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# Damien Parer Memorial



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## Location

Dandenong Ranges National Park FERNTREE GULLY, KNOX CITY

## Municipality

KNOX CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 155409

Property Number

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## Veterans Description for Public

The Damien Parer Memorial is located on the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk in the Dandenong National Park. It is dedicated to the life of Parer who was a Photographer and War Correspondent (b. 1st August 1912 - d. 17th September 1944). Parer's film of the Kokoda Trail, *Kokoda Frontline*, recorded the appalling conditions

Australians were dealing with while fighting the Japanese. The film won the 1943 Academy Award for Best Documentary, the only newsreel to receive an 'Oscar'. On September 17th 1944, Parer was killed by Japanese machine gun fire while filming the advance of U.S. Marines at Peleliu, Palau, Caroline Islands in the Pacific.

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