



Heritage Watch 2011

Mt Morgan Cemetery



<p>Why we're watching</p>	<p>Mt Morgan once was a thriving mining community. Evidence of its wealth can be found in the resting places created for some of its citizens. With few relatives living nearby to help maintain the graves, some are falling into disrepair. As well, grave markers have been removed from the ground and placed elsewhere.</p>
<p>Significance</p>	<p>A good example of a regional cemetery in use since the late nineteenth century, the Mount Morgan cemetery contains some interesting and intriguing memorials. Some are of aesthetic significance due to their quality workmanship. Within the cemetery is a Chinese ceremonial burner (a heung lew or xiang lu), possibly the only one of its kind in Queensland. The cemetery is entered in the Queensland Heritage Register as place ID 600753.</p>
<p>What you can do</p>	<p>Send an email to the Mayor of the Rockhampton Regional Council indicating your interest in the heritage of Mount Morgan and its cemetery. Be positive. Suggest that as a historic gold mining town, Mount Morgan could be even more popular with tourists. Promote the cemetery as a community place which needs community care.</p>
<p>History/ Description</p>	<p>This cemetery reserve was gazette in 1889. On the southern side of the town, the cemetery is divided into sections and arranged in denominational areas. Headstones are in an east-west orientation. The 1909 Linda Memorial is for 26 miners killed in earlier mining accidents, while the Chinese ceremonial burner is for offerings for the dead.</p>
<p>Local Government Authority</p>	<p>Rockhampton Regional Council</p>
<p>Links to other information regarding the site</p>	<p>Contact details for the Mayor of the Rockhampton Regional Council can be found at http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/About_Council/Councillors/His_Worship_the_Mayor_Cr_Brad_Carter</p>