

# Trafalgar War Memorial



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## Location

107 PRINCES HIGHWAY, TRAFALGAR VIC 3824

## Municipality

BAW BAW SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Trafalgar War Memorial, erected in 1921, and including the later alterations to commemorate later conflicts. The form, detailing and siting of the memorial contributes to its significance.

### How is it significant?

The Trafalgar War Memorial is of local historic, social and architectural significance to Baw Baw Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as a one of a series of memorials erected after World War One that provides tangible evidence of the impact of that conflict upon local communities. (Criterion A)

It is socially significant as a place that has strong and enduring associations with the Trafalgar community and remains the focus of remembrance day commemorations. The amendments to the memorial to commemorate later conflicts illustrates the continuing connection and importance of the place to the community. (Criterion G)

It is architecturally significant as one of the more elaborately designed World War I memorials in Baw Baw Shire. (Criterion D & F)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Baw Baw - Baw Baw Heritage Study (Stage 1), Context Pty. Ltd, 2006; Baw Baw - Baw Baw Shire Heritage Study Stage 2, Context P/L, 2010; |
| Construction dates        | 1921,  |
| Other Names               | Trafalgar World War I memorial,  |
| Hermes Number             | 125716   |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The Trafalgar War Memorial is situated in front of the former Narracan Shire Offices facing the Princes Highway. Constructed of granite, this memorial comprises a soldier standing at 'reverse arms' on a small entablature, which is supported by four columns set on a square base. At the front of the base is engraved the dedication of the memorial to those who gave the 'supreme sacrifice'. Originally, this was for First World War only, but an 'S' has been added to the final sentence to refer to the 'Great Wars', and the dates of the Second World War added below those of WWI. Below this a small plaque which provides an additional dedication to those who served in subsequent conflicts including Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. The names of key conflicts in WWI are engraved into the cornice on each side of the entablature, while the names 31 locals who gave the supreme sacrifice are carved in each side of the base.

## Historical Australian Themes

### 8. Community and cultural life

#### 8.8 Commemorating

## Veterans Description for Public

The Trafalgar War Memorial is situated in front of the former Narracan Shire Offices facing the Princes Highway. The memorial was unveiled by the Victorian Governor, Earl of Stradbroke, on 7th December 1921. Constructed of granite, this memorial comprises of a soldier standing at 'reverse arms' on a small entablature, which is supported by four columns set on a square base. At the front of the base is engraved the dedication of the memorial to those who gave the 'supreme sacrifice'. Originally, this was for First World War only, but an 'S' has been added to the final sentence to refer to the 'Great Wars' and the dates of the Second World War added below those of the First World War. Below this a small plaque is an additional dedication to those who served in subsequent conflicts including Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. The names of key conflicts in the First World War are engraved into the cornice on each side of the entablature, while the names thirty-one locals who gave the supreme sacrifice are carved in each side of the base.

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