
Keilor War Memorial



1854 - Brimbank City Council
Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study 1998



Keilor 1.jpg



Keilor 2.jpg

Location

Old Calder Highway; Macedon Street, KEILOR VIC 3036 - Property No 91

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO096

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1999

Individual place statement of significance::

The Keilor Cenotaph is of local historical and social significance for its association with the soldiers and their families of the Keilor township and district who made a sacrifice during the two World Wars. In its simple form it reflects the great respect afforded returned servicemen following those conflicts.

Precinct statement of significance::

Of State significance as an important remnant streetscape relating to the goldfields era village of Keilor, and with several substantial and intact buildings from the Gold Rush period including the Keilor Hotel, Court House and Police Station.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Cultural Heritage Study, Meredith Walker, Christine Johnston & Carmel Boyce, 1986;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	127127
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A simple granite 'stele' or cenotaph form set on a low rectangular concrete, pebble-veneered plinth with two bronze sword relief sculptures fixed to the vertical corners of the upright column and a white marble plaque along the base bearing the inscribed words: 'Lest We Forget'. The memorial is surrounded by a low round-topped, timber picket fence and timber gates. A timber flagpole is also contained by the fence. There is no date on the structure. Located outside the municipal offices and facing towards the building, and therefore away from the road, it has evidently been relocated at some stage, probably when the municipal offices were built. The original location was apparently near the old shire offices, further down the main road. Honour boards inside the Old Shire Hall list the local people who served in the two wars.

Physical Conditions

The monument is in excellent condition and is intact. Its present location among a landscape of pine and other exotic trees, provides an appropriate setting although this is evidently not its original location.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Veterans Description for Public

The Keilor War Memorial is located near the former municipal offices and under the avenue plantation on Macedon Street. The memorial commemorates the sacrifice of Keilor's servicemen in the First and Second World Wars. It resembles a simple granite 'stele' or cenotaph form, set on a low rectangular concrete, pebble-veneered plinth. It features two bronze sword relief sculptures fixed to the vertical corners of the upright column and a white marble plaque along the base bearing the inscribed words: 'Lest We Forget'. The memorial is surrounded by a low round-topped, timber picket fence and timber gates. A timber flagpole is also contained by the fence. The monument does not list the names of the servicemen but they are listed on Honour Boards inside the Old Shire Hall.

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