

Birregurra War Memorial



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Location

42 Main Street BIRREGURRA, Colac Otway Shire

Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2003

The Birregurra War Memorial was erected in 1922 to commemorate local men and women who volunteered for active service during the First World War. The Birregurra War Memorial is historically important to the Shire of Colac Otway. The Birregurra War Memorial is historically important in illustrating the widespread involvement of ordinary people in the war and records the loss of life and suffering which affected the Birregurra district. It is also important in demonstrating the local community's collective reaction to the First World War; their appreciation and desire to publicly recognise and honour those who enlisted; and the sense of community spirit which arose as a result of the involvement in conflict. The memorial is architecturally significant as a typical local war memorial. The war memorial's composition, scale and location is typical of war memorials in smaller regional towns.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Colac Otway - Colac Otway Heritage Study, Mary Sheehan & Associates, 2003;
Construction dates	1922,
Hermes Number	125796
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

Memorials & Monuments (9.3)

Physical Description 1

Birregurra's war memorial is located on the main street and is composed of a slender Harcourt granite column with a rounded top, set on a pedestal of a truncated pyramid base of rough faced blocks. The pillar includes an inscribed shield and zinc wreath. An honour roll is included on the column's pedestal in applied zinc lettering. The lettering is only in fair condition as a result of weather damage. The memorial is surrounded by close planting of rose bushes.

Physical Conditions

Good-fair

Integrity

Substantially intact

Veterans Description for Public

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