

Foster War Memorial



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Location

Main Street FOSTER, South Gippsland Shire

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

-

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, designed by the Standard Quarry Co. of Melbourne and constructed

in 1925, in Main Street, Foster.

Why is it Significant?

The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the town and district of Foster.

Historically and socially, although not the first, it has now become the main World War 1 memorial in Foster and demonstrates the impact of World War 1 upon rural communities. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2 and G.1) Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of a World War 1 monument that contributes to the historic civic character of Main Street in Foster. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1925,
Hermes Number	125628
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Foster World War 1 Soldier's Memorial, located in the central median of Main Street, Foster, is constructed in grey granite in simplified Classical style (vaguely Doric) as a small temple like structure with four columns carried on a battered rough split pedestal standing on a two step concrete base. Memorial plaques are set into the sides of the pedestal; that for WW2 to the west opposite the WW1 plaque. The echinus of the column capitals has a bulging profile and the entablature features triglyphs and a cornice. The stone structure is surmounted by a four faced clock mounted in a metal cube, a place, which it is believed was originally set aside for the statue of a soldier.

An untidy overhead electrical connection spoils the appearance of the monument.

Physical Description 2

Designer

Standard Quarry Co. of Melbourne

Style

World War 1 Memorial

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government + Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Veterans Description for Public

The Foster War Memorial, located in the central median of Main Street, is constructed in grey granite in simplified Classical style as a small temple like structure with four columns carried on a battered rough split pedestal standing on a two step concrete base. Memorial plaques are set into the sides of the pedestal; that for the Second World War to the west opposite the First World War plaque. The echinus of the column capitals has a bulging profile and the entablature features triglyphs and a cornice. The stone structure is surmounted by a four faced clock mounted in a metal cube, a place, which it is believed was originally set aside for the statue of a soldier.

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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