

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WAR MEMORIAL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Parker & Sterling Streets DUNKELD

STUDY NUMBER: 367

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Dunkeld

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF DUNKELD

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 433J 5; VicRoads 229 R4; located at the north-west corner of Memorial Park.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



War Memorial, Parker Street, Dunkeld

Image Date: 2/11/01

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the memorial and its surrounding plantings.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a simple sandstone 'temple' which includes a granite die, all surmounting a grey granite pedestal of several blocks. The pedestal stands on shallow granite steps. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted. The sandstone of the temple is pale pink and may be from the Grampians. The four square columns of the temple are loosely in the Tuscan Order. Within the temple there is a polished granite block with gilded lettering which reads, on the face, "Erected by the citizens of Dunkeld and District in honour of those who served in the Great War 1914-1919 and as a lasting tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives. We lie dead in many lands that you may live here in peace." The names of the fallen are inscribed on the other faces. Names of the fallen from the Second World War are inscribed on a block of the pedestal. The monument is in a memorial park, located at the north-west corner and set on the diagonal with a backdrop of dark green Cupressus sempervirens alternating with light green Pittosporums. In the south-west corner of the park there are memorial gates.

HISTORY:

The Dunkeld War Memorial was unveiled on 4 August 1929 by William Slater, MLA as a tribute to those who served Australia and the Empire (Clabburn, 61). "There were terrible losses of men in the First World War" (ibid., 56). It is a traditional and typical response by a community to its loss and grief. The designer and builder of the memorial are not known but Mr. W Ballinger was the president and C E Newton was the secretary of the Organising committee. The names of those who went to the Second World War, including the ten who died, were added to the memorial and it was rededicated on 17 October 1948 (ibid., 56). The surrounding district was being settled under the Soldier Settler Scheme, especially at Woodhouse, and the local history notes that "Great support was given to plant trees, build the fence and organise the gate by the soldier settlers" (ibid., 56). The RSL Sub-Branch was formed on 18 September 1946 with Donald Ross as President and Elliot Mitchell as Secretary. F J Fry received Life Membership for his work as secretary from 1952-1987. 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 nearby local RSL Hall as well as the surrounding park.

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 excellent condition.

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Dunkeld War Memorial stands at the centre of the township in the north-west corner of a memorial park set on the diagonal. It was unveiled on 4 August 1929. The designer and builder of the memorial are not known. It takes a traditional form and incorporates a statue of a soldier, a temple enclosing a die, and a plinth. The statue is white marble, the temple is pink Grampians sandstone and the die and the plinth are grey granite.

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Typically, the names of those who served and died in both World War One and Two are inscribed on the die and plinth. Memorial gates were built after the Second world War in the south-west corner of the park. Recent plantings have occurred around the memorial which is in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Dunkeld War Memorial is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Dunkeld 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.

It is of aesthetic significance for its use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning.

This significance is enhanced by its setting and location.

COMPARISON:

061 War Memorial, Nareen Road, Nareen

063 War Memorials, Stirling St, Balmoral

096 War Memorial, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

064 War Memorial, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

065 War Memorial, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

27-Nov-02

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
Elise Clabburn, et al	Dunkeld and District, A Short History	1989	56-7
Harold Bradley	War Memorials of Victoria : a pictorial record	1994	