

Whittlesea War Memorial Statue



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Location

Laurel Street WHITTLESEA, Whittlesea City

Municipality

WHITTLESEA CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 22, 1990

See attached and A.9.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Whittlesea - City of Whittlesea Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Architects Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1926,
Hermes Number	125620
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Neighbourhoods & Townships

Integrity

Good

Physical Conditions

Good

Physical Description 1

Elements

Monument and Cypress and Ash windrow.

Veterans Description for Public

The Whittlesea War Memorial Statue, on Laurel Street at the foot of Church Street, was the second of three memorials erected by Whittlesea's residents following the First World War. The first was a Church of England Memorial Hall and the third a Memorial Arch. A fundraising committee raised the funds for the statue, largely through the efforts of Cr. J. Cornfoot and Mary Lockwood. The unveiling ceremony took place on 20th April 1926. The Advertiser outlined the arrangements for the unveiling as follows:

"The soldier's monument in the main street is finished and awaiting the unveiling ceremony. It is a fine piece of work with the Digger standing "at ease". On Tuesday next 20th instant at 3.00 p.m., a monument to perpetuate the memory of fallen soldiers will be unveiled at Whittlesea by Brigadier-General Elliot, CB, CMG, DSO, DCM. Parliamentary representatives of the district - William Angliss, MLC and W.L. Russell Clark and W. Everard, MLA will attend and James McRae, Chief Inspector will represent the Education Department. Children will be entertained by the committee and will be present during addresses".

The granite base of the statue contains the names of those who served from the Whittlesea district, including those killed. The monument stands in an cypress and ash avenue adding to its prominence and emphasising this intersection as the town focus.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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