

MOORALLA CIVIC BUILDINGS MEMORIAL



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Memorial Plaque Mooralla



23417 Memorial Plaque
Mooralla 1178



23417 Memorial Gates
Mooralla 1179



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Mooralla 1181

Location

East West Road MOORALLA, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mooralla Civic Buildings Memorial is located in the roadside reserve on East West Road outside the site of the former Uniting Church. The memorial is a bronze plaque mounted on a large rock, erected in about 1998 by members of the local community. The inscription records the lost public buildings which were located in the immediate vicinity of the memorial, and which formed the community hub of the former village of Mooralla.

How is it significant?

The Mooralla Civic Buildings Memorial is of historical significance to the community of Mooralla and Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Mooralla Civic Buildings Memorial is historically significant as a permanent record of the demolished civic buildings of the former village of Mooralla. The erection of the memorial is significant as a reflection of the commitment of the local community to preserve the memory of its historic environment.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1998,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23417
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Physical Conditions

The memorial plaque is in excellent condition. The sites referred to in the inscription are vacant, with the exception of the 1933 State School building, which is in poor condition.

Physical Description 1

The Mooralla Civic Buildings Memorial is a cast bronze plaque, mounted on a large Grampians sandstone rock. The memorial has been placed outside the site of the former Mooralla Uniting Church, now demolished, in the centre of the abandoned village. The inscription reads:

'Former Location of Mooralla Facilities
Uniting Church Formerly Methodist 1873-1988
State School No 1835 1877-1977
Soldiers Memorial Hall 1922-1979
Tennis Courts 1908-1972
Golf Course 1930-1961'

The only remnant of the former Uniting Church is the wrought iron front gate, mounted between two wooden posts, and a hairpin crinkle wire fence extending along the front of the site.

The site of the former Soldiers Memorial hall, immediately to the west of the church, is vacant, except for a wrought iron gate and a pair of rendered brick gate posts. An historic plaque is mounted on the east gate post to commemorate the death of a local resident in World War 2. The inscription reads, 'Erected by residents of Mooralla in memory of Flt Sgt. John S Thomson who lost his life on 6th April 1945 in World War II at the age of 21 years.'

The State School was located on land reserved by the Crown in 1888 diagonally opposite the Soldiers Memorial Hall, on the south west corner of East West Road and Greenaway Road. The site is now covered with a mature

grove of predominantly *Pinus radiata*, which was planted when the school was relocated further east along East West Road in 1933. Two large carved gateposts and an iron gate survive in Greenaway Road.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 4: Building Settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

4.6 Remembering significant phases in the development of settlements, towns and cities

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.1 Organising recreation

8.1.1 Playing and watching organised sports

8.7 Honouring achievement

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

Usage/Former Usage

Memorial

Integrity

High.

Physical Description 2

Rev Sir Irving Benson, prominent clergyman

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