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## Marnoo Memorial Gates and Park



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Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage  
Study, 2004



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### Location

Park Road MARNOO, NORTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE

### Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE

### Level of significance

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### Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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### Statement of Significance

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The Soldiers' Memorial Park and Gates in Park Road, Marnoo, has significance as a memorial recreational landscape in the town. Comprising an open grassed sports ground and four stuccoed gate piers at the entrance, the park and gate piers were established in 1921 and 1924 respectively, initially in honour of those who fought and died in the First World War. The names of those who fought and died in the Second World War were added to the gate piers in the mid 20th century. The Soldiers' Memorial Park and Gates are historically and aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. They are associated with recreational developments in Marnoo immediately after the First World War in 1919, and demonstrate important visual qualities. These qualities include the open grassed sports ground with perimeter trees, and the four stuccoed gate piers with marble tablets having the names of those soldiers who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars inscribed on them. The scrolled metal pedestrian gates also contribute to the significance of the place.

The Soldiers' Memorial Park and Gates are socially significant at a LOCAL level. They are recognised and highly valued by the Marnoo community for commemorative, cultural and recreational reasons.

Overall, the Soldiers' Memorial Park and Gates are of LOCAL significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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## Physical Description 1

The Soldier's Memorial Park and Gates, Park Street, Marnoo, consists of an open grassed sports ground bound by an introduced tubular steel post and rail fence. Beyond the ground are rows of eucalypts and some exotic trees.

At the entrance to the park are four imposing stuccoed gate piers with rendered and chamfered tops. The inner piers are also surmounted with orbs, with the pier bases being rendered. Each of the piers feature rectangular white marble tablets with the names of those who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars. Between the outer piers are early scrolled metal pedestrian gates.

## Veterans Description for Public

The Soldier's Memorial Park, on Park Street Marnoo, consists of an open grassed sports ground which features four imposing stuccoed gate piers at the entrance to the park. Each of the piers feature rectangular white marble tablets with the names of those who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars.

In 1919, the Marnoo Progress Association presented the idea for a Soldier's Memorial Park at a public meeting. A site was chosen west of the township and was officially opened Anzac Day, 1921. Three years later in 1924, the concrete gates were erected. Inset tablets were inscribed of those who came from the district that had served, 'in the Great War.' Of the four pillars, the tablets were placed on the inside two, and the names were divided into those that had served and those that had been 'faithful unto death.' The *Stawell Times* reported on the progress in March 1924:

"Marnoo - The Soldiers' Memorial Park Committee are busy getting concrete gates completed. Mr. Phillips of Stawell was the contractor, and pillars are now completed, only the ball tops are to be laid on each pillar. A picket fence, about a chain long, each side, is to be erected and iron gates, when painted will show off a monument

Marnoo and district will be proud of."

Mr. George Gray of Stawell lettered the two slabs that are attached to the two main pillars. During the Second World War, the park seemed to have fallen into disrepair. By 1950, a move had been made to place similar slabs into the outside pillars of the gate for those that had served in the Second World War. This was completed the following year and was unveiled on Anzac day 1960.

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