
Deep Lead Pioneers Memorial, Western Highway, DEEP LEAD



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Location

Western Highway DEEP LEAD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Deep Lead Pioneers Memorial, Western Highway, Deep Lead, has significance as an important local freestone and bronze panelled sculpture that commemorates the first finding of gold in the Deep Lead area in 1857. Unveiled in 1937, the Memorial was designed by a Miss K. Kirkwood, and sculpted by the Melbourne sculptor, Stanley Hammond, winners of a Memorial competition in 1936.

The Deep Lead Pioneers Memorial is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates important visual qualities that include the central Grampians Freestone pier, flanked by two Grampians Freestone buttresses. Other intact qualities include the main central bronze tablet that depicts two miners at work: one

operating the cradle while the other uses the shovel, the two goat figures on the flanking buttresses, the granite steps, and the stone fence with pipe handrails. The surrounding mature pine trees also contribute to the significance of the place.

The Deep Lead Pioneers' Memorial is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the early pioneers of the Deep Lead area, particularly after the discovery of a deep lead of gold in 1857. The Memorial is also associated with the eminent Melbourne sculptor, Stanley Hammond, and the sketch designer, Miss K. Kirkwood.

The Deep Lead Pioneers' Memorial is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Deep Lead community for its commemorative associations with the discovery of a deep lead of gold in the area in 1857.

Overall, the Deep Lead Pioneers' Memorial is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Deep Lead Pioneers Memorial, Western Highway, Deep Lead, has a rural setting and is flanked by substantial and mature pine trees.

The memorial consists of a central Grampians Freestone pier, flanked by two Grampians Freestone buttresses. The main central bronze tablet depicts two miners at work: one operating a cradle while the other uses a shovel. Behind them and partly framing the design, is a windlass set in a fork of a tree. In the sculpture of the miners, some different detail is brought out. One has leggings where the other has "bowyangs"; one has his shirt buttoned while the other has the neck open; one has the head uncovered while the other wears a hat. The figures of two goats - "Billy" and "Nanny" - are located, one each, on the flanking buttresses. The whole memorial is placed on two steps of granite and is surrounded by a stone fence with pipe handrails.

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