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Location

156 Main Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

A granite monument in an abstracted and eclectic Gothic manner, commemorating Boer War volunteers (rather than casualties), erected in 1901, even before the war had ended.

It is of state historical significance as a rare example of a Boer War memorial and as the embodiment of an early expression by the community to unprecedentedly embrace an international engagement.

It is also of historical significance in the town for its association with an important and influential local figure. Finally, it has architectural significance as a striking design, which has endured as a presence in the streetscape for almost a century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Hermes Number	117268
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Excellent

Intactness

Very good, except that drinking fountain has been removed and the connection sealed. This should be re-instated and made operable.

Physical Description 1

An abstracted and eclectic Gothic commemorative monument, erected of three colours of granite. There is a light grey square plinth of three levels. The uppermost level has chamfered corners. This is surmounted by a polished Indian red cylindrical granite base. Projecting from this is a drinking fountain basin moulded in the same material. The cylindrical shaft is dark grey polished granite. This is capped with red granite in the moulded and gabled form of a rook chess piece. Two reducing moulds follow, in dark grey, then red granite. The finial is reducing octagonal crystalline-shaped, terminating in a four-sided poppyhead. There are various inscriptions, inscribed with gold leaf; including:

To perpetuate the memory of those who were selected from this district to serve their Queen and Country in South Africa. 1st Contingent V.M.R. 3 and perpetuate the memory of Captain Samuel Thomas Staughton D.S.a., M.L.A. 4

3 Victorian Military Rifles.

4 Staughton is acknowledged three times(!) on the monument.

Historical Australian Themes

Commemorating, Township.

Usage/Former Usage

Memorial Monument.

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