

# HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: GEORGE R. KING MEMORIAL STONE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Modern

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Chosen by students of the  
Reference: Gordon Technical College, Department of  
Architecture

BUILDER:  
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:  
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1959  
Reference: Mills, Giesbers, Sharp

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) City of Geelong

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES This monument consists of a granite  
boulder from the Dog Rocks outcrop near Batesford.



## NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission  
Register of National Estate

☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council  
Register No. ....  
File No. ....

☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)  
Classified/Recorded  
File No. ....

☒ Geelong Regional Commission  
Register No. 102

IDENTIFICATION DATA  
PLACE NAME G.R. King Memorial Stone  
ADDRESS Johnstone Park, Geelong.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong  
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Memorial in public park  
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE City of Geelong  
ADDRESS

TELEPHONE



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Mills, P., Giesbers, R., and Sharp, B.,  
'A History of Johnstone Park and Its Buildings',  
History IV thesis, Department of Architecture,  
University of Melbourne, 1965 -

Brownhill, W.R., A History of Geelong and Corio Bay  
Wilke & Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp.253-254

Aitken, Richard., "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural  
Introduction", Deakin University, 1979,  
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of Seeley, King and Everett.

Sillcock, Ken M., 'The Gordon of Geelong: A History of  
the Gordon Institute of Technology  
1887-1980'. Unpublished manuscript copy  
at Gordon Technical College, Geelong.

The inscription on the monument reads:  
'George R. King, O.B.E., F.R.A.I.A., 1872-1950  
A Great Educationalist'

**CITATION**      The King Monument at the western boundary of Johnstone Park, and close to the Gordon Technical College (established 1887) commemorates the contribution of noted architect, administrator and educationalist, George R. King, to the cultural and educational life of Geelong.  
From 1898 to 1934, King served the Gordon Technical College as Secretary, and later, Principal with great distinction. The granite boulder from the Dog Rocks at Batesford was erected in 1959 by ex-students of the Geelong Technical College, symbolising King's love of the area and the dramatic Dog Rocks formations.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- ☐ Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.  
☐ Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.  
☐ In danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.  
☒ Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.  
☒ Its townscape and/or landscape value.  
☐ Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

☒ LOCAL    ☐ REGIONAL    ☐ STATE    ☐ NATIONAL    ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT    ☐ GOOD    ☐ FAIR    ☐ DETERIORATED    ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☒ HIGH    ☐ LOW    ☐ ALTERED    ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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