

It might help

some of you make sense of death certificates (and burial places/names) you have for burials in the Bendigo area.

* In 1861 the Bishop of Melbourne consecrated the burial ground called the Back Creek Cemetery. So this was its original name.

* In July 1871 it changed its name to Sandhurst Cemetery but I believe that there might have been the use of the old name for the cemetery for some time on death certificates.

* In 1892 the cemetery was renamed, Bendigo Cemetery, and has kept this name.

Interesting how cemeteries change their names over time. My thanks to both group of volunteers at Bendigo for their time and help.

For those of you interested in the old cemeteries in the Bendigo area I would recommend the following book. I think local libraries, historical societies and family history groups have copies. The data below is from my copy.

* O'DONOHUE, Annette and Bev Hanson: "WHERE THEY LIE Early Burials on the Bendigo Gold Fields 1852-1870." Published by Annette O'Donohue, 1993. 152 pages.