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# FOSTER WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL



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## Location

MAIN STREET, FOSTER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO39

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

### What is significant?

The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, designed by the Standard Quarry Co. of Melbourne and constructed in 1925, in Main Street, Foster.

The Foster World War 1 Soldier's Memorial, located in the central median of Main Street, Foster, is constructed in grey granite in simplified Classical style (vaguely Doric) as a small temple like structure with four columns carried on a battered rough split pedestal standing on a two-step concrete base. Memorial plaques are set into the sides of the pedestal; that for World War 2 to the west opposite the World War 1 plaque. The echinus of the column

capitals has a bulging profile and the entablature features triglyphs and a cornice. The stone structure is surmounted by a four faced clock mounted in a metal cube, a place, which it is believed was originally set aside for the statue of a soldier.

**How is it significant?**

The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the town and district of Foster.

**Why is it significant?**

Historically and socially, although not the first, it has now become the main World War 1 memorial in Foster and demonstrates the impact of World War 1 upon rural communities. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2 and G.1)

Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of a World War 1 monument that contributes to the historic civic character of Main Street in Foster. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1925, 1925, 1925,
Architect/Designer	Standard Quarry Co.,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30605
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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An untidy overhead electrical connection spoils the appearance of the monument.

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