

## Heritage Citation



### Banyo War Memorial

#### Key details

**Addresses**

At 273 St Vincents Road, Banyo, Queensland 4014

<b>Type of place</b>	Monument / memorial
<b>Period</b>	Postwar 1945-1960
<b>Lot plan</b>	L1_SP104120
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2003 Date of Citation — September 2011
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (G) Social; (H) Historical association

The Banyo sub-branch of the Returned Services League erected a memorial in memory of fallen comrades on this site in November 1952. The memorial, which took the form of a plinth and flagpole was apparently built for £10 11shillings. After the hall was demolished in 1998, a proposal to develop a larger war memorial was accepted, and part of the site donated to the Banyo RSL. A new memorial which included a re-located 25-pounder artillery piece, with garden beds and a paved walkway were installed around the existing flagpole, and dedicated on Anzac Day 1999. Two memorial walls were subsequently erected on the site.

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## History

A School of Arts Hall was erected on this site and was operating by 1925. It became the venue for meetings and activities of the Banyo Sub-branch of the RSL, who became trustees of the site in 1964. It became known as the Banyo Memorial Hall, and the sub-branch remained trustees until 1983, though they continued to meet in the hall. In 1998 the hall was demolished and the land resumed by the Queensland Government.

A small park reserve adjacent to the Banyo Railway Station was also named the Banyo Memorial Park in 1952 at the request of the Banyo Sub-Branch of the Returned Services League. At the time it was proposed to erect a hall and memorial cairn on the site, though this did not happen. Instead the sub-branch went ahead with a memorial in memory of fallen comrades on this site in November 1952. The memorial, which took the form of a plinth and flagpole was apparently built for £10 11shillings. After the hall was demolished a proposal to make a larger war memorial was proposed and the land donated to the Banyo RSL.

A 25-pounder artillery piece was relocated on the ground, garden beds and a paved walkway were installed around the existing flagpole. A memorial wall displaying the words "Lest we forget", and plaques representing the Navy, Army and Air Force was also built. Three trees 'buckinghamias' were planted by students representing Banyo State High School, Nudgee State School and St Pius Catholic School. The new memorial was dedicated with ceremony on Anzac Day 1999.

An honour roll for members of the Banyo community is located in the (BCC?) library.

In 2009 the Banyo Early Learning Academy erected another wall adjacent to the memorial on which the names of veterans could be attached.

# 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:

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### Historical

#### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history  
as a WWI and WWII commemorative monument erected by the local community.

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### 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 place for commemorating those members of the local community who served and/or died during times of war.

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### Historical association

#### CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

particularly the Banyo sub-branch of the returned Services League.

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## References

1. Northside Chronicle, 28 January 2009
2. Northside Chronicle 28 November 2007

3. Northern News, 7 November 2002

4. Bangee Festival, *Banyo Nudgee Heritage Trail*, (Brisbane: Bangee, 2000)

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