

Heritage Overlay No.: 023
Citation No.: 027
Place: War Memorial, Toolern Vale

Other Names of Place: First World War Memorial
Location: In Reserve, off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road,
Toolern Vale
Critical Dates: c.1920
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road, Toolern Vale, is significant as a memorial to the local soldiers who fought and died in the First World War between 1914 and 1919. It has further significance as an unusual example of a commemorative monument, with its repousse copper upright plaque featuring Art Nouveau detailing.

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC. D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original design qualities that include the unusual Art Nouveau detailing and construction in the upright repousse copper plaque. Other important qualities include the flanking concrete rectilinear columns and bluestone base.

The First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4, H.1, G.1). It is associated with the local soldiers who fought and died in the First World War between 1914 and 1919. It is recognised and valued by

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the local community for cultural and commemorative reasons. As one of the few structures of any sort to survive the fire that consumed the hamlet in 1965, it is of additional importance to the town's history.

Overall, the First World War Memorial off Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road is of LOCAL significance.