

Beeac War Memorial



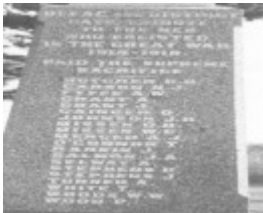
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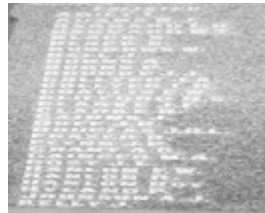
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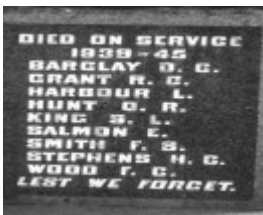
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Location

53 Main Street BEEAC, Colac Otway Shire

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2003

The Beeac War Memorial stands in a large formal fenced enclosure on the corner of Lang and Main Streets, Beeac. The Memorial was unveiled in 1923 to commemorate the district's World War One volunteers. A plaque was added later to commemorate those who died in the Second World War. The Beeac War Memorial is of historic, social, cultural and aesthetic importance to the Shire of Colac Otway. The Beeac War Memorial is of historic importance in demonstrating, through the names listed on the plinth, the profound affect the First World War in particular had on the Shire's rural communities. The memorial is also of social and cultural importance through demonstrating the community's public recognition and acknowledgment of the district's contribution to two world wars. The Beeac War Memorial is aesthetically important as a good example of a typical unknown Australian Digger, standing high on a tall obelisk and rough stone plinth, that honours those members of the local community who served and died in the First and Second World Wars.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Colac Otway - Colac Otway Heritage Study, Mary Sheehan & Associates, 2003; |
| Construction dates | 1923, |
| Hermes Number | 125819 |
| Property Number | |

Historical Australian Themes

Memorials & Monuments (9.3)

Physical Description 1

A typical memorial statue of a soldier, a single standing Digger, dressed in infantry uniform with slouchhat, standing to attention in solemn requiem with rifle upside down in remembrance of fallen comrades arms. It is interesting to note that the soldier's gaze is upwards and is not looking down. The memorial, made up of a rock cut bluestone foundation and plinth, supporting a tall polished grey granite obelisk on which rests the figure of the soldier, is set on a large square concrete base in a fenced off enclosure. The low fencing has been designed with red brick kerbing, a series of coarse bluestone pylon posts supporting double circular metal tubular bar fencing. A small metal gate gives access into the enclosure. The memorial was dedicated in 1923 when the long list of names of those who served and died in the First World War engraved in the granite was unveiled by General Elliott. An additional pink polished granite engraved tablet is set at the base of the statue commemorating the district's men who served and died in the Second World War.

Physical Conditions

Fair-poor

Integrity

Substantially intact

Veterans Description for Public

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