

Athelstone Cemetery

3 Schulze Court, Athelstone SA 5076



Key

Plots

Row Numbers

Columbarium Wall

Entry Point

Tap

Path

Bench



History of Athelstone Cemetery

The Shipley Congregational (later Independent) Chapel was built in 1853, on an acre of land donated by Henry Hersey and was opened for worship on 18 June 1854. The Village of Shipley was established in the 1850s to house and feed the workforce building the nearby Thorndon Park Reservoir, which was South Australia’s first reservoir and the largest infrastructure project of its day. However, once the Thorndon Park Reservoir was completed in 1860, the distance from town and the small population proved to be insurmountable obstacles. By 1913 the Chapel was deserted, described as a “nesting place for birds” in one contemporary newspaper account. The final service was held in 1926, and the abandoned Chapel was demolished, but the cemetery remains in use as a burial place for people of all denominations.

Campbelltown City Council took over management of the cemetery in June 1966.

For further information please contact Council on 8366 9222 or visit www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au