

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WAR MEMORIALS

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Stirling Street BALMORAL

STUDY NUMBER: 063

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Balmoral

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: none **SECTION:** 9

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 388J; VicRoads 227 T3; set within the junction of the Coleraine-Balmoral Road and Stirling Street, at the centre of the township of Balmoral

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



War Memorial, Stirling Street, Balmoral.

Image Date: 01/02/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the two memorials, the flagpole and the triangular reserve of land between Stirling Street and the Coleraine Balmoral Road.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The earlier memorial, erected after the First World War takes the traditional form of a mounted obelisk. It is constructed of granite, and has a height of 13 feet 7 inches. The base blocks and the two blocks which form a plinth are of rough-hewn granite. The die is of polished granite. The die is inscribed on its north, south and east sides with the names of those who served in World War One. Other names of those who served in the Second World War have been added as plaques on the east side. Above the die is a tapered cornice stone and this is surmounted by the rough hewn obelisk. The memorial is surrounded by a low fence of steel piping held up in each corner by small obelisks of rough hewn granite.

The later memorial takes the form of a low wall and is constructed from light brown textured concrete bricks ['Besser Bricks'] with two panels of perforated concrete blocks set into the wall. It is approximately 6.0m long and 1.4m high.

The flagpole, painted red white and blue in thirds, stands immediately in front of the memorial wall.

HISTORY:

The first memorial, dedicated to those who served in World War One was erected in the 1920s, probably as a response to the Returned Soldiers Leauge applying for funding. The second memorial and flagpole were erected in the 1960s.

The memorial is deliberately sited at the centre of the township. The memorial is the focus for ceremonies on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and should be understood in association with the local Memorial Hall as well as the surrounding park.

There is limited information available regarding the history of the erection of the memorials, or those who served from Balmoral.

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 granite war memorial is in good condition. The concrete block war memorial is in good condition but two capping blocks may be missing from either end.

INTEGRITY:

High degree of intactness

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

There are two war memorials in Balmoral, located at the intersection of the two major roads leading into town. The earlier memorial, erected after the First World War, takes the traditional form of a mounted granite obelisk. The die is inscribed on its north, south and east sides with the names of those who served in World War One. The names of those who served in the Second World War have been added as plaques on the east side.

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How is it significant?

The Balmoral War Memorials are of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Balmoral War Memorials are of historic significance because they commemorate 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. The memorials are 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. They are of aesthetic significance for the use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This is enhanced by its setting and location.

COMPARISON:

0064 War Memorials, Port -Fairy Hamilton Road, Byaduk

0061 War Memorial, Nareen Road, Nareen

0096 War Memorial, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

0358 War Memorial, 78 Whyte Street, Coleraine

0367 War Memorial, Parker and Sterling Street, Dunkeld

ASSESSED BY: aen

ASSESSMENT DATE:

30-Jan-03

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
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