# **Longwarry War Memorial**



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#### Location

Cnr. Kennedy & Bennett streets, Longwarry VIC 3816

# Municipality

**BAW BAW SHIRE** 

### Level of significance

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# **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

# **Heritage Listing**

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

# Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The Longwarry World War I memorial, erected in 1919, situated at the corner of Kennedy and Bennett streets in Longwarry.

## How is it significant?

The Longwarry World War I memorial is of local historic and social significance to Baw Baw Shire.

## Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as a one of a series of memorials erected after World War One that provides tangible evidence of the impact of that conflict upon local communities. It also significant as a rare example of a World War I memorial that specifically cites the contribution of women who served as nurses. (Criteria A & B)

It is socially significant as a place has strong and enduring associations with the Longwarry community and remains the focus of Remembrance Day commemorations. The enduring connection is demonstrated by the memorials to other conflicts that have been added to the memorial over time. (Criterion G)

Heritage Baw Baw - Baw Baw Shire Heritage Study Stage 2, Context P/L, 2010; Baw Baw -

Study/Consultant Baw Baw Heritage Study (Stage 1), Context Pty. Ltd, 2006;

Construction dates 1919,

Hermes Number 125713

**Property Number** 

## **Physical Description 1**

The Longwarry World War I memorial is a four-sided granite obelisk on a stepped base. The column is divided into two sections comprising a lower portion with rough-hewn edges surrounding vertical panels into which are enscribed in gold lettering the names of those who served. The upper portion, which tapers and is surmounted by a pyramidal capital is set on a cornice, has on each side the names of key places of conflict (France, Palestine etc.)in raised lead lettering. The rising sun insignia of the Australian Armed Forces is set in bronze on the front of the uppercolumn. At the base three bronze plaques have been added for World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The memorial is setwithin a park adjacent to the railway line. It is surrounded by recent landscaping including beds of roses. There is a flagpole adjacent.

#### **Historical Australian Themes**

8. Community and cultural life8.8 Commemorating

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Longwarry World War I memorial on the corner of Kennedy and Bennett streets, was unveiled on November 12th1919 by Captain Stanley M. Bruce, MP for Flinders (and later Prime Minister of Australia). The inscription reads, "In memory of district soldiers and nurses who by their courage, self sacrifice and devotion to duty in the Great War 1914-1919 kept Australia free." Of the 117 names on the memorial, 27 were killed.

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