
Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial



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Location

Salisbury Road BEACONSFIELD UPPER, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial is significant to the Cardinia Shire as a major part of the Upper Beaconsfield historic commercial and civic precinct today and the focus for the local community during World War One.

Constructed from local stone, the Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial is significant as one of the small number of war memorials relating to both the First and Second World Wars in the shire. The names of soldiers from a number of well known district families are recorded on this memorial. . The memorial draws attention to the early growth of the Upper Beaconsfield and is an important local landmark.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield,
Hermes Number	125619
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial consists of a granite obelisk that bears the names of the war dead of Beaconsfield from the 1915-19 and 1938-45 wars. Set on a stepped podium in the grassed median, the quarry-face tapering stone shaft rises through three stages to a cushion-capping. The lettering is lead and the panels inset with a dressed finish. Around the memorial is a plinth and rock-face corner piers with a low pipe balustrade between. Crushed aggregate fills the gap between the monument and fence.

Physical Conditions

The memorial is in near original condition.

Historical Australian Themes

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8.5 Tourist centres, e.g. Upper Beaconsfield, Gembrook

9.3 Churches and cemeteries

Veterans Description for Public

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The inscription on the north-face of the Upper Beaconsfield War Memorial bears the names of 16 Upper Beaconsfield men who served in the the First World War. Many came from well known families like the Berglunds and a'Becketts. The inscription of the west-face of the memorial reads: `In memory of the men of Upper Beaconsfield who gave their lives in 1938-1945. Six names are listed, including M.J. Martel, the son of the Mr & Mrs Charles Martel of Mon Desir (later Highland Park), of Upper Beaconsfield. Flight Officer M.J. Martel lost his life serving the R.A.F. in England.

The enclosing wall is dated May 17th 1950 and was a gift of Mrs. Dennett, who was owner of the log cabin in Salisbury Road (near Split Rock Road). She was the daughter of the Henry Buck of Henry Buck's Men's Clothing Store in Melbourne. Her only son, Peter, was lost on a bombing raid over Europe and his name is inscribed on the west face of the memorial. The flag pole was the gift of C.R. Walker (Fassifern) whose only son, Roy, was killed in 1942 during a training flight.

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