
Apollo Bay War Memorial



44915 WAR MEMORIAL



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Location

Great Ocean Road APOLLO BAY, Colac Otway Shire

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2003

The Apollo Bay War Memorial was erected in 1922 to commemorate the local men and women who volunteered for active service during the First World War. The Apollo Bay War Memorial is of historic importance to the Shire of Colac Otway. The Apollo Bay War Memorial is historically important in illustrating the widespread involvement of ordinary people in the war, and in recording the loss of life and suffering which affected the local community. The Apollo Bay War Memorial is historically important in demonstrating the local community's collective reaction to the First World War, and their appreciation and desire to publicly recognise those who enlisted. The Apollo Bay War Memorial is aesthetically important as a typical local war memorial, and for the positive contribution the structure makes to the Apollo Bay streetscape.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Colac Otway - Colac Otway Heritage Study, Mary Sheehan & Associates, 2003;
Hermes Number	125762
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Memorials & Monuments (9.3)

Physical Description 1

The war memorial is located on a triangular site at the south end of and over looking the length of the mainstreet. A characteristic figurative monument, the memorial comprises a single standing soldier, looking down the main street, atop a polished granite pedestal with honour roll set on a huge rock faced granite block. The memorial is fenced by heavy set square concrete bollards supporting heavy gauge chain between each.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Substantially intact

Veterans Description for Public

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