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## Seville Primary School Memorial Gates



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### Location

School Road SEVILLE, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

### Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

### Level of significance

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### Heritage Listing

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### Veterans Description for Public

The Seville Primary School Memorial Gates, on School Road, are dedicated to the First World War. The gates also feature plaques dedicated to a former pupil and Victoria Cross winner Captain George Mawby Ingram, who was an "Inspiring example of bravery and leadership to those around him regardless of the danger" in the attack on Montbrehain, France in 1918.

In the advance, which began at dawn, Ingram's 24th Battalion suffered heavy casualties because of strongly defended enemy positions. Without hesitation, Ingram, at the head of his platoon, rushed a post, captured nine machine guns and killed forty-two Germans who had shown stubborn resistance. Later, after his company had suffered severe casualties and many officers had fallen, he took control of the situation once again, rallied his men under intense fire, and led them forward. He rushed another fortification and overcame serious resistance. Twice more that day, he displayed great courage and leadership in the capture of enemy posts and the taking of sixty-two prisoners.

Ingram was born near Bendigo and spent most of his childhood around Lilydale, where he went to the local state school, and then was apprenticed as a carpenter and joiner.

From 1905 to 1914, Ingram was a member of the militia forces and was attached to the Australian Garrison Artillery. On 10 December 1914, he enlisted as a private in the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, and served in New Guinea until his discharge on 19 January 1916. On the same day, he enlisted in the AIF and, a year later, was with the 24th Battalion in France.

Ingram was awarded the Military Medal "for great courage and initiative as a member of the bombing section, by excellent placing of his bombs" at Grevillers, near Bapaume, in March. He was in hospital from April until June, and again during September and October, after which he rejoined his battalion. Lieutenant Ingram was awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the last Australian infantry action, the attack on Montbrehain on 5 October 1918.

In April 1919, he returned to Melbourne and on his discharge became general foreman with E.A. and Frank Watts Pty Ltd, building contractors. After the completion of the Shrine of Remembrance, he became a guard there. During the Second World War, he served with the Royal Australian Engineers and attained the rank of captain.

Captain Ingram died at home in Hastings on 30 June 1961 and was buried in Frankston Cemetery.

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