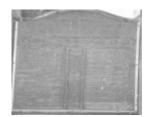# Toolern Vale War Memorial

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War Memorial, Toolern Vale

Location

off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road TOOLERN VALE, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

-

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road, Toolern Vale, is significant as a memorial to the local soldiers who fought and died in the First World War between 1914 and 1919. It has further significance as

an unusual example of a commemorative monument, with its repousse copper upright plaque featuring Art Nouveau detailing.

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC. D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities that include the unusual Art Nouveau detailing and construction in the upright repousse copper plaque. Other important qualities include the flanking concrete rectilinear columns and bluestone base.

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4, H.1, G.1). It is associated with the local soldiers who fought and died in the First World War between 1914 and 1919. It is recognised and valued by the local community for cultural and commemorative reasons. As one of the few structures of any sort to survive the fire that consumed the hamlet in 1965, it is of additional importance to the town's history.

Overall, the First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	In park, off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road, Toolern Vale, First World War Memorial,
Hermes Number	125610
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road, Toolern Vale, is located within an open grassed setting that is surrounded by trees in the local park.

The Memorial is characterised by a repousse copper Art Nouveau-inspired upright plaque with a curved top. It features typical Art Nouveau detailing including the tulip motifs and other sinuous patterns, and the names of the soldiers who engaged in the war. Flanking the plaque are two square concrete columns with simple rectangular capitals and pedestals. The columns are supported on a smooth faced bluestone pedestal which in turn rests on a coursed and tuckpointed bluestone base. The area around the base is gravelled and a new plaque has been added to the base facing the road in 2006.

Historical Australian Themes

Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'

Integrity

Intact

Physical Conditions

Very good

Veterans Description for Public

The Toolern Vale Memorial, on Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road, is located within an open grassed setting surrounded by trees in the local park. The Memorial is an ornamental structure,characterised by a repousse copper Art Nouveau-inspired upright plaque with a curved top. Itlists the names of district soldiers who served in the First World War. Flanking the plaque are two square concrete columns with simple rectangular capitals and pedestals. The columns are supported on a smooth faced bluestone pedestal which in turn rests on a bluestone base. As it is one of the few structures of any sort to survive the fire that consumed the Toolern Vale in 1965, it is of additional importance to the town's history. In 2006 the area around the base was gravelled and a new plaque added to the base facing the road.

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