldfields; and,

the place is associated with prospectors, miners, businessmen, government officials and their families who risked their health and their lives to follow the lure of gold and the call of duty.

The stone walls and metal gate entry are of some heritage significance. The gazebo is of some heritage significance.