

Heritage Citation



Balmoral War Memorial

Key details

Addresses	At 219 Oxford Street, Bulimba, Queensland 4171
Type of place	Monument / memorial
Period	World War I 1914-1918
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L1_RP12518
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — July 2011
Construction	Memorial; Plaque: Steel and Copper
Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (G) Social

Further works were undertaken in Memorial Park, in Oxford Street. This memorial was erected.

History

Hundreds of residents in the Bulimba Electorate enlisted for military service during World Wars I, and it is recorded that at least 80 from the electorate were killed. Memorial plaques and honour boards were erected in Morningside, Bulimba, Norman Park and Cannon Hill Memorial Halls. A Memorial Park with grandstand and trees dedicated to the service men and women of Bulimba and an honour avenue of weeping figs was established in Balmoral Park. A number of trees were planted at Cannon Hill and a war memorial statue erected at Tingalpa.

The Balmoral sub-branch of the Returned Services League met in the School of Arts and attended remembrance services at a “memorial arch” built in the School of Arts. No mention has yet be found of the memorial erected to the northwest of the School of Arts. Photographic evidence indicates it was in place by 1937.

The monument is present on BCC Department of Works Detail Plan No.1223 not dated for the original survey but revised to July 1957. It is standing to the west of the School of Arts building to the corner of Oxford Street and Riding Road.

The squat concrete plinth earlier supported a World War I German machine gun that had been captured by the 9th Battalion A.I.F. during operations near Merris, Flanders in June 1918. The gun disappeared from the plinth sometime during the 1950s.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history as a World War I commemorative monument erected early in the 20th century.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a structure associated with the former Balmoral Shire.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a sacred and special place for commemorating the involvement of the district during World War I.

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