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# MEENIYAN & STONY CREEK WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL



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## Location

WHITELAW STREET, MEENIYAN, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO91

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Meeniyan & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial, constructed in 1923, at Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan.

### Why is it significant?

The Meeniyan & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township and district of Meeniyan.

Historically and socially, it was the first monument erected in the former Woorayl Shire and along with the Honour Avenue demonstrates the profound impact of the First World War upon small rural towns in the Shire. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of a war memorial, and the best of only three examples in the Shire situated within an Honour Avenue. It is an important and focal part of the streetscape of Meeniyan. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1923,
Hermes Number	30902
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Meeniyan & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial comprises a large square plinth surmounted by a broken column. On the faces of the plinth are the names who served in World War 1. A smaller obelisk to one side provides a memorial to later conflicts. The memorial is situated in the median of Whitelaw, within the appropriate and related setting provided by the Honour Avenue (please refer to the separate citation for the Honour Avenue).

The broken column is a motif often used in cemeteries and war memorials to represent the loss of young life.

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