

## Heritage Citation



**Norman Park War Memorial**

## Key details

<b>Addresses</b>	At 43 Norman Avenue, Norman Park, Queensland 4170
<b>Type of place</b>	Monument / memorial
<b>Period</b>	Postwar 1945-1960
<b>Lot plan</b>	L471_SL8871
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — September 2002
<b>Construction</b>	Memorial; Plaque: Bronze
<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(G) Social

The Norman Park War Memorial is important to the local community as a sacred and special place for commemorating the involvement of the district in the major offensives of the 20th century.

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## History

In 1946 Returned Services League members Eric and May Watson began the Norman Park sub-branch of the RSL. A hall was moved from the Norman Park railway station and sited on vacant land near Norman Creek. The hall was available for hire for functions. In 1950 a modest low concrete obelisk war memorial and flag pole were erected on the site.

The hall was later demolished and the site became part of the Norman Park Services Bowls Club on 1 October 1960. The Memorial is the focus of Anzac Day services for the local area.

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## Description

The Norman Park War Memorial stands on a narrow wedge of flat grassed parkland adjacent to the Norman Park Services Bowls Club with street frontages to Norman Avenue and Donaldson Street. The monument is a squat white-painted tapering concrete obelisk standing on a concrete slab at the northeast end of the site. A concrete path from the kerb of the Norman Avenue footpath meets the concrete slab of the monument. The northeast face of the obelisk bears a bronze plaque with a wreath and inscription in relief. An additional plaque from the Australia Remembers Initiative has been fixed below the earlier plaque. A flagpole stands to the

southwest of the obelisk.

The park has a perimeter hedge and a white painted concrete fence to the Norman Avenue frontage. There is a scattering of ornamental trees on the site.

A brief visual inspection of the place reveals that the monument is in a satisfactory condition.

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## 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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#### Social

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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 in the major offensives of the 20th century.

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## References

1. Brisbane City Council - City Assets Branch *Conservation Management Study* Stage 1 Report. November 2002

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