
Monbulk RSL



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Location

48 Main Road, Monbulk VIC 3793 - Property No 65135

Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO234

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 5, 2000

This 1950s hall and memorial gates have high local significance as important memorials to local people who served in both World Wars. They are among the many similar memorials constructed in rural and urban areas throughout Australia in the post-war years. The hall and gates contribute to the locally important Monbulk Main Street precinct. They have historical significance, also, for their associations with Mrs Aeneas Gunn, a notable district resident.

Heritage Study/Consultant Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000;

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Physical Description 1

The Monbulk RSL and War Memorial is located within the small commercial centre of Monbulk. It is set back from the road within a cleared setting with mature indigenous and imported trees lining the east and west side boundaries. Located at the foot of these trees are a number of memorial plaques. Their dedications are cited below:

Sgt. K.V. Jones
Malaya 1959

W.R. Bowmen 1899-1994 and Helena Doris.

Stoker F.G Lane RANVR

Sgt. G.E. Anderson 6th Division AASG 2nd AIF

Men and Women of Australia in all wars

Pte. A. Hamilton AIF

Henri Durant Founder of Red Cross

Mrs Aeneas Gunn

The rectangular plan RSL building has a flagstone fence with centrally located iron gates. The brown brick facade of the building is a later, c.1970s addition to a sheet metal shed. The hipped corrugated iron roof can be seen above the front parapet. A flat roofed portico covers the centrally located double front doors, which is flanked by the words 'Lest We Forget'.

The building appears to have no architectural significance.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Integrity

Altered

Veterans Description for Public

The Monbulk RSL Hall at 48 Main Road, is dedicated to local soldiers who served in both World Wars. The memorial gates at the entrance are constructed from wrought iron and feature a 'Lest We Forget' banner. An early Sub-Branch of the RSL formed after the First World War, remaining in operation for a short time only. Some of the sub-branch members later banded together under the title "Monbulk Diggers" and in the 1920s organised the first "T.B. Ball" in aid of the T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association. Another sub-branch was opened in 1946, holding their first meeting in Muriel Peck Cottage, before the RSL hall opened on Main Road 30th May 1953.

In May 1951, the foundation stone for the new R.S.L. Club rooms was laid by Mrs Aeneas Gunn, a major patron of the club. Mrs Gunn returned in 1955 to dedicate the memorial entrance gates commemorating those who served in both wars. The gates were presented by the Kookaburra Club. There are also two silver birch trees planted in front of the new R.S.L. Hall, one to honour Mrs Gunn, and the other to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

The land on which the hall stands was owned by Mr and Mrs Frank Severino and was given in memory of their son, tragically killed in a traffic accident.

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