

Winchelsea Memorial Grandstand and Gates



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Location

70 Hopkins Street (Eastern Reserve), WINCHELSEA VIC 3241 - Property No 104000

Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

Level of significance

-

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1535

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO89

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

A detailed conservation report for this place has been prepared for the Shire by Lorraine Huddle Heritage & Design. According to this report, the grandstand was built using the 'Knitlock do-it-yourself' construction system which was designed by Walter Burley Griffin in 1917. The initiative to use this distinctive construction method is considered to be an important part of the place's significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Surf Coast - Surf Coast Places of Cultural Significance Study, Context Pty Ltd with assistance from Dr Carlotta Kellaway with later assessments added by Dr David Rowe, 2003;
Other Names	Winchelsea & District Soldiers Memorial 1914-1918,
Hermes Number	125600
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Concrete grandstand, with timber bleachers and balcony, and timber shutters at the front. Enclosed rooms underneath used for the RSL. The grandstand was built in c1922-23 as a memorial to the district's soldiers in the first world war. It was constructed by Warner. The entire reserve was planned as a memorial. There was an avenue of honour planted on the approach to the reserve on Bennett Street, but this did not survive. Other features include: the iron gates, ticket box and brick gateway built in c.1955 as a World War 2 memorial, grassed oval, cypress plantings along the boundaries of the reserve. There are some newer structures, including brick changing rooms ('Edmund Hole Pavillion 1937'). The grandstand is said to be subject to vandalism and damage by weather. A detailed conservation report for this place has been prepared for the Shire by Lorraine Huddle Heritage & Design. According to this report, the grandstand was built using the 'Knitlock do-it-yourself' construction system which was designed by Walter Burley Griffin in 1917. The initiative to use this distinctive construction method is considered to be an important part of the place's significance. The grandstand and gates were both funded by public fundraising in the Winchelsea community. The grandstand houses a small museum of artefacts belonging to German and Australian soldiers.

Veterans Description for Public

The Winchelsea memorial grandstand and gates are located at 70 Hopkins Street, Eastern Reserve, Winchelsea, Surf Coast Shire. The grandstand was built between 1922-23 as a memorial to the district's soldiers in the First World War. The entire reserve was planned as a memorial and there was an avenue of honour planted on the approach to the reserve on Bennett Street, but this did not survive. Despite the small population of Winchelsea, funds for a First World War memorial were raised by public donation, resulting in the erection of a substantial grandstand, incorporating the Winchelsea and District Branch of the Returned & Services League (RSL)

clubrooms under the seating. It was built by voluntary labour at a cost of £775.

The iron gates, ticket box and brick gateway were built circa 1955 as a Second World War memorial and were funded by public fundraising in the Winchelsea community. The grandstand also houses a small museum of artefacts belonging to German and Australian soldiers.

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