

## Eltham War Memorial Cenotaph



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Second location: RSL Hall  
804 Main Road Eltham -  
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Memorial June 2013.



204 - War Memorial Main  
Road Eltham 05 - Shire of  
Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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204 - War Memorial Main  
Road Eltham 02 - 1991  
photograph showing the  
previous/original landscaping  
which has since been  
replaced - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



Eltham War Memorial -  
Original site: Corner of Main  
Road and Bridge Street  
Eltham - Citation for Eltham  
War Memorial June 2013



Eltham War Memorial -  
Original site: unveiling -  
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War Memorial in original  
location cnr ain Road and  
Bridge St.jpg

### Location

903-907 Main Road ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## **Municipality**

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## **Level of significance**

Included in Heritage Overlay

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO126

## **Heritage Listing**

Nillumbik Shire

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - February 24, 2014

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, UPDATED WHEN THE CENOTAPH WAS MOVED IN 2012 AS PART OF AMENDMENT C84 TO THE NILLUMBIK PLANNING SCHEME

### *What is significant?*

The Eltham War Memorial comprising the granite obelisk, plinth and bollards located at 903-907 Main Road, Eltham.

### *How is it significant?*

The Eltham War Memorial is of historical, aesthetic and social significance to the Shire of Nillumbik.

### *Why is it significant?*

The Eltham War Memorial is historically significant for its role in civic commemoration in the township of Eltham. The Eltham War Memorial was erected on a prominent site on the corner of Main Road and Bridge Street in 1919 and has been relocated twice since its original unveiling. The monument contains the names of the 27 local men who died in the First World War and following the Second World War the names of the eleven local men who died in that war were added. The Memorial, including the granite bollards is historically significant for demonstrating the type of monumental memorialisation that occurred in townships following the end of the First World War. (Criterion A)

The Eltham War Memorial is aesthetically significant as an intact representative example of a First World War Memorial. Typical features demonstrating the post First World War period in which it was erected include the use of granite, the obelisk form on a plinth, lead lettering inscription and low granite bollards connected by a chain. (Criterion D)

The Eltham War Memorial is of social significance as a community focus for the commemoration of war in the Eltham district since the end of the First World War. The Memorial has special associations with the local RSL group. (Criterion G)

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### **What is significant?**

The World War I and II memorial (that was constructed after World War I) and the surrounding site to a radius of 15 metres. The memorial was moved to the site in the 1960s from its original location on the corner of Main Road and Bridge Street.

### **How is it significant?**

The memorial is historically, socially and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik

### **Why is it significant?**

The memorial is aesthetically significant as a prominent streetscape feature (Criterion E). Historically and socially because it is the memorial to Eltham's World War I and World War II dead and because it provides a link for present generations to the area's military past (Criteria A & G). The memorial is historically significant because its move, in the 1960s, reflected the growth of Eltham (Criterion A).

### **BICK STUDY, 1992**

This granite memorial to Eltham's First and Second World War dead, has historical importance and is an important element in the streetscape, which also contains the former C.B.A. Bank and the Uniting (former Methodist) Church. The War Memorial was first erected on the corner of Main Road and Bridge Street and had a very different setting, reflecting the country village nature of Eltham then.

#### **BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

SOCIAL

HISTORY

STREETSCAPE

#### **DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

#### **EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

ENTIRE MONUMENT, BOLLARDS, MATURE EXOTIC SITE PLANTING AND SITE TO A RADIUS OF 15 METRES.

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;

Construction dates 1918, 1960,

Other Names Eltham War Memorial Obelisk,

Hermes Number 104273

Property Number

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### **Historical Australian Themes**

TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### **Physical Description 1**

Harcourt granite obelisk and paved surrounds, pencil pine tree planting.

### **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Continuing Use: War memorial

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