FOSTER WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

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Location

MAIN STREET, FOSTER, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO39

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

What is significant?
The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, designed by the Standard Quarry Co. of Melbourne and constructed in 1925, in Main Street, Foster.
The Foster World War 1 Soldier's Memorial, located in the central median of Main Street, Foster, is constructed in grey granite in simplified Classical style (vaguely Doric) as a small temple like structure with four columns carried on a battered rough split pedestal standing on a two-step concrete base. Memorial plaques are set into the sides of the pedestal; that for World War 2 to the west opposite the World War 1 plaque. The echinus of the column

capitals has a bulging profile and the entablature features triglyphs and a cornice. The stone structure is surmounted by a four faced clock mounted in a metal cube, a place, which it is believed was originally set aside for the statue of a soldier.

How is it significant?

The Foster World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the town and district of Foster.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, although not the first, it has now become the main World War 1 memorial in Foster and demonstrates the impact of World War 1 upon rural communities. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2 and G.1)
Aesthetically, it is a locally superior example of a World War 1 monument that contributes to the historic civic character of Main Street in Foster. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1925, 1925, 1925,
Architect/Designer	Standard Quarry Co.,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30605
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Physical Description 1

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An untidy overhead electrical connection spoils the appearance of the monument.

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