

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** WAR MEMORIAL

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Nareen Road NAREEN

**STUDY NUMBER:** 061

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** outside

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF TARRAYOUKYAN

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 386 D21; VicRoads 54 B7; on the Nareen Road at Nareen outside the public hall and former school.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. The memorial and its immediate surrounds.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Nareen war memorial is located on the Nareen Road, outside the local community meeting place, the Nareen Hall. It is constructed of granite, and takes the traditional form of an obelisk. It has a height, in imperial measurements, of 13 feet, 7 inches. The memorial is constructed of five square blocks of grey granite. The base is of rough-hewn rock face granite, to a height of 5 feet. The die and obelisk above are of finely adzed, polished granite.

The die is inscribed on three sides with the names of those who served in World War One. The west face lists the names of those who were killed, while the north and south faces carry the names of those who returned. Names with a capital A denote Anzacs. The east side reads 'Erected by the people of Nareen, 1921'.

## **HISTORY:**

According to Waters' "Early History of Nareen", twenty soldiers and one nurse from the Nareen area served in the First World War. Of these, 7 perished, including two Anzacs. Following a public meeting in 1921, a committee was formed to oversee construction of a memorial to those who served. The contractor was Mr Dale, of Casterton.

The austere granite structure represents a traditional and typical response to the sense of loss and grief which small communities felt after the First World War. The memorial was deliberately sited at the centre of the Nareen township, at the local meeting place for the community. It was unveiled on 28th May, 1921 by Cr. McKebery, the President of the Shire of Wannan.

Sixteen people from Nareen and district served in World War Two, with all returning home. They are remembered on a roll of honour inside the Nareen Hall, in front of which stands this memorial.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 7: Governing  
7.7 Defending Australia  
7.7.3 Going to war

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9: Marking the phases of Life  
9.7.3 Remembering the dead.

## **CONDITION:**

The memorial is in good condition although there is a small amount of lichen on the surface of the die.

## **INTEGRITY:**

High degree of intactness

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The Nareen war memorial is located on the Nareen Road, outside the local community meeting place, the Nareen Hall. It is constructed of granite, and takes the traditional form of a obelisk raised above a base of rough-hewn rock face granite. The die and obelisk above are of finely adzed, polished granite. The die is inscribed on its north, east and west sides with the names of those who served in World War One.

How is it significant?

The Nareen War Memorial is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the area of Nareen and the

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## Why is it significant?

The Nareen War Memorial is of historic significance because it commemorates at a local level some of the most important events in the national history of Australia and especially the roles of those from the community who served and died.

It is of social significance as the focus of acts of commemoration such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and as a place of homage for the community.

It is of aesthetic significance for its of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This significance is enhanced by its setting and location.

## COMPARISON:

064 War Memorials, Port -Fairy Hamilton Road, Byaduk

063 War Memorials, Stirling St, Balmoral

096 War Memorial, Memorial Drive, Glenthompson

358 War Memorial, 78 Whyte Street, Coleraine

367 War Memorial, Parker and Sterling Street, Dunkeld

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

03-Sep-01

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

## REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Harold Bradley	War memorials of Victoria : a pictorial record	1994	
W. J Waters	Early History of Nareen and District	1946	