
Narre Warren Memorial Gates

Location

Magid Drive, FOUNTAIN GATE, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO173

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 28, 2004

What is significant?

The Narre Warren War Memorial, originally constructed in 1922 with additions in 1949 and relocated to the present site in 2003, at Magid Drive, Fountain Gate.

How is it significant?

The Narre Warren War Memorial is of local historic and social significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, the Narre Warren War Memorial is significant as a community icon, erected in memory of those Narre Warren residents who enlisted in, and those who died in the First and Second World Wars. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1922, 1949,

Hermes Number 125888

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Narre Warren War Memorial Gates comprise a pair of concrete pillars faced in granite. On the left hand pillar the words read: RETURNED SERVICEMEN 1939-1945 with 27 names, on the right pillar the words read: LEST WE FORGET 1939-1945 with the names of two servicemen.

Physical Conditions

Good

Intactness

Moderate

Historical Australian Themes

Community & Culture; Commemorating

Veterans Description for Public

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In June 1948, a public meeting was called in Narre Warren to discuss ways of reconditioning the memorial and adding the names of the residents who enlisted in or died in the Second World War. The War Memorial Committee recommended the erection of new granite pillars on the outer ends of the wings and to reface these concrete wings in granite. This work carried out by Burwood Monumental Works at a cost of £200 was unveiled on Anzac Day, April 25th 1949. Further work was carried out at a cost of £63 in May 1949 to prevent the memorial collapsing. In 1981, a public meeting agreed that because of vandalism and the reconstruction of the Princes Highway the memorial should be re-sited above and east of the City of Berwick Civic Centre Ornamental Lake. This was done in March 1983. Finally, in 2003, the memorial gates were relocated to their present position outside the City of Casey municipal offices.

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