
Ararat Cenotaph



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Location

Western Highway and Barkly Street ARARAT, ARARAT RURAL CITY

Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The significance of the Cenotaph includes the central structure and extends to all the hard surfaces, flagpoles, retaining walls and plantings. A structure with deliberately simple detailing, in the conventional Classical idiom, the Cenotaph harks back to the funerary monuments of the empires of ancient Greece and Rome. The symbolism is extended by the use of axial planting into the surrounding park. Materials employed are as follows; walls: ashlar sandstone; dressing: sandstone; and plinth: dressed bluestone.

Other Names Ararat War memorial,

Hermes Number 126524

Property Number

Physical Description 1

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Historical Australian Themes

Remembering the fallen

Usage/Former Usage

Commemoration

Veterans Description for Public

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