

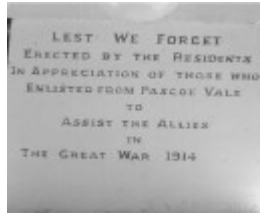
Pascoe Vale War Memorial Fountain at Rogers Reserve



Pascoe Vale Memorial Drinking Fountain.jpg



109 Cumberland Rd. WW2 memorial



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Location

109 Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale, Moreland City

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 24, 2004

What is significant?

The Pascoe Vale World War I Soldiers' Memorial located in Rogers Reserve, Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale South.

How is it significant?

The Pascoe Vale World War I Soldiers' Memorial located in Rogers Reserve, Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale South is of local historic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, as an early memorial erected in c.1916-1917 to honour local soldiers and demonstrates the impact that World War I had upon communities in Australia. It is one of only four memorials of this type in Victoria, the others being located in Gisborne, Mordialloc and St Kilda. Also, the transfer of the memorial from Pleasant Street to Rogers Reserve in c.1948 demonstrated the increased need of the community to commemorate its fallen after World War II. (AHC Criteria A.4, C.2 & G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1916,
Other Names	Rogers Reserve,
Hermes Number	125846
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Pascoe Vale World War I Soldiers' Memorial at the Rogers Reserve is made from bluestone. It comprises two steps, with a bluestone base, four bluestone columns and a bluestone cap. It is a drinking fountain, although the tap has been removed. Memorials to other wars, including World War II, have since been added to the fountain.

The memorial is located within Rogers Reserve and is surrounded by a paved 'bluestone' area with a flagpole located behind.

Memorials of this type are rare; only three others are known at Gisborne, Mordialloc and St Kilda.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

Veterans Description for Public

The Pascoe Vale War Memorial is a utilitarian memorial fountain, located in Rogers Reserve, 109 Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale South.

The fountain comprises of a two step platform on a bluestone base with four bluestone columns and a bluestone cap. The tap has been since been removed. The fountain stands on a paved area with a flagpole located behind.

HISTORY

A request was made by Mr Harry Larnach to the Coburg Council in November 1916 to erect a fountain at Pascoe Vale as a memorial to soldiers. Harry Larnach operated a grocery store at 40 Prospect Street from 1895 until just before the Second World War, combining it with the Pascoe Vale Post Office from 1914 until 1929. His son, Lieutenant Leslie Larnach, was killed on active service in France on August 10th 1918. A tree, one of over 160, was planted in his honour at Lake Reserve in November 1919.

The NLA's Trove records a Brunswick and Coburg Leader article dated Friday 5 October 1917 announcing 'Tomorrow, Saturday at 3pm that the Mayor of Coburg (Cr. A. Bush) will unveil the memorial fountain in Pascoe Vale, to the soldiers in the district who have fallen.' There is another dated Friday 12 October 1917 about the unveiling of the Memorial. The 'handsome drinking fountain' was unveiled Saturday (6th October 1917) by Mayor of Coburg (Cr. Alfred Bush), who 'expressed his feelings of pleasure at being invited to perform the ceremony and sorrow at its necessity'. He also congratulated the people of Pascoe Vale for 'furnishing the rest of Coburg with an example in the way of erecting a handsome and substantial memorial to those who had volunteered in the district.'

A site was selected on the south-east corner of Pleasant and Gyles Street, just outside the Holy Trinity Church and the memorial was erected.

The transfer of the memorial from Pleasant Street to Rogers Reserve c.1948 demonstrated the increased need of the community to commemorate its fallen after the Second World War. A plaque has also been added for the fallen of Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam.

Rogers Reserve was named for Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers - possibly after his untimely death (of pneumonia) in September 1933. It is one of only four memorials of this type in Victoria, the others being located in Gisborne, Mordialloc and St Kilda.

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