Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers Memorial Fountain

Location

Bell Street, Coburg, Moreland City

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO31

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 22, 2004

What is Significant

The Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers Memorial Fountain on Bell Street Coburg.

How is it Significant

The Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers Memorial Fountain is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant

Historically, the fountain is significant for its associations with the locally important identity, Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers who was an important figure in the civic and social life of Coburg during the interwar years, and is one of the few memorials erected in honour of a single person. It illustrates the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens who raised the majority of the funds for its construction. (AHC Criterion H.1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as an outstanding example of a memorial in an exuberant art deco style, which is the only example of this style in the municipality. (AHC Criterion F.1)

Heritage

Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Company Streetscape Study, Timothy

Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places

Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;

Other Names

GA Bridges Reserve,

Hermes Number

Study/Consultant

56721

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Cr Harry Malcolmson Rogers Memorial Fountain is constructed of cement (?) in a stripped classical style with art deco motifs. It is situated close to Bell Street within GA Bridges Reserve.

Affixed to one column is a plaque that reads:

"Erected by the Citizens of Coburg To Perpetuate the Memory of Cr. Harry Malcolmson Rogers. 1935."

The setting of the fountain is complemented by the mature plantings of the GA Bridges Reserve, which date from the Edwardian or Interwar era

Comparative Analysis

There are no other memorials in this style in the municipality. Stylistically, the memorial is similar to the Edmond O'Donnell memorial in the O'Donnell Gardens in St Kilda, which was also erected in memory of a councillor and citizen of that suburb in 1927.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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