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## WAR MEMORIAL



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### Location

Parker and Sterling Streets DUNKELD, Southern Grampians Shire

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Dunkeld War Memorial stands at the centre of the township in the north-west corner of a memorial park set on the diagonal. It was unveiled on 4 August 1929. The designer and builder of the memorial are not known. It takes a traditional form and incorporates a statue of a soldier, a temple enclosing a die, and a plinth. The statue is white marble, the temple is pink Grampians sandstone and the die and the plinth are grey granite. Typically, the names of those who served and died in both World War One and Two are inscribed on the die and plinth. Memorial gates were built after the Second world War in the south-west corner of the park. Recent plantings have occurred around the memorial which is in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Dunkeld War Memorial is of historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Dunkeld War Memorial is of historic significance because it commemorates 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.

It is of social significance as the focus of acts of commemoration such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

It is of aesthetic significance for its use of traditional form, style and iconography to express deep meaning. This significance is enhanced by its setting and location.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1929,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23457
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## Physical Description 1

The memorial assumes a typical form comprising a white marble statue of a soldier on a simple sandstone 'temple' which includes a granite die, all surmounting a grey granite pedestal of several blocks. The pedestal stands on shallow granite steps. The soldier's face is downcast and his gun is inverted. The sandstone of the temple is pale pink and may be from the Grampians. The four square columns of the temple are loosely in the Tuscan Order. Within the temple there is a polished granite block with gilded lettering which reads, on the face, "Erected by the citizens of Dunkeld and District in honour of those who served in the Great War 1914-1919 and as a lasting tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives. We lie dead in many lands that you may live here in peace." The names of the fallen are inscribed on the other faces. Names of the fallen from the Second World War are inscribed on a block of the pedestal. The monument is in a memorial park, located at the north-west corner and set on the diagonal with a backdrop of dark green Cupressus sempervirens alternating with light green Pittosporums. In the south-west corner of the park there are memorial gates.

## 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**

memorial

## **Integrity**

Excellent degree of integrity

## **Physical Description 2**

Those who served in the First and Second World War and in subsequent wars.

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