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# Bairnsdale Boer War Memorial



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## Location

207 Main Street BAIRNSDALE, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO77

## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE:

A rare memorial to the Boer War and a particularly fine public monument and work of stone carving in the Early English Gothic manner. An exquisite adornment to the Main Street Gardens.

Heritage Study/Consultant	East Gippsland - Town of Bairnsdale Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1988;
Hermes Number	127115
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: It is an early English pier on a plinth with a finial sited in the Main Street Gardens. The base is bluestone, as are the pier shafts. The base has two steps (one has been almost completely submerged beneath a concrete apron). The base of the plinth is in two parts, the lower part tapering with birds beak mould stepping between. The lower part has a decorative wreath facing South. The body of the plinth has recessed Early English Gothic column shafts at the corners. The base has a hip canopy supported by a broad foliage moulding. The canopy has a gable containing a quatrefoil inscribed, facing south. The canopy is surmounted by a quatrefoil section Early English Gothic pier on a bluestone base, with bluestone shafts. The pier column bases are freestone. Midway is a sandstone moulding. The capital is finished with a prismatic pinnacle in sandstone and supported on four quatrefoil inscribed gables facing the cardinal points.

## Physical Description 2

Walls: sandstone & bluestone

## Integrity

Excellent. The concrete apron which almost conceals the lower bluestone step should be lowered or removed. (Although the function it performs effectively of shedding water from the base of the monument is a necessary one and should be continued).

## Veterans Description for Public

The Bairnsdale Boer War Memorial, in the Main Street Gardens, is a particularly fine public monument and work of stone carving in the Early English Gothic manner. It commemorates twenty-six soldiers who fell during the Boer War. The monument is an early English pier on a plinth with a finial, bluestone base and pier shafts. The base has two steps, one has been almost completely submerged beneath a concrete apron. The base of the plinth is in two parts, the lower part tapering with birds beak mould stepping between and a decorative wreath facing South. The body of the plinth has recessed Early English Gothic column shafts at the corners. The base has a hip canopy supported by a broad foliage moulding. The canopy has a gable containing a quatrefoil inscribed, facing south. The pier column bases are freestone, with the midway featuring sandstone moulding. The capital is finished with a prismatic pinnacle in sandstone and supported on four quatrefoil inscribed gables facing the cardinal points.

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