
WAR MEMORIALS



23137 War memorials
Balmoral 0337

Location

Stirling Street BALMORAL, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 30, 2003

What is significant?

There are two war memorials in Balmoral, located at the intersection of the two major roads leading into town. The earlier memorial, erected after the First World War, takes the traditional form of a mounted granite obelisk. The die is inscribed on its north, south and east sides with the names of those who served in World War One. The names of those who served in the Second World War have been added as plaques on the east side. Above the die is a tapered cornice stone and this is surmounted by a rough hewn granite obelisk. The memorial is surrounded by a low fence of steel piping held up in each corner by small obelisks of rough hewn granite. The later memorial takes the form of a low wall and is constructed from light brown textured concrete bricks ['Besser Bricks'] with two panels of perforated concrete blocks set into the wall. These memorials were erected after each of the World Wars by the people of Balmoral as a tribute to those who served and those who fell in each of the great wars.

How is it significant?

The Balmoral War Memorials are of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Balmoral War Memorials are of historic significance because they commemorate at a local level some of the most important events in the national history of Australia and especially the roles of those from the community who served and died. The memorials are of social significance as the focus of acts of commemoration such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and as a place of homage for the community. They are of aesthetic significance for the use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This is enhanced by its setting and location.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
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Physical Conditions

The granite war memorial is in good condition. The concrete block war memorial is in good condition but two capping blocks may be missing from either end.

Physical Description 1

The earlier memorial, erected after the First World War takes the traditional form of a mounted obelisk. It is constructed of granite, and has a height of 13 feet 7 inches. The base blocks and the two blocks which form a plinth are of rough-hewn granite. The die is of polished granite. The die is inscribed on its north, south and east sides with the names of those who served in World War One. Other names of those who served in the Second World War have been added as plaques on the east side. Above the die is a tapered cornice stone and this is surmounted by the rough hewn obelisk. The memorial is surrounded by a low fence of steel piping held up in each corner by small obelisks of rough hewn granite.

The later memorial takes the form of a low wall and is constructed from light brown textured concrete bricks ['Besser Bricks'] with two panels of perforated concrete blocks set into the wall. It is approximately 6.0m long and 1.4m high.

The flagpole, painted red white and blue in thirds, stands immediately in front of the memorial wall.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 7: Governing
7.7 Defending Australia
7.7.3 Going to war

Theme 8: Developing australia's cultural life
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9: Marking the phases of Life
9.7.3 Remembering the dead.

Usage/Former Usage

war memorial

Integrity

High degree of intactness

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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