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# WELSHPOOL WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL



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## Location

MAIN STREET, WELSHPOOL, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO135

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Welshpool World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, comprising the memorial constructed by W. Bird in 1920 and the associated flagpole and mature palms, and situated in Main Street, Welshpool.

### Why is it significant?

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

Historically, it was the first war memorial in the former Shire of South Gippsland and expresses the significant effect that the First World War had upon small rural communities, and is related to the Avenue of Honour. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, the memorial is enhanced by its landscape setting that includes mature Canary Island Palms that are symbolic of victory.

Socially, the memorial is important as the focus of local remembrance day activities. (AHC criterion - G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	31033
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## Physical Description 1

The Welshpool World War 1 Soldiers' Memorial, located in Main Street, Welshpool, is constructed in grey granite in Classical style. The monument sits on a square split and margined basalt base with two stepped elements carrying a tapered trunk below a four sided pediment each side with the rising sun emblem of the Australian Armed Forces engraved. On top of the pediments sits a square obelisk of typical tapered form and a pyramidal cap. The sides of the upper step and trunk are engraved with the names of the fallen in both world wars. The setting is landscaped with a flagpole, shrubs and Cordylines. Canary Island Palms form part of a broader landscaped setting - Inglis (1998) notes that palms have biblical significance as symbols of victory.

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