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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIALS



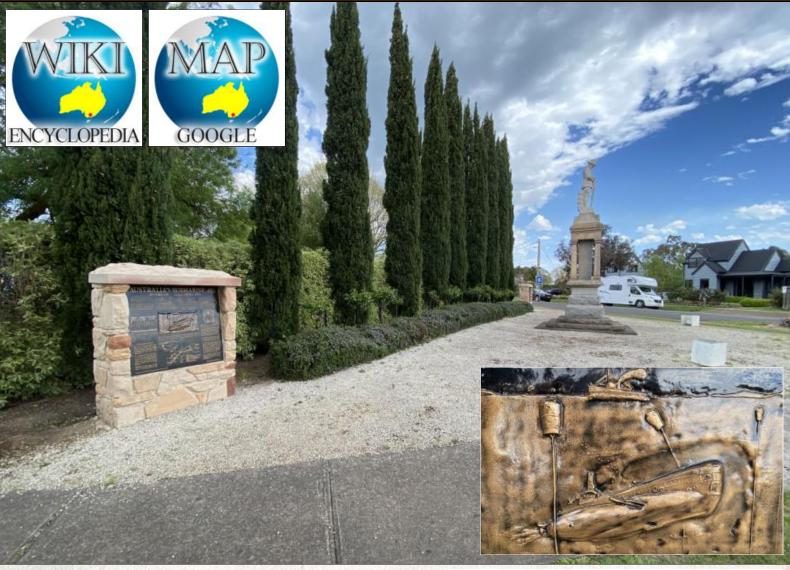
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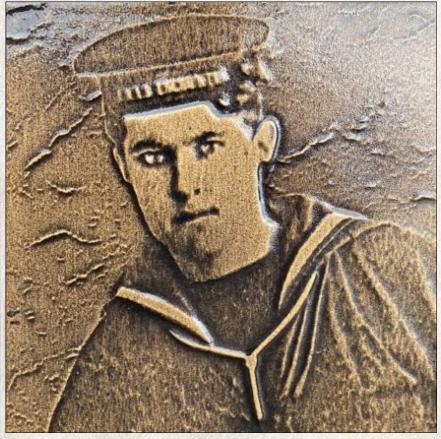
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#### Dunkeld Memorial Park, Dunkeld





The Dunkeld War Memorial was built by monument masons Barklamb Bros. at a cost of 625 pound, and unveiled on 4 August 1929. Further names were added after WWII. The area was refurbished in 2000–01 and new plaques added in 2004, along with the Soldier Settler Memorial.

A newer monument describes a link with Dunkeld and HMAS AE2, the first Australian submarine to penetrate the Dardanelles in Turkey during WWI. Built in 1913, it sailed 56,000 km in 14 months and Dunkeld lad Michael Williams (left) was a crew member when it was scuttled. Michael later perished in a detention camp.

#### Walter Peeler VC Memorial on Peelers Road, Barkers Creek





Thanks to ex-local Lloyd Foster, this hidden memorial to a Victorian Cross recipient was found by accident when driving a dirt road near Castlemaine looking for a nearby slate quarry.

On 8 January 1918 Walter received the VC from King George V for accounting for 30 of the enemy soldiers during heavy rain and while advancing against three enemy posts (that were sniping at the Australians) during the first wave at Broodseinde Ridge in Belgium.

Later upon his return, Peter worked at the Sunshine Harvester Works before becoming a custodian of the

Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance in 1934. He later understated his age and enlisted in WWII. This war sadly took the life of his son Donald. After again returning, Peter returned to Melbourne and resumed his duty as the custodian of the Shrine of Remembrance. He later received the <u>British Empire Medal</u> in 1961, retired in 1964, and died on 23 May 1968.

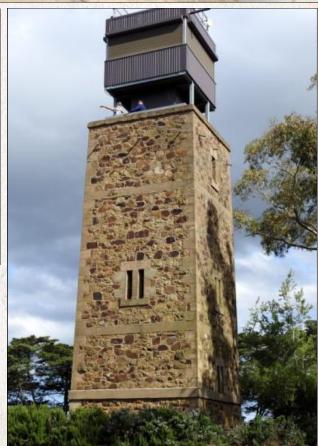
## Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park & Tower of Remembrance



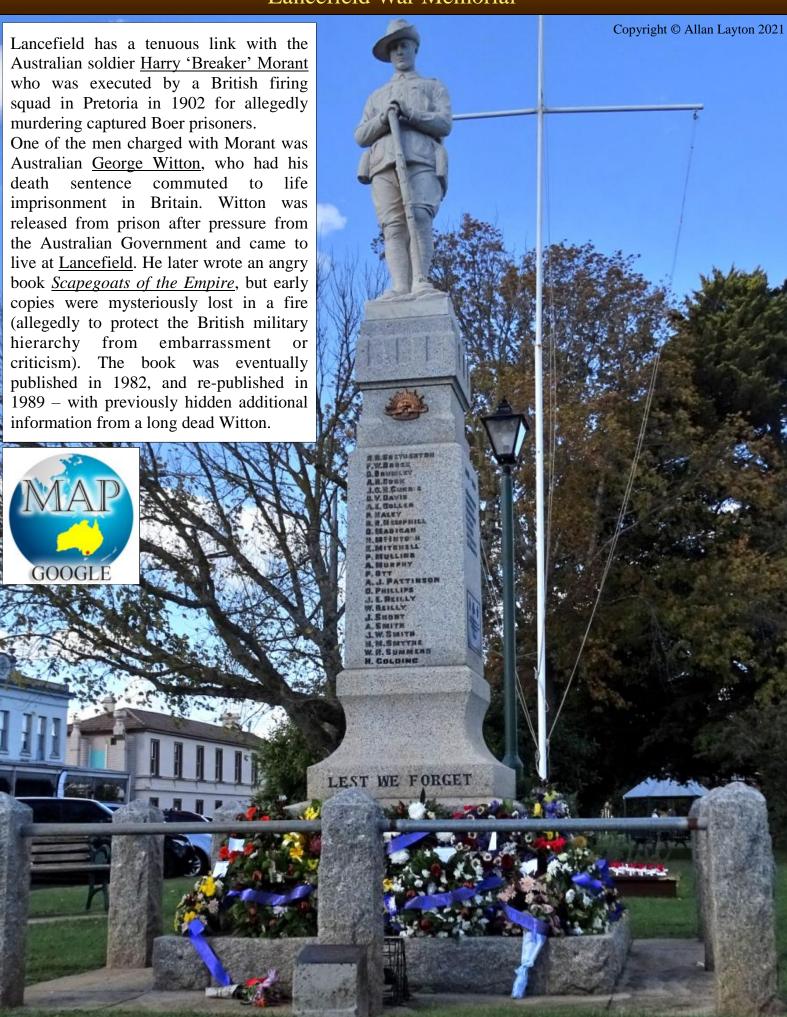




The sandstone tower was built from local rock, is 12 m high, 237 m above sea level and is fitted with an internal spiral staircase. It was officially opened on 11 November 1926 (Armistice Day) and is considered one of Victoria's more unusual War Memorials. A fire spotting cabin was installed on the tower in 1974 and later updated to the current configuration (including air -conditioning) in 2009.



#### Lancefield War Memorial



#### Ascot Vale Women's Memorial



This memorial is located in Victory Park on the corner of Epsom and Langs Roads in Ascot Vale, just near the Melbourne Showgrounds. It was erected in honour of the enduring sacrifice made by women who cared for Veterans of World War I. It was unveiled on 29 August 2015.

#### Rabaul War Memorial





This memorial is located at Rabaul on the island of New Britain, New Guinea, and is a lasting memorial to over 1000 Australian soldiers who were lost while being transported by Japanese forces as prisoners of war. The ship they were being transported on was the <u>SS</u> <u>Montivideo Maru</u>, which was targeted and sunk by the American submarine <u>Sturgeon</u> on 1 July 1942. The ship was taking the POW's to labour camps, but was not displaying any evidence to suggest it was carrying prisoners of war. Over 840 of those lost were members of <u>Lark Force</u>, captured during the <u>Battle of Rabaul</u> in January 1942. Sadly, Lark Force had been left without reinforcements and had been instructed not to withdraw, in accordance with official War Cabinet policy. The fate of the lost men was only revealed after the war ended.

These photographs were taken by Artworkz contributors George and Bev Gemmill, during a visit to Rabaul, <u>New Guinea</u> in 2016. George is also Australia's foremost expert on Annis and George Bills Horse Troughs. George and Bev live in Stanhope, Victoria, where three members of Lark Force originate from.

#### Ruffy Recreation Reserve Maygar Memorial





Planted in Memory of Lt. Col. L.C. Maygar V.C., D.S.O. V.D. A.E.F., A.I.F. Won V.C. 23-11-1901 AT GRELHOOTBOOM S.A. KILLED 1-11-1017



This Lone Pine sapling, located outside the entrance to the Ruffy Recreation Reserve, was planted in memory of local man Lt. Col. Leslie Cecil Maygar – winner of a Victoria Cross.

Leslie was at one time a local Alexandra boy who attended the Alexandra State School. After first having been rejected for war service (Boer War) because of tooth decay, he successfully enlisted for service in the 2nd Boer War during which he won his VC. Upon the outbreak of World War I he again signed up. Leslie was killed in action, dying on 1 November 1917 of injuries sustained at Beersheba a day earlier. He was one of just a handful of local men awarded the Victoria Cross.

#### Hawker War Memorial





The War Memorial precinct at Hawker, SA, showcases what a small outback community can do to honor those who served and lost their lives. Hawker is located in the Flinders Ranges area of South Australia, 365 km north of Adelaide and in the Flinders Ranges Shire.

The precinct includes a Memorial Cross to the unknown soldier, a Walk of Honour, a Garden of Courage and Sacrifice – planted in 2016. The interpretive signage is of high quality and the site also includes sculptures and handpainted honour rolls. The memorial plaque was relocated here from outside the Shire Council Chambers.

Interestingly, the site is home to a replica field gun which featured in the locally filmed 1987 movie <u>The Lighthorsemen</u>. The movie starred John Blake, Sigrid Thornton, Peter Phelps and Gary Sweet.



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The Rushworth War Memorial is located in the Central Road Reserve in High Street, Rushworth and is one of the few War Memorials that incorporates a clock facing each of the four main compass points. It is well kept, its plaques are informative, and there are two military busts located on the northern side of the structure. The busts commemorate two local sons (Air Marshall Sir George Jones KBE CB DFC and Air Vice-Marshall Francis Hubert McNamara VC CB CBE). The next four pages provide more information on these two noteworthy Rushworth servicemen.

This memorial is close to shops, the museum, public toilets, and a shaded picnic table.

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#### Air Marshall Sir George Jones KBE CB DFC

ANZAC CENTENARY 2014–2018
AIR MARSHAL SIR GEORGE JONES KBE CB DFC
BORN GOBARUP: 18 OCTOBER 1896,
BIRTH REGISTERED AT RUSHWORTH:
22 NOVEMBER 1896
DIED: MELBOURNE: 24 AUGUST 1992
EDUCATED: RUSHWORTH STATE SCHOOL

SERVICE NO'S: 1074 AND 031

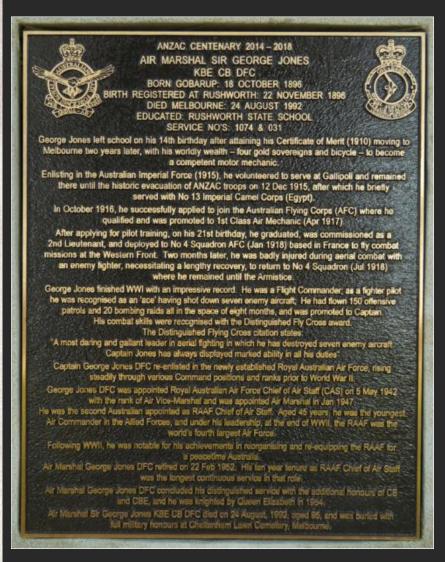
George Jones left school on his 14th birthday after attaining his Certificate of Merit (1910), moving to Melbourne two years later with his worldly wealth which consisted of four gold sovereigns and a bicycle. In Melbourne he became a competent motor mechanic. Enlisting in the Australian Imperial Forces (1915), he volunteered to serve at Gallipoli and remained there until the historic evacuation of ANZAC troops on 1 Dec

1915, after which he briefly served with the No 13 Imperial Camel Corps (Egypt).

In October 1916, he successfully applied to join the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) where he qualified and was promoted to 1st Class Air Mechanic (Apr 1917). After applying for pilot training, on his 21st birthday, he graduated, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and deployed to No 4 Squadron AFC (Jan 1918) based in France to fly combat missions at the Western Front.

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Two months later, he was badly injured during aerial combat with an enemy fighter, necessitating a lengthy recovery, to return to No 4 Squadron (Jul 1918) where he remained until the Armistice.



George Jones finished WWI with an impressive record. He was a Flight Commander and as a fighter pilot he was recognised as an 'ace' having shot down seven enemy aircraft. He had flown 150 offensive patrols and 20 bombing raids all in the space of eight months, and was promoted to Captain. His combat skills were recognised with the Distinguished Flying Cross award.

The Distinguished Flying Cross citation states:

A most daring and gallant leader in aerial fighting in which he has destroyed seven enemy aircraft.
Captain Jones has always displayed marked ability in all his duties.

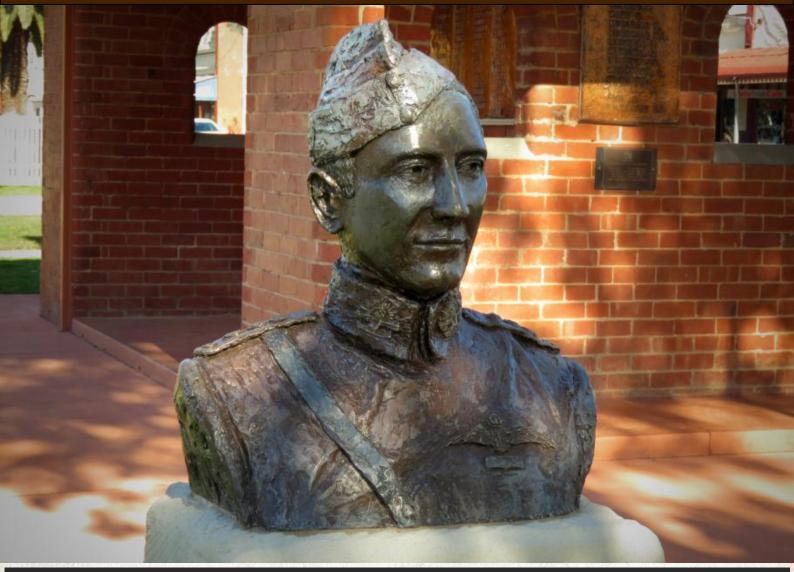
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and ranks prior to World War II. George Jones DFC was appointed Royal Australian Air Force Chief of Air Staff (CAS) on 5 May 1942 with the rank of Air Vice-Marshall and was appointed Air Marshall in Jan 1947. He was the second Australian appointed as RAAF Chief of Air Staff, aged 45 years. He was the youngest Air Commander in the Allied Forces, and under his leadership, at the end of WWII, the RAAF was the World's fourth largest Air Force.

Following WWII, he was notable for his achievements in reorganising and re-equipping the RAAF for a peacetime Australia. Air Marshall George Jones DFC retired on 22 Feb 1952. His ten year tenure as RAAF Chief of Air Staff was the longest continuous service in that role. Air Marshall George Jones DFC concluded his distinguished service with the additional honours of CB and CBE, and he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1954.

Air Marshall Sir George Jones KBE CB DFC died on 24 August 1992, aged 95, and was buried with full military honours at Cheltenham Lawn Cemetery, Melbourne.

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#### Air Vice-Marshall Francis Hubert McNamara VC CB CBE

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For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during an aerial bomb attack upon a hostile construction train, when one of the four pilots was forced to land behind the enemy's lines, Lieutenant McNamara, observing this pilot's predicament and the fact that hostile cavalry were approaching, descended to his rescue. He did this under heavy rifle fire, and in spite of the fact that he himself had been severely wounded in the thigh. He landed about 200 yards from the damaged machine, the pilot of which climbed on to Lieutenant McNamara's machine and an attempt was made to rise. Owing, however to his disabled leg, Lieutenant McNamara was unable to keep the machine straight and it turned over. The two officers, having extricated themselves, immediately set fire to the machine and made their way across to the damaged machine, which they succeeded in starting. Finally, Lieutenant McNamara, although weak from the loss of blood, flew this machine back to the aerodrome, a distance of seventy miles, and thus completed his comrade's rescue.

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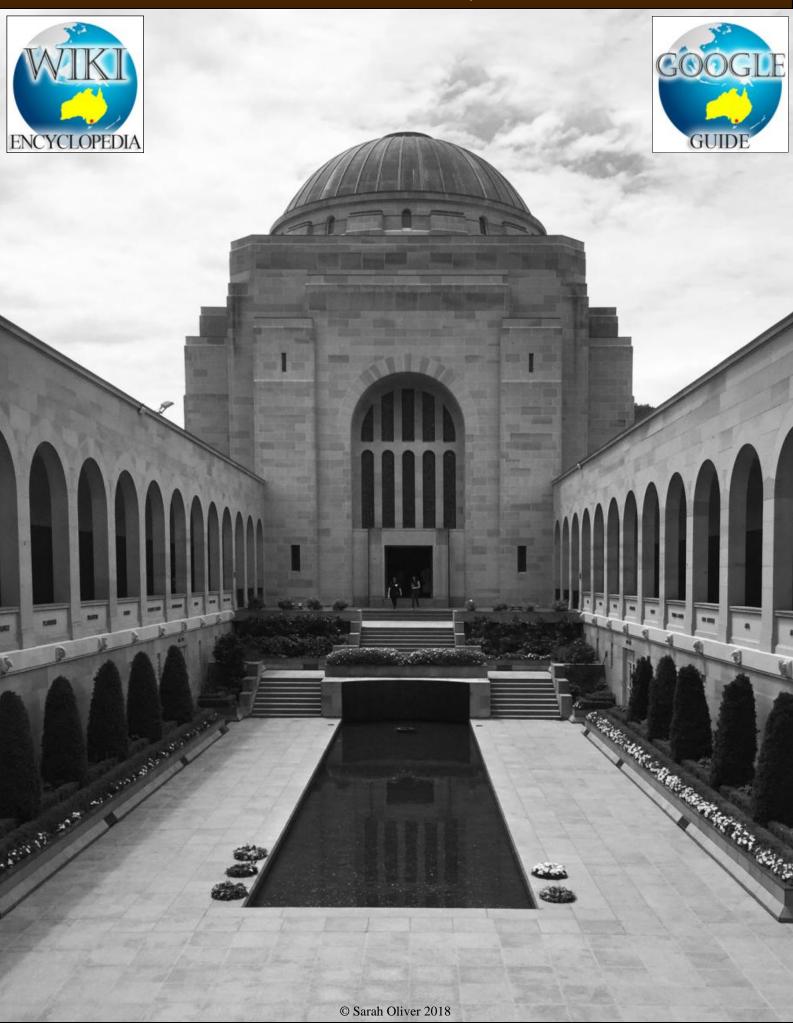
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## Australian War Memorial, Canberra



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Memorial, Sydney



## YININMADYEMI Thou didst let fall

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have always defended their country. Indigenous Australians are known to have served in the state colonial forces before Federation and have proudly carried on this tradition of service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diggers experiencedthe horror of war on the battlefield and many made the ultimate sacrifice. The sad reality for these veterans was that equality in the country they fought to defend remained a distant dream.

This memorial on the land of the Gadigal clan pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have defended our country – the unsung heroes, our brothers and sisters, our mates.

We remember those fallen
We honour those standing

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## Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne





The Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance is one of the largest War Memorials in Australia and is located at Kings Domain on St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Built to honour Victorian's who served in WWI, it has since become a symbol of remembrance for all wars where the ANZACS have served.

Designed by two war veterans and built of marble stone, it was unveiled on 11 November 1934. Once a year, on 11 November at 11 am, a ray of light shines through an aperture in the roof to light the word 'Love'.

#### Arch of Victory, Avenue of Honour, Ballarat

The Ballarat Avenue of Honour is the longest Avenue of Honour in Australia, at 22 km. It is also one of the earliest avenues to have been planted in Victoria. The Arch of Victory at the start of the Avenue of Honour is the tallest in Australia. It was opened on 3 June 1920 and underwent a major renovation in 2011. It is 17.4 m high, 19.5 m wide, and has an opening 7.3 m high and 9.5 m wide. Click this box for an excellent brochure and history presented by the City of Ballarat.







## Yarck War Memorial



Alice Springs War Memorial

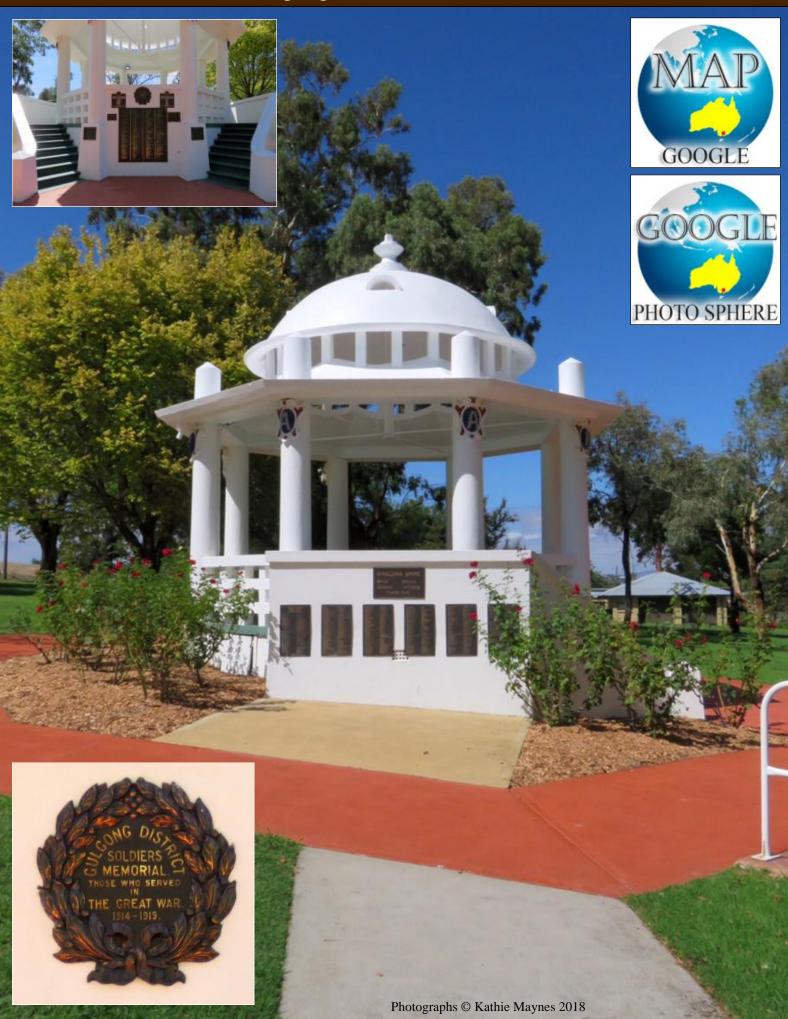


to construct than the memorial itself, even though it was constructed by volunteer labour. In 1979, the original old car headlights, erected as floodlights, were replaced with lights from the decommissioned HMAS Yarra (III).

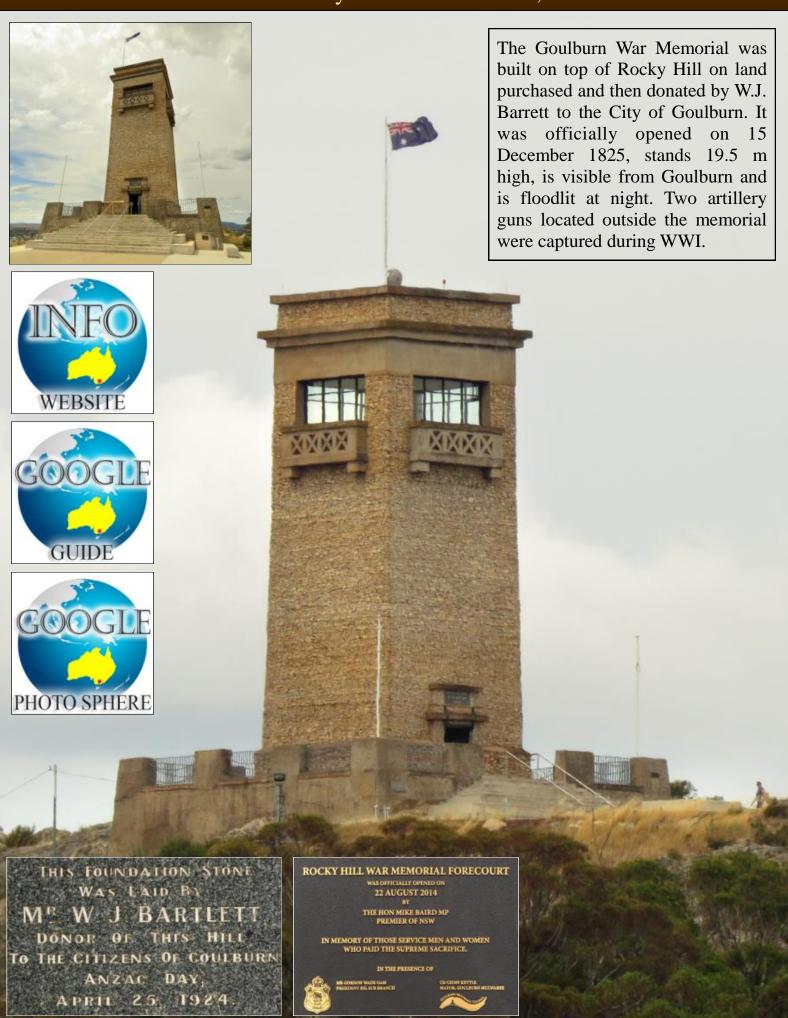
#### The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial at Ballarat



Gulgong War Memorial, NSW



## Goulburn Rocky Hill War Memorial, NSW



## VC Memorial Park, Euroa, Victoria



## Perth War Memorial, Kings Park, Perth



Located at Perth in Western Australia, it comprises a Cenotaph, Court of Contemplation, Flame of Remembrance and Pool of Reflection.





## Norfolk Island War Memorial



The Norfolk Island Cenotaph cost 145 pound and 18 shillings and was unveiled on 25 April 1929 at the War Memorial Reserve, on the corner of Pier Street and Quality Row. It was erected to:

Commemorate the Services
of the Inhabitants
of this Island
who fought in the
GREAT WAR
1914-1919

A smaller plaque found on one side of the memorial lists the ten servicemen who died during World War II.



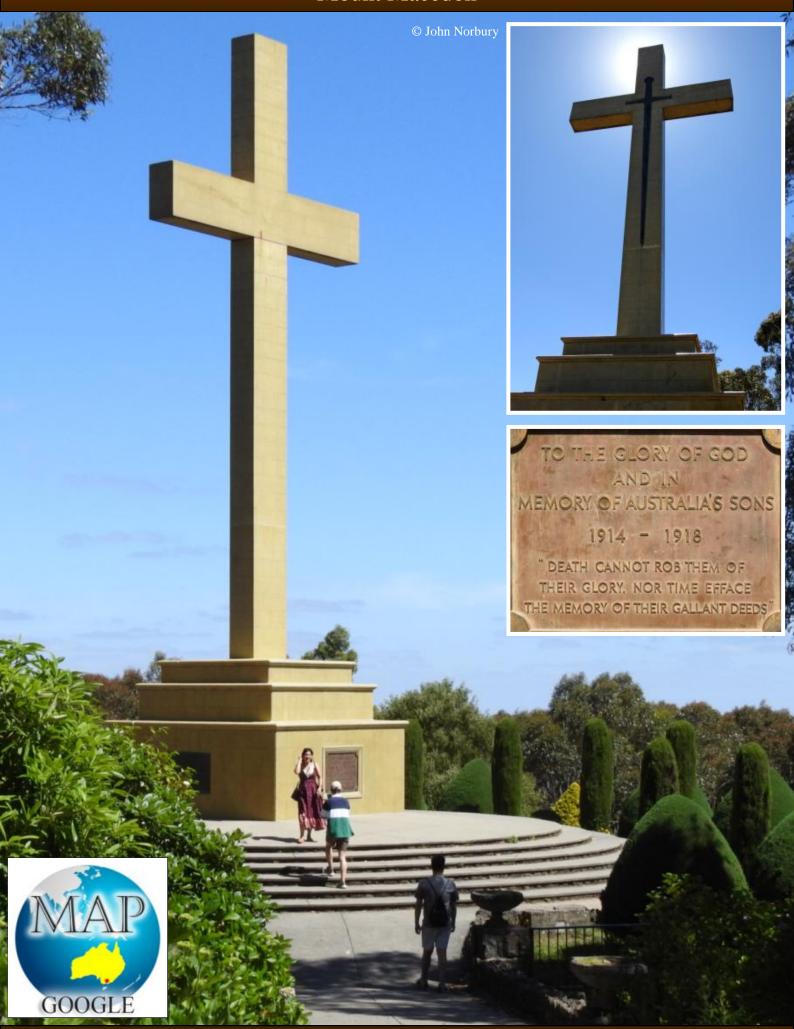
## Memorial Clock Tower, Ringwood



#### War Memorial, Mitcham



## Mount Macedon



Soldiers Memorial, Alexandra



Soldiers Memorial, Jubilee Park, Avenel



IN REMEMBRANCE, SO WE NEVER FORGET THEIR SACRIFICE

War Memorial, Jamieson



#### HMAS Yarra National Memorial, Williamstown



Soldiers Park, Tarnagulla



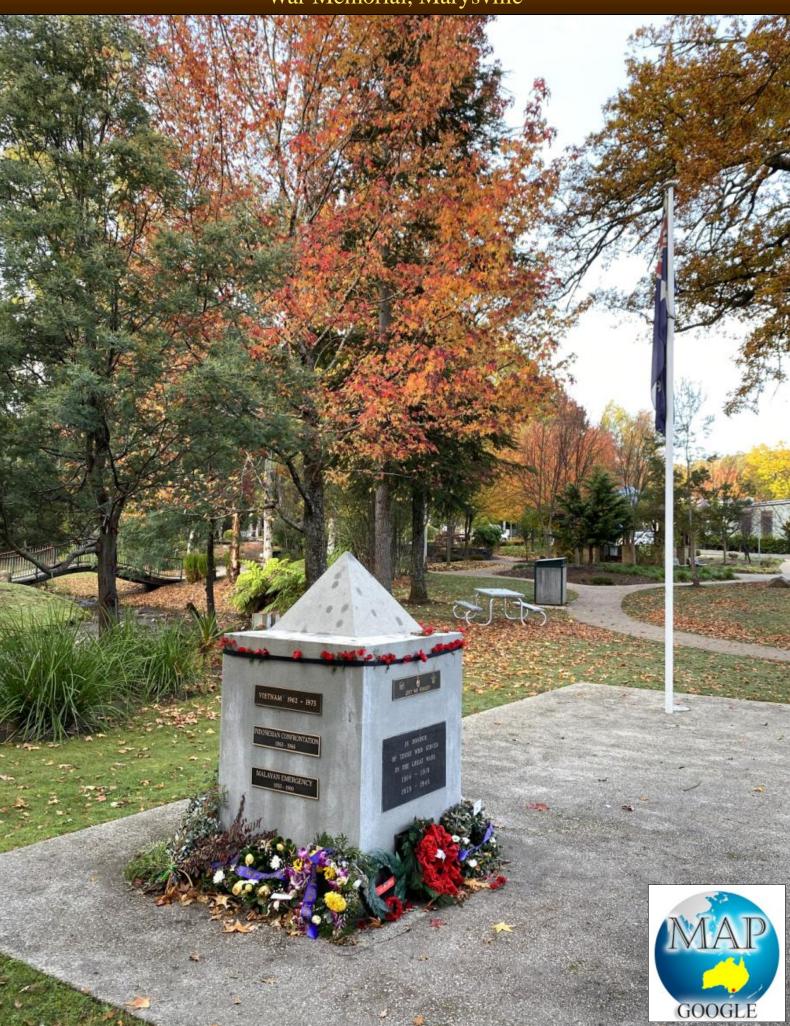
Bendigo Barristers Seat, Pall Mall, Bendigo



## Forbes Memorial Hill



War Memorial, Marysville



War Memorial, Strathbogie



#### HMAS Yarra National Memorial, Williamstown



Soldiers Park, Tarnagulla



Bendigo Barristers Seat, Pall Mall, Bendigo



War Memorial, Strathbogie



War Memorial, Yea



War Memorial, Bathurst, NSW



Private Leslie Starcevich VC Memorial, Grass Patch, WA



#### Echuca Great War Memorial, Library Grounds



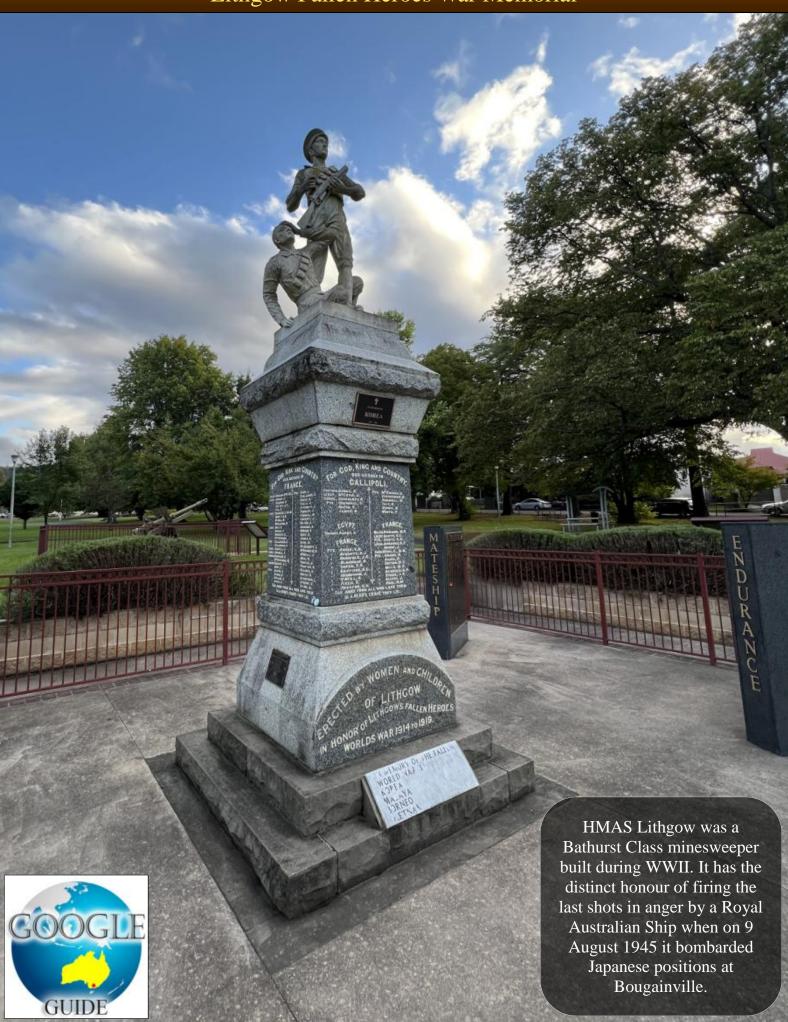
#### Limestone Avenue of Honour - Langs Road



War Memorial, Bathurst, NSW



### Lithgow Fallen Heroes War Memorial



Swanpool Soldiers Memorial





They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.