

Ballarat Arch of Victory



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Location

Sturt Street and Learmonth Street BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO150

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 16, 2004

HO150 Arch of Victory - Sturt Street

Construction dates 1920,

Hermes Number 126418

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Large arch.

Usage/Formal Usage

Commemoration

Veterans Description for Public

The Ballarat Arch of Victory, located on Sturt and Learmonth Street, commemorates the First World War. Following cessation of hostilities in 1919 and completion of the plantings of the Ballarat Avenue of Honour, the 'Lucas Girls' (from the clothing firm, E. Lucas & Co, Ballarat) led by Mrs W. D. Thompson, began planning and fund raising of £2600 for a commemorative arch to provide an entrance to the Avenue of Honour.

The Arch of Victory, designed by H.H. Smith, Head of the Art School at the School of Mines Ballarat, was a grand cement rendered masonry structure of a single central arch flanked by wide piers (20 metres in width, spanning the roadway, and 18 metres high). The arch, erected in 1920, is crowned by the 'Rising Sun' symbol of the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces beneath which the words Avenue of Honour and Victory are written prominently across the arch. In addition to the initial costs, for the Avenue of Honour and the Arch of Victory, a further £400 was donated by the public to a Maintenance Fund, with a returned soldier employed to attend to the trees.

The Arch of Victory remains intact but with the addition of memorial plaques in 1954 and 1987 to commemorate those who served from 1939-1945 and in the more recent conflicts in Korea, Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam. In

1993 the Arch of Victory Precinct, opened by Edward 'Weary' Dunlop, was created by the relocation of the 1938 Memorial Rotunda and Roll of Honour to the road reserve immediately south of the Arch. Adjacent is the Memorial Wall, with 72 bronze plaques which record the Servicemen's names and the number of the tree in the avenue that is specifically dedicated in their honour.

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