

Meeniyán and Stony Creek WWI Memorial



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Location

Whitelaw Street MEENIYAN, 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 Meeniyán & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial, constructed in 1923, at Whitelaw Street, Meeniyán.

Why is it Significant?

The Meeniyán & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the township and district of Meeniyán.

Historically and socially, it was the first monument erected in the former Woorayl Shire and along with the Honour Avenue demonstrates the profound impact of the First World War upon small rural towns in the Shire. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2) Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of a war memorial, and the best of only three examples in the Shire situated within an Honour Avenue. It is an important and focal part of the streetscape of Meeniyán. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1923,
Hermes Number	125681
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Meeniyán & Stony Creek World War 1 memorial comprises a large square plinth surmounted by a broken column. On the faces of the plinth are the names who served in World War 1. A smaller obelisk to one side provides a memorial to later conflicts. The memorial is situated in the median of Whitelaw, within the appropriate and related setting provided by the Honour Avenue (q.v.).

The broken column is a motif often used in cemeteries and war memorials to represent the loss of young life.

Physical Description 2

Style

Interwar memorial

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government and Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Institutions Military Defence

Veterans Description for Public

The Meeniyam and Stony Creek World War I Memorial, on Whitelaw Street, was constructed in 1923. The Meeniyam and Stony Creek Branch of the Returned Sailors', Soldiers', and Airman's Imperial League of Australia (RSSAILA) accepted a tender in August, 1922 to construct this Memorial for £360, and it was unveiled on 1 May 1923. Guests at the opening included Sir John Mackey MLA, Mr Thomas Patterson, Dr Pern of the Leongatha RSL, JM Molloy (Secretary of the local branch of the Soldier Settlement Board), and Cr John Eccles.

The erection of the memorial followed the planting of the Honour Avenue in the median strip surrounding it five years earlier. The memorial itself comprises of a large square plinth surmounted by a broken column. The broken column is a motif often used in cemeteries and war memorials to represent the loss of young life. On the faces of the plinth are the names who served in the First World War. The Meeniyam R.S.L. rededicated the monument in honour of those who served in the Second World War and Vietnam.

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