

BUILDING TITLE: Boer War Memorial **BUILDING ADDRESS:** cnr Market Place and Milton Streer
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** monument
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Melville Oval **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Classical

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1902 erected in market reserve
2. 1907 moved to present site
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- 4.
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- 6.

Sources:

1. Garden, *Hamilton*, p 158
2. *ibid*, p 182

MATERIALS:

Roof:

Walls: red granite & white

Dressings: marble shaft

Plinth: rockface bluestone

Windows: (one stone)

Paving: asphalt

Other: dressed bluestone
steps and balusters
iron chain and lead
lettering

SURVEY DATE: 5/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 5/11 & 12 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** setting amongst oak trees

CONDITION: E |X| G || F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Not just an expression grief for the local fallen of the Boer War, this monument marks a turning point in the history of Australia and of the squabbling of local politics.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: none apparent	Rec	Inappropriate: none apparent replace missing chain on one side repair chipped bollard	Rec
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O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

City of hamilton

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Wooles and Carpenter Warrnambool
sculptors and masons

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Boer War Memorial
cnr Market place and Milton Street

Erected in 1902 in memory of men from the district who either fell or died later as a result of the Boer War, this monument is of local significance. The caption, inscribed on three white marble scrolls at the base of the obelisk reads:

*Erected by the residents of this district to the memory
of those brave men of the H Co. VMR
who gave up their lives for Queen & Country in South Africa 1900*

*Lieut. RSRS Bree died at Blomfontein May 26th 1900
Pte T Stock killed in action at Rensberg Feb 9th 1900*

*and of Pte F Suttie killed in action at Basters nek Feb 10th 1900
Pte H Sealey died at Blomfontein April 30th 1900
Pte D Ross died at Noradjuha, Vic after returning from S Africa November 15th 1900
Dulce set decorum ast pro patria mori.*

*and of Pte F M (Frank) Meagher died 23rd July 1903 from wounds received at Pink Hill S Africa on
12th Feb. 1900.*

Garden says "The town was hardest hit by the death of [RSR Stapylton] Bree, aged onl 20 who died from enteric fever. He was a promising young mant, a product of the College, son of one of the leading residents and grandson of S G Henty." ⁽ⁱ⁾ The monument was the first step in the beautification of the market reserve. After the death of Lieut Bree's father, a councillor, the monument was moved from the reserve its present site.

The obelisk form recalls ancient funerary monuments. It is well crafted by the Warrnambool stonemasons. and presumably scluptors, Wooles and Carpenter. The most notable feature is the bluestone plinth, signifying strength, which is carved from one stone to represent a pile of rocks. The chain strung between the smoothly finished bluestone bollards is also of interest. It is made up of ordinary links and spiked balls. The scrolls and the lead lettering are conventional. Behind the monument are two oak trees, *Quercus robur*, symbolising remembrance. In front of the monument is a cannon marked 43-0-8, 1843, C-V N C.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

War Boer War
Government: Municipal
Evolution of the Town: 1900s

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Melville Oval Beautification

REFERENCES

Garden, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne 1984

FOOTNOTES

ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 157 - 8.