

# Poowong War Memorial



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## Location

Nyora Road POOWONG, South Gippsland Shire

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Poowong World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, constructed in 1922 in Nyora Road, Poowong.

Why is it Significant?

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

Historically, it was the first memorial to be established in the former Korumburra Shire and expresses the significant effect that the First World War had upon small rural communities. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2) Socially, the memorial is important as the focus of local remembrance day activities. (AHC criterion - G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1922,
Hermes Number	125685
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Poowong World War 1 Soldiers' memorial is constructed from Harcourt granite and comprises a pyramidal obelisk on a stepped base. It is enclosed by fence of concrete posts with metal chains. A plaque at the front of the memorial has the following inscription

"Memorial to Fallen Soldiers. Erected by the residents of Poowong riding of the Shire of Poowong and Jeetho, in memory of the men of the district who gave their lives in the cause of Liberty and Empire in the Great War, 1914-18." The names of fallen soldiers are inscribed on the sides of the memorial above the plaque. It is situated in the median strip of Nyora Road in Poowong township.

## Physical Description 2

Style

Interwar Monument

## Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government and Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Military Defence

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Poowong War Memorial, constructed in 1922, is located on the median strip of Nyora Road. Following the conclusion of the First World War, there was keen debate in the Shire of Poowong and Jeetho about the most fitting way to recognise and commemorate the memory of the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during that conflict. At several meetings held during 1918 and 1919, different schemes including an Avenue of Honour, a Memorial Hall, a Hospital and a monument were all discussed. At one stage during a Council meeting in May, 1919, the Shire received a deputation from the local branch of the Returned Sailors', Soldiers', and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, which asked that the decision be deferred until a referendum of ratepayers had been held. The Council decided at first to hold the referendum, however, this motion was later defeated on a technicality. Following this, Council finally decided to proceed with the construction of a monument at Korumburra, while Cr. Twaddle of the Poowong Riding ensured that a memorial was also built at Poowong.

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The monument lists 33 names of those who served as well as an inscription which was added for the Second World War.

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