

What is significant?

The Boer War memorial located in the rose garden in Officer Street, Mortlake, probably in the early 1900s celebrates the lives of those local men who died serving in the South African War of 1899-1902 and was erected at the end of the war. The memorial is a simple bluestone obelisk with an inscribed white marble plaque on each face.

How is it significant?

The Boer War memorial located in the rose garden in Officer Street, Mortlake, is of historical and aesthetic and social significance to Moyne Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Boer War memorial located in the rose garden in Officer Street, Mortlake, is of local historical significance as a memorial erected to honour those local men who died in the South African War of 1899-1902.

The Boer War memorial located in the rose garden in Officer Street, Mortlake, is of local aesthetic significance as a simple obelisk form; and for its use of local bluestone; its aesthetic significance is enhanced by the garden setting.

The Boer War memorial located in the rose garden in Officer Street, Mortlake, is of local social significance as a memorial to local men who died at war, and as such is a site of prayer, pilgrimage and remembrance.

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Hermes Number	127488
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Mortlake Boer War memorial is a simple bluestone obelisk, with a panel of white marble on each face where the inscriptions have been placed. It is located within the rose garden in Officer Street. The inscription on the memorial reads 'Erected by the residents of Mortlake & District to the memory of those soldiers of the Empire who fell in the South African War 1899-1902'.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The Mortlake Boer War Memorial is unusual in that it is the only known public memorial in Moyne Shire erected to those who died in the South African war of 1899-1902. There are some private memorials in churches and other public buildings in the Shire, but no other known public monument of this type. There are a total of 51 Boer War memorials in Victoria listed on 'Defending Victoria' website [<http://users.netcon.net.au/~ianmac/memorial.html>]. The obelisk was a relatively common style of Boer War monument erected in Victoria. The Mortlake memorial is very similar to the Inverleigh Boer War memorial.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Intact

Veterans Description for Public

The Boer War memorial, located in the rose garden in Officer Street, was constructed around the early 1900s, to commemorate those local men who died serving in the South African War of 1899-1902. Comprising of a simple bluestone obelisk, with a panel of white marble on each face, the inscriptions are specifically dedicated to Corp. John B. Yates, 2nd Kitcheners Fighting Scouts and Lance Corp. Duncan and Priv. Walter Clark.

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