

Lorne War Memorial



Lorne War Memorial. Source: Lorne 1.jpg
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First World War plaque affixed to the Lorne War Memorial. Source: David Rowe 2008.



Plaque commemorating those who served in later wars on the Lorne War Memorial. Source: David Rowe, 2008.



Australia Remembers plaque on the introduced concrete base of the Lorne War Memorial. Source: David Rowe, 2008.



Lorne War Memorial & Avenue of Honour in the Library Paddock, Lorne, 1936, prior to the redevelopment of the paddock into the football and cricket reserve. Source: Melbourne Argus newspaper in J.D. Stirling, Lorne: A Living History, J.D. Stirling, Lor

Location

51 Mountjoy Parade LORNE, SURF COAST SHIRE

Municipality

SURF COAST SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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LOCAL Significance

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The Lorne War Memorial, 51 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne, has significance as the town's principal commemorative monument to the locals who fought and died in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts. Built of Lorne stone in 1923, the rough-faced obelisk was originally located in the library paddock (now Stribling Reserve), adjacent to a commemorative avenue of flowering gum trees. The transformation of the library paddock in 1955 to a football and cricket ground witnessed the war memorial being relocated to the riverbank of the Erskine River. It was again relocated to a position near the swimming pool on the foreshore before finally being moved to its current location fronting Mountjoy Parade. The memorial appears to be in good condition and is largely intact.

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The Lorne War Memorial, 51 Mountjoy Parade, is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHD A.4, H.1, G.1). It has associations with local soldiers who fought and died in the First World War and in later years (including the Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War), having been erected by local residents in 1923 in the library paddock (now Stribling Reserve). The memorial is recognised and valued by the local community for its commemorative associations with locals who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice. It continues to be the focus of local Anzac Day services in the town.

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The Lorne War Memorial, 51 Mountjoy Parade, is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although of a standard design comprising a rough-faced obelisk of Lorne stone, the memorial is one of the earliest veteran related monuments in the Shire of its type and reflects community attitudes towards the design of war memorials after the First World War.

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Overall, the Lorne War Memorial, 51 Mountjoy Parade, is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Surf Coast - Surf Coast Shire Heritage Study Stage 2B, Dr David Rowe & Wendy Jacobs, 2008;
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Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Towns (Coastal Towns) Community Life (Commemoration)

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Substantially Intact

Physical Description 1

The Lorne War Memorial, 51 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne, comprises a rough-faced obelisk of Lorne stone, set on a rough-faced tapered stone pedestal and base. The rough-faced stone elements sit on an introduced concrete base with tiled concrete paving surrounds. The rough-faced stone fence pillars are early, although the original chain fence is now missing.

Affixed to the memorial are a number of plaques. Earliest is that commemorating those who fought and died in the First World War. It is attached to the original pedestal and it reads:

"This Monument Has Been Erected by the People of Lorne in Honor of Their Brave Men Who Enlisted in the A.I.F. to Serve in the Great War 1914-1919 in the Cause of Liberty and Justice."

The second plaque affixed to the original rough-faced stone base reads:

"This Plaque is Dedicated to Those Who Served in the 1939-45 War, Also Korean & Vietnam Wars."

An "Australia Remembers" plaque is affixed to the introduced concrete base.

Veterans Description for Public

The Lorne War Memorial, on 51 Mountjoy Parade, was built in 1923 to commemorate the First World War. The Lorne residents chose to erect an obelisk in the old library paddock (now the Stribling Sports Reserve), originally bound by William and Smith Streets. Constructed of rough-faced Lorne stone with surrounds featuring Lorne stone piers and chain bays, the memorial was the centrepiece of the open paddock. Soon after, a memorial avenue of flowering gum trees was planted in the library paddock adjacent to the memorial.

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It was also after the First World War in 1930 when returned local servicemen joined together as members of the Winchelsea & District RSL that had formed in 1919. It was not until 1940 when the Lorne RSL Sub Branch was created, with Captain Jack Nichols as its first President. The Lorne Sub Branch initially boasted 96 members. An RSL Hall was subsequently built in a corner of the library paddock.

For many years the hall provided a venue for badminton and other indoor sports, but by the mid 1990s high maintenance and looming capital works costs forced the Committee to sell the building to the Education Department and after extensive alterations and additions it is now part of the Lorne School complex. The RSL Sub Branch is still soldiering on with a membership of just twenty-four.

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