

Beechworth Public Cemetery Trust

WW1 Veterans Virtual Reality Tour

The Beechworth Public Cemetery Trust has researched WW1 Veterans who are buried in this historic facility. Amazingly one hundred and one soldiers, sailors, nurses and Boer War Veterans have been documented to date with relevant personal and military profiles compiled for each veteran. There were fourteen soldiers buried in unmarked graves who have now been suitably recognised with Government funded War Graves or monuments. Also, eighty-one WW1 and Boer War Veterans have been officially acknowledged for their military service.

Further to this research, the Beechworth Public Cemetery Trust has collaborated with Charles Sturt University to develop a joint project that will have the old, decommissioned Mayday Hills Mental Asylum electronically recreated as an “on-line” computerised audio-visual tour. This will be linked to the five former inpatients of that facility who were WW1 Veterans and who were originally buried in unmarked graves in the Beechworth Public Cemetery. These five WW1 Veterans form part of the original fourteen unmarked soldiers detailed above.

An interpretation sign at the Cemetery entrance will provide visitors with information to electronically view and/or visit both the decommissioned Mayday Hills Mental Asylum and the Veteran’s Cemetery graves within the historic Beechworth Public Cemetery by:

- Accessing the tour via the Charles Sturt University Albury/Wodonga Campus Website and/or the Beechworth Public Cemetery Website,
- By physically visiting each facility and then, by using mobile smart phones and I-pads, etc; access the QR Coding attached to the Mayday buildings and the Veteran’s graves. Once located, the Veterans personal and military history can then be download and viewed.