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Location

203 Henry Street GREENSBOROUGH, BANYULE CITY

Municipality

BANYULE CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Banyule City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough, comprising 11 hectares of parkland, including sports field, exotic and native trees, and two war memorials, is significant. The football club pavilion of 1953 is significant, however the 1970s brick pavilion is not.

How is it significant?

Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough, is of local historic, aesthetic and social value to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough is historically significant as the home of two war memorials commemorating local service personnel serving in conflicts from the time of the Boer War to the present and ongoing war in Afghanistan. The older of the two memorials dates from 1919 and takes the form of a simple granite monument flanked by three commemorative walls. The second memorial, consisting of a series of statues carved in 2003 into the surviving trunks of memorial cypresses planted in the 1940s, represents some of the groups of service personnel participating in war.(Criterion A)

Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough is aesthetically significant as a large area of open space near the centre of Greensborough which offers contrasting sporting, play and passive parkland experiences enhanced by plantings of mature exotic and native trees, remnant memorial trees, and lawn. This aesthetic is augmented further by the contrasting experiences of shaded, intimate spaces on the eastern side of the Park and vast open expanses of the western side of the Park, with impressive views to the north. The plantings of Bhutan Cypress are also significant. (Criterion E)

Greensborough War Memorial Park, Greensborough is socially significant as an important place of community commemoration of the sacrifice of war. Its two very different war memorials serve as focal points for the local community's ongoing reverence for the memory of those lost in war.(Criterion G)

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

Greensborough War Memorial Park is an 11 hectare site containing a sports oval, pavilion, playground, war memorial and senior citizens centre. It is bounded by Vermont Parade and Henry, McDowell and Ester Streets.

A fine war memorial is located in the north-eastern corner of the Park. This is aligned along a north / south axis with the 1993 Rotunda. The memorial consists of a small grey granite obelisk supported on four red granite columns on a granite plinth. Behind the memorial are three memorial walls bearing inscriptions and insignia.

A second war memorial consists of a series of war-themed sculptures, carved into the stumps of a number of commemorative Monterey cypresses on the Park's western and north-western boundaries. These sculptures were completed in December 2003. Carved by Leigh (Roy) Conkie, they are titled 'The Mates, The Writer, Digger One, The Pilot, Digger Two (my dad Charlie), The Fallen, Digger Three, The Sea Captain, The Three Crosses of Sacrifice, Rogue Wave, The Mascot and The Grandfather That Never Was'.

The Park also contains a number of fine mature trees, including both exotics (ash, cypress, cedar) and Australian natives, mainly eucalypts. It also features a remnant row of Bhutan Cypress at least 60 years old on its southern boundary.

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