The cemetery's caretaker, Mr W. Jones, with one of the damaged headstones.

Headstones smashed

Vandals have damaged 22 headstones at the East Perth cemetery. Damage is estimated at $500.

The headstones, mostly heavy marble, were pushed over and smashed.

One big marble stone was broken in three and a heavy cross was pushed over.

The cemetery was established in 1829 and was the only one in Perth till 1900. Mr H. Gorringe, the acting managing secretary of the National Parks Board, which looks after the grounds, said that the cemetery had great historical value.

Many of the State's pioneers were buried there.

Twenty headstones were damaged two years ago in a similar attack. Volunteers did most of the repair work.