

ALEXANDRA



WAR
MEMORIAL



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**ALEXANDRA
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INTRODUCTION

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Unveiled: 1952
Location: Leckie Park Reserve
Alexandra, Victoria
Included: 1924 Soldiers Memorial

Unveiled in 1952, the Alexandra War Memorial in Leckie Park incorporates the Soldiers Memorial originally unveiled in Grant Street during the 1924 Anzac Day ceremony.



The Alexandra 'Soldiers Memorial' was sculptured by Sculptor Margaret Baskerville (1861-1930) and originally located in Grant Street, Alexandra 1917 opposite the Commercial (Corner) Hotel.

A newer and larger War Memorial precinct was later unveiled in Leckie Park Reserve near the Bowl Club during the 1952 ANZAC Day Ceremony. This relocation followed the establishment of a 'War Memorial Committee' which raised money from the community for the new memorial and to relocate of the original 1924 Soldiers Memorial shown above right.



TIMELINE

BASIC TIMELINE OF EVENTS



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

TIMELINE

20 April 1917

The Prime Minister of Australia wrote to certain religious denominations requesting they hold services on ANZAC Day.

25 April 1917

The first ANZAC Day ceremonies were held across the district. At Alexandra the State School was the first venue used.

3 March 1924

On Monday 3 March, the Soldiers Memorial was unveiled in Grant Street, Alexandra. Lord Stradbroke officiated. Three images of the event supplied by contributors show that a veil was actually draped over the memorial before its unveiling.

25 April 1952

After money was raised by a 'War Memorial Committee' and the public to construct a new War Memorial in Leckie Park. This included money to move the existing Soldiers Memorial from Grant Street to the new park site. The new War Memorial was officially unveiled ANZAC Day 1952.

2015

Minor restoration works were conducted to ensure the War Memorial stayed in pristine condition. Minor restoration works were also conducted on the Princess Alexandra Statue. They were completed by ANZAC Day.

GALLERY

RELATED IMAGERY

THELMA EDWARDS COLLECTION

District imagery from yesteryear!

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ALEXANDRA ANZAC DAY 1924

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GALLERY



Unveiling of the Alexandra War Memorial 3 March 1924.

A photographer has his camera and tripod setup on the roof of the Barton Butcher store. The tripod legs are identical to the tripod legs used by Alexandra Photographer Lin Cumming at that time.

Could this be Lin Cumming covering the event with his camera?

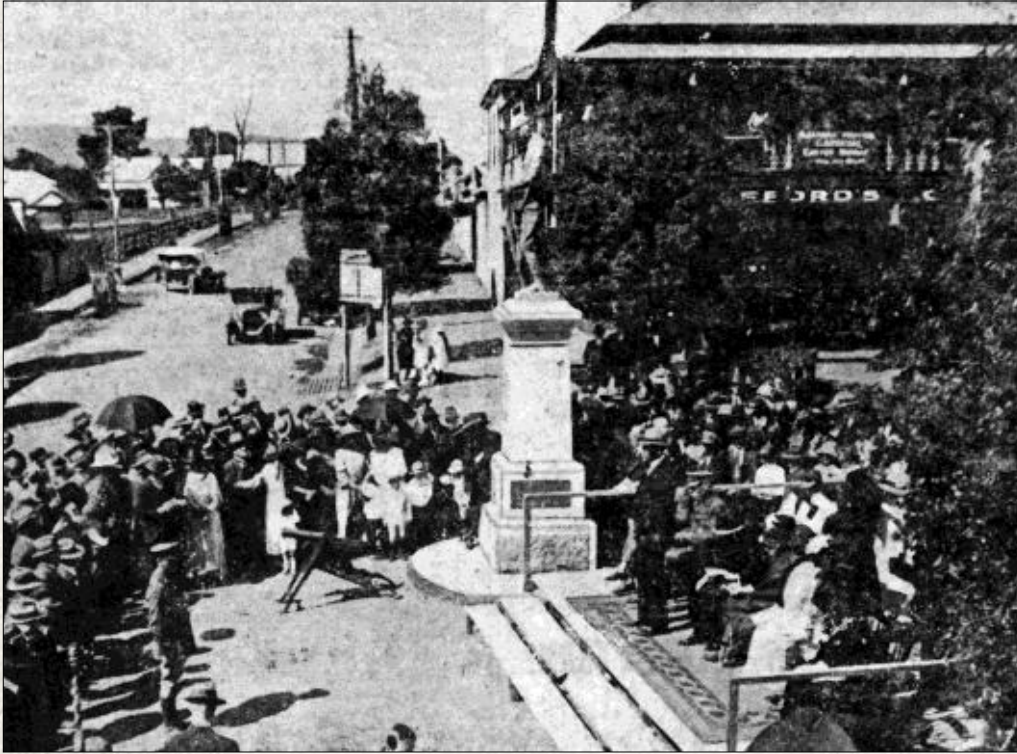
The photos on the previous three pages were likely taken by this camera based on the angles and elevation.

Photograph courtesy Mick McEvoy 2016.



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GALLERY



**Unveiling of the
Alexandra War
Memorial
3 March 1924.**

*Courtesy Geoff Hayes
Alexandra Standard..*

GOVERNOR AT ALEXANDRA.

War Memorial Unveiled.

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Alexandra & Yea Standard
Tuesday 4 March 1924
Courtesy National Library Australia

Opening of the Alexandra Soldiers Memorial in Grant Street, Monday 3 March 1924 by Lord Stradbroke, the Governor of Victoria.

Later in 1954 it was moved to Leckie Park.

*Argus Newspaper.
Courtesy National Library Australia.*



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GALLERY



The Alexandra War Memorial in its original location.

Photograph courtesy Jeanie Webb 2010.

Soldiers Memorial circa 1925.
Courtesy John & Maureen Norbury.



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BY THE
MILITARY AND NAVAL
MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO
DIED FOR THE SUPREMACY OF THE
EMPIRE
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918

CALLIPOLI POZIÈRES
BULLECUURT THE SOMME
YPRES

LAPEYRE
JUSASSEN

CENTIS



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The Soldiers Memorial circa 1926 in its original location in Grant Street.
Photograph courtesy Leisa Lees and Ron Cooper 2013.



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The Soldiers Memorial in its original location in Grant Street

Photograph courtesy 2010 Wayne & Jo Miller





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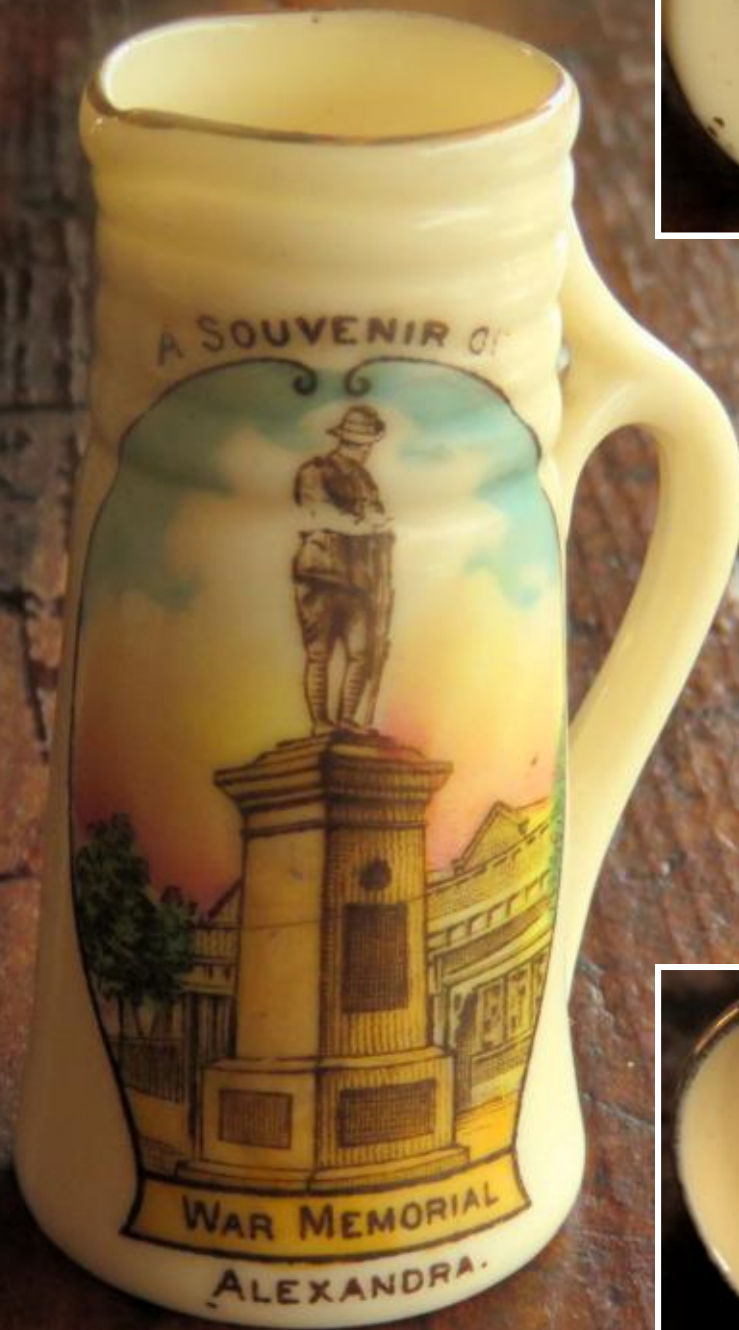


The Soldiers Memorial circa 1926.

Photograph courtesy Courtesy State Library Victoria 2014.

ALEXANDRA WAR MEMORIAL SOUVENIR

CIRCA 1940



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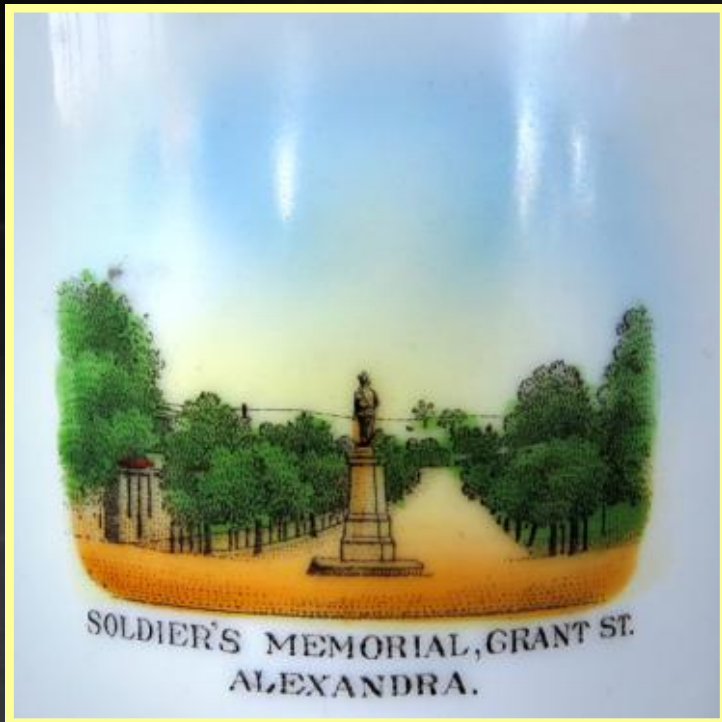


Courtesy

Pam Petersen

ALEXANDRA WAR MEMORIAL CUP

CIRCA 1950



A tourism cup depicting the Soldier's Memorial which was located at Barton's Corner, Grant Street in Alexandria. The Soldier's Memorial was relocated to Leckie Park at Alexandria in the early 1950s and is a central component of the Alexandria War Memorial Precinct.



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Postcard by HJ Vallance of Anzac Day 25 April 1940 at Alexandra.

Photographer H. J. Vallance. Courtesy Ted & Val Hall 2016

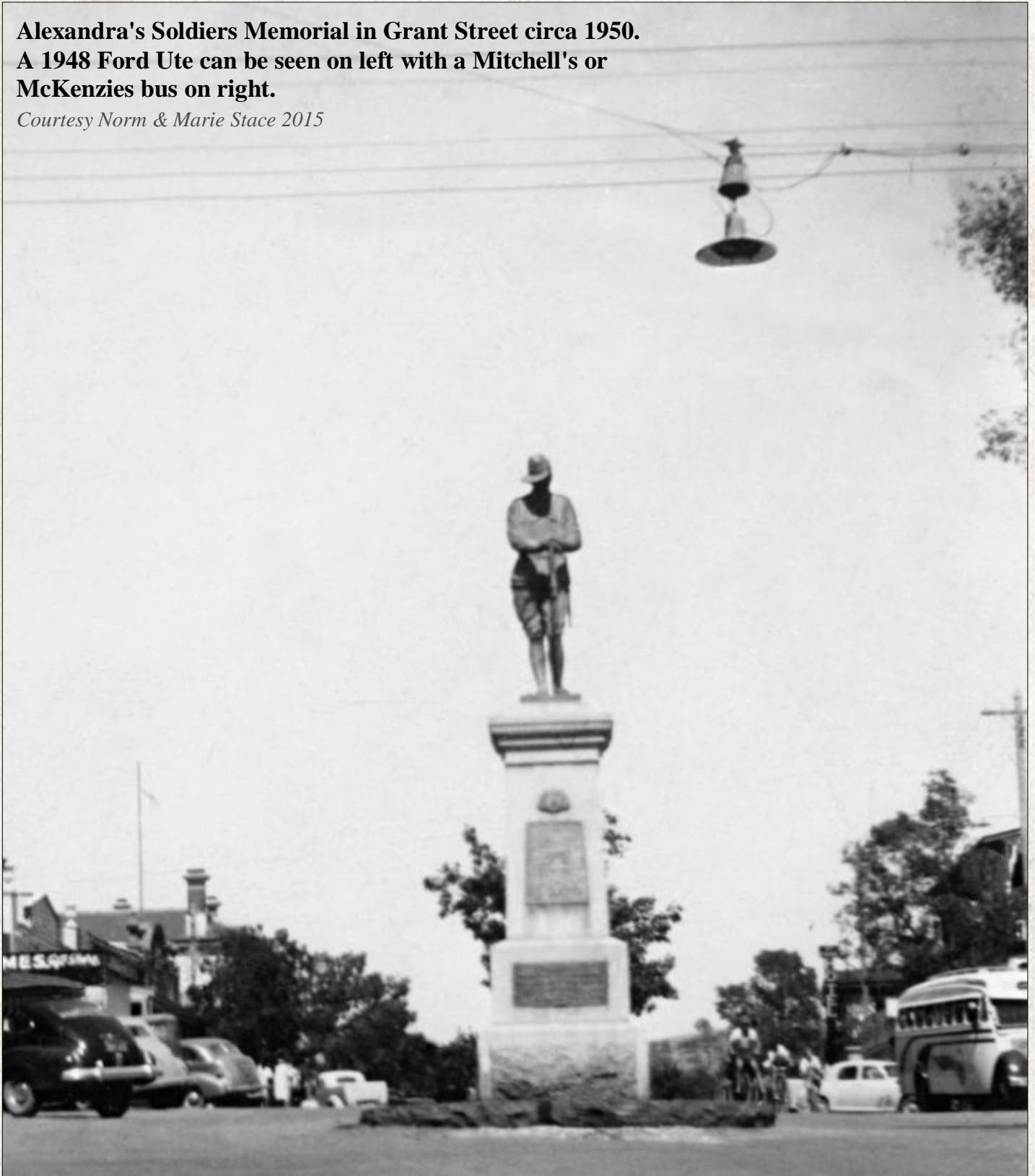


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**Alexandra's Soldiers Memorial in Grant Street circa 1950.
A 1948 Ford Ute can be seen on left with a Mitchell's or
McKenzies bus on right.**

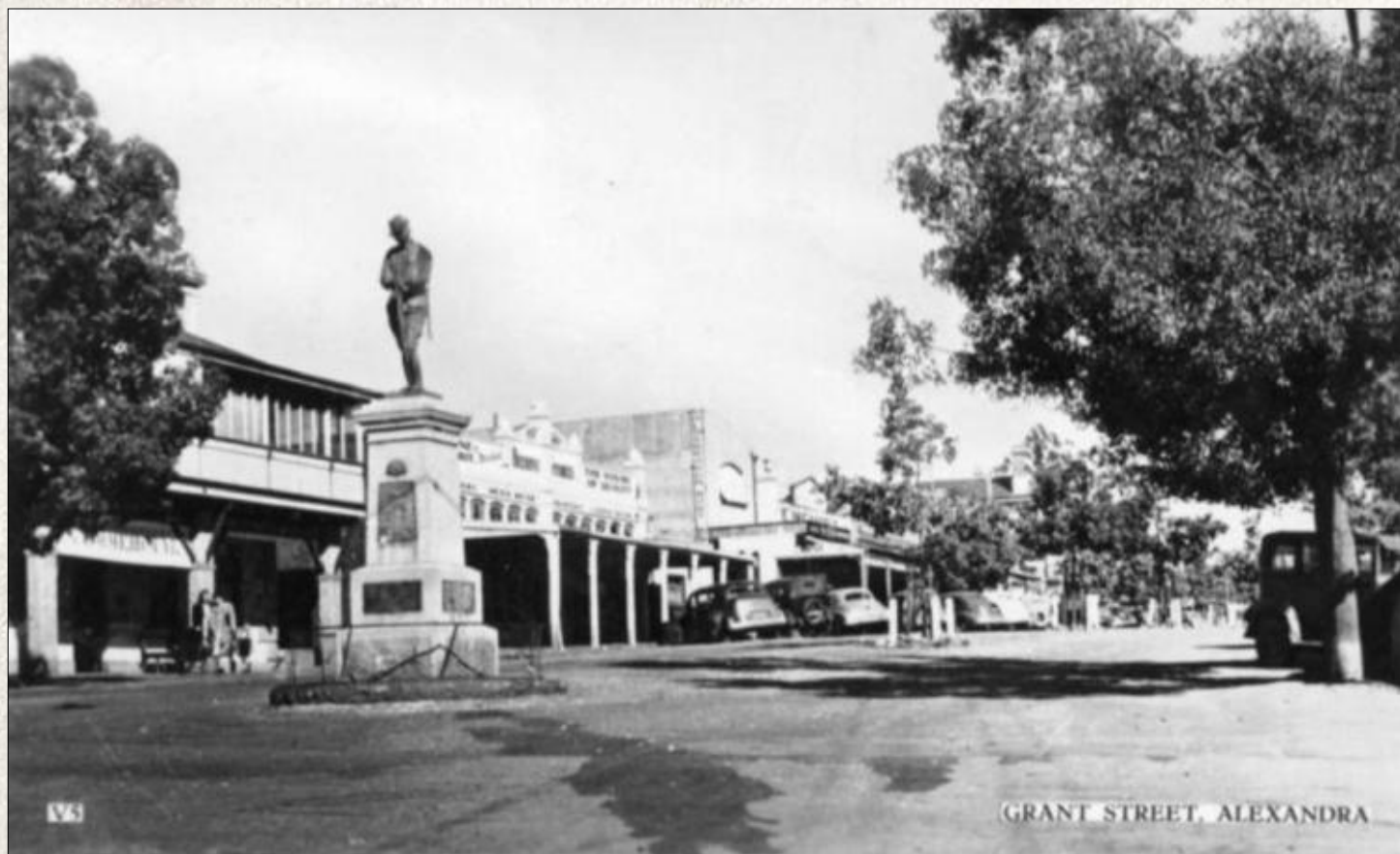
Courtesy Norm & Marie Stace 2015





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Alexandra's Soldiers Memorial in Grant Street circa 1950. Note the same cars as the photograph on the previous page. These may have been shot keepers vehicles.

Courtesy Tony Ballino 2013



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

GALLERY



Alexandra's Soldiers Memorial in Grant Street before it was moved to Leckie Park 1952.

Photograph courtesy 2010 Shirley Rees



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

GALLERY



Alexandra's Soldiers Memorial in Grant Street circa 1950.

The photograph was captioned Bob, Pat, Jack and June at Alexandra.

Courtesy Leisa Lees 2013.



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

GALLERY



The Soldiers Memorial in its original location in Grant Street circa 1950.

Photograph courtesy 2010 Herald & Weekly Times & Julie Howard-Schachner 2011.



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**The War Memorial unveiled 1952 included the moving of the
Soldiers Memorial seen here on the right.**



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The new War Memorial unveiled 1952.



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REMEMBER
IN HONOUR AND
GRATITUDE
THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THIS SHIRE
WHO SERVED
AUSTRALIA
IN THE
SECOND WORLD WAR,
FACING PERILS
AND
HARDSHIPS,
WOUNDS, SICKNESS,
CAPTIVITY AND DEATH,
AND PRESERVING
A HERITAGE
FOR US TO GUARD
AND TO CHERISH.

THESE GAVE UP THE
PRICELESS GIFT
OF LIFE

A. BOWLER
B. BROOKS
R. F. CHANTER
B. COWCHER
F. J. CULHANE
E. W. DOCKING
A. C. EDWARDS
P. EDWARDS
W. E. EDWARDS
J. ELWARD
K. FLEETON
R. A. HANNING
J. KAPONICA
A. KILPATRICK
F. KILPATRICK
S. V. MACKRELL
A. K. MURRAY
J. Mc MARTIN
J. P. O'DONNELL
SISTER F. STEVENSON
E. C. STILLMAN
C. THIES
H. WATERS
L. WEBSTER

The new War Memorial unveiled 1952.



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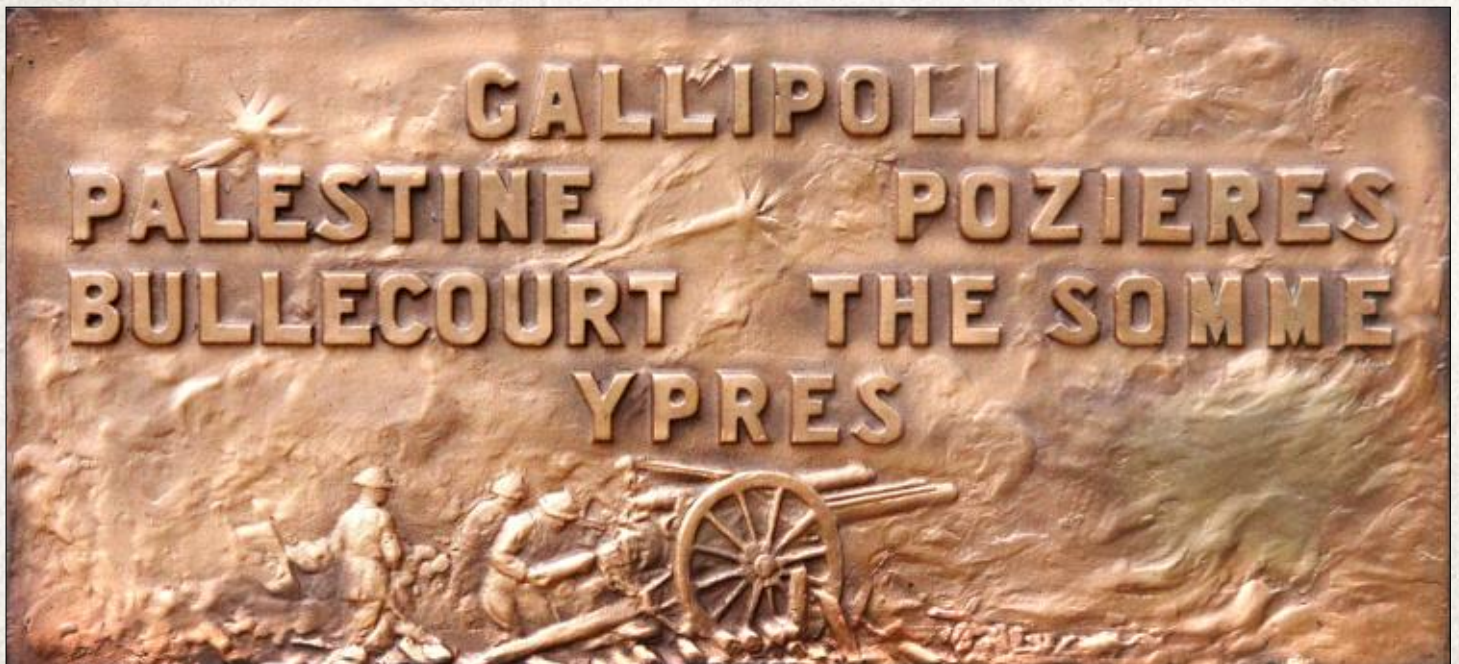


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MINCHINTON.E.	PAXIN.G.L.	STILLMAN.A.R.
MURRAY.H.A.	PAYNE.C.	TAYLOR.C.
MURRAY.J.T.	PAYNE.H.N.T.	TAYLOR.T.
MURRAY.A.	POPPE.W.J.	TUDDENHAM.H.
McKINNON.P.	RALSTON.H.	THOMAS.L.
NEWMAN.E.V.	RAYMOND.V.	WATERS.A.
NOLAN.W.	ROBERTSON.A.H.	WEAVER.H.
O'BRIEN.B.	ROBERTSON.N.	WILSON.A.
O'BRIEN.H.D.	ROBINSON.C.J.	WILSON.A.R.
ORCHARD.O.W.T.	SEBIRE.F.N.	WILSON.S.

The new War Memorial unveiled 1952.



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ERECTED BY THE SHIRE OF ALEXANDRA
IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED
THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOUR AND
DISTINCTION IN THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGNS

MALAYA	1948-60	1964-65
KOREA	1950-1953	
BORNEO	1962-1966	
VIETNAM	1962-1973	

PEACE KEEPING 1947 -
B.C.O.F. (JAPAN) 1945 - 1952

THEY PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

38838 J. L. MENZ R.A.A.

"LEST WE FORGET"

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Sculptor Margaret Baskerville 1861-1930.



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QF 25 Pounder





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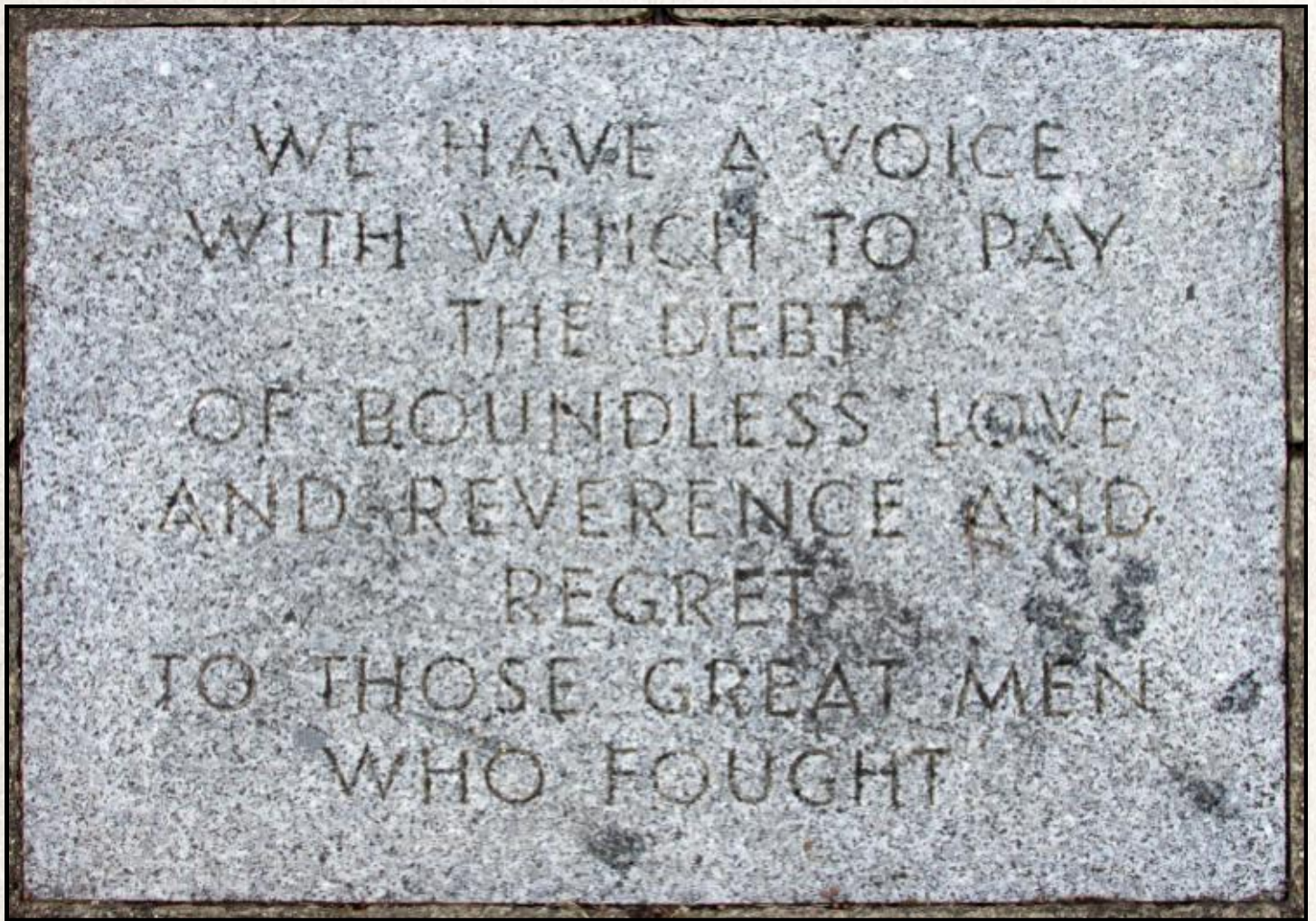
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The Great War Roll of Honour of 1914 to 1919 at the Alexandra Primary School
For King and Country, Lest We Forget.

NEWSPAPERS

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NEWSPAPERS



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

WAR SERVICE.

UNDER the Defence Act, Part IV., all Male inhabitants of Australia (excepting those who are exempt from service in the Defence Force), who have resided therein for six months and are British Subjects and are between the ages of eighteen and sixty years shall, in time of war, be liable to enlist and serve in the Citizen Forces.

In time of War it shall be lawful for the Governor-General, by proclamation, to call upon all persons liable to enlist and serve as prescribed.

A Proclamation having been duly issued under the Act, dated 29th September, 1916, calling upon—

All men who on the second day of October, 1916, are of the age of twenty-one years and upwards and under thirty-five years, who are unmarried or widowers without children ;

to enlist and serve as required, **PERSONS LIABLE** are hereby required to report as follows.—

Date.	Locality.	Place.	Hour.
17th October, 1916.	Alexandra	Shire Hall.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Those requiring coach or rail tickets apply to Post Office or Police Station, single journey only.

Resisting
Draft, &c.,
D.A., Sec. 75.

Any person who—

- (1) fails to enlist when required by this Act so to do ; or
- (2) counsels or aids any person called upon by proclamation to enlist in the Citizen Forces, to fail to enlist or to evade enlistment ; or
- (3) counsels or aids any person or has enlisted or who is liable to enlist in any part of the Defence Force not to perform any duty he is required by this Act to perform,

shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labor for any period not exceeding six months.

W. WEDLAKE (Lieut.),
Military Registrar, Indi Military Sub-District.

Place : Benalla.

Date : 28th September, 1916.

Alexandra & Yea Standard, Friday 13 October 1913, National Library Australia

Commonwealth of Australia WAR SERVICE CALL

Alexandra & Yea Standard
13 October 1913

Courtesy National Library Australia

To the Men of Alexandra!

Have You Sent in Your Card?

RECRUITS WANTED.

Now is the time. Don't delay: enlist at once.

Roll up and enlist at the shire hall and act up to your responsibility.

Consider those who, by their gallantry, have carved a imperishable name on the records of the Empire.

Thirty-seven recruits required for Alexandra's share in the big army.

Twelve per month to reinforce Victorians at the front.

Age 18 to 45
Minimum Height ... 5ft 3in
Chest Measurement 33 inches

LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR THE FRONT.

Approval has been given for the following rates of postage to be applied to parcels addressed to the Australasian and New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, in Egypt:—

Up to 3lb 1s; over 3lb and up to 7lb 2s; over 7lb and up to 11lb 3s.

Newspapers, 1d each up to 10oz.

The rates originally for parcels were:—
For 1st 1lb, 1s 2d, each additional 1lb 5d.
It will therefore be noticed that a considerable reduction has been made.



Standard ROLL of HONOR.

The following are the names of those who enlisted at Alexandra and others well-known and erstwhile residents who enlisted elsewhere. We will be pleased to publish the names of all those brave fellows doing their duty in a foreign land, and not appearing below:—

KILLED

J. Elliott, C. Robinson, V. Blakeney, Kingsstone

DIED

P. McKinnon, B Kent, C Daniels

WOUNDED

E Downey, H Tuddenham, A Brander, A Armstrong, Jud I, John Downey, E G Robb, J Milroy, J Butler, J Pantol, Serg B. Hubbard

RETURNED

E Fowles, E Ryan, J Downey, A Brander, Serg B Hubbard

MEDICALLY UNFIT

H Herbert, J Heffernan, M O'Neill, R Branson, W M Milgram, G A Payne, E Lane.

J Rowan	Corp P C Rowan
T Nolan	R Wilson
J Green	J Hayes
F Hewish	Lt Col Maygar, V.C.
W Hewish	D Mason
G Hewish	D McKenzie
D M'Laughlan	Lieut. W. Keen
C Jose	L Whiting
J Cruise	W Waters
Stone	C Cookson
J Nicholls	G Murray
S. Wilson	L. Hanning
A. Stillman	J Pendlebury
S. Brown	T. Warno
Corp E J V Hobart	J Caddy
E. Harding	A Dunn

S. West	W. B. Kerr
H. Butler	A. E. Turner
H. E. Aldous	G. Aldous
Casey	Roy Wilson
J. J. Brander	P. C. Brander
H. Payne	Claude Payne
A H Fox	H. Alston
T. Hassett	T. Anderson
H. Robinson.	T. Hanning
W. Macdonald	S. Bulmer
K. Gwynna	O. Furhmann
B. Alston	Haultomann
E. Wilmot	F. Payne
Harold Hayes	W. B. Kerr
P. F. Sampson	O. Orchard
N. Hanning	W. Collis
A. Patience	Alex. Ross
Reg. March	A. Lyall
R. Mason	R. Foster
F. Henley	Roy Payne
L. Angel	Clarence Nash
T. Allen	A. B. Lundquist
C. Daniels	J. Hassett
R Newman	J H Falkingham
J Kirkshaw	J Falkingham
G Kent	Les. Johnson
E Soutter	D R Hetherington
R Walton	V Taylor
W Ashcroft	S Hennessey
R Hill	G Watson
P Trezise	C Lukins
J Wilson	A Taylor
J Retallack	L Brown
C J Butler	— Young
C A Brown	— Fouracre
F Grainger	W Kaistake
E White	H Haysom
E Crichton	D M'Intyre
T Dwyer	A Casey
A M' Lauchlan	J Hayes
E Cumming	R Gilbert
D Collis	W Peach
P Mansfield	L Thomas
T Allen	W Anderson
P Roxburgh	M Noonan
S Sherwen	W Stillman
P Hennessey	E Burrett
G Sumner	R Walker
T Legge	T Taylor
B Cantieni	W Quirk
H Battersby	L Ward
R Nicholas	P Free
J Kilpatrick	L Lawlor
W Newman	A R Stillman
J Larkins	J Prendergas
K Lawlor	F Blunkett
Eric Wheeler	Clive Gordon
L Patience	Sergt. J. M. Baldwin
O. S. Footit	E Stillman
Walter Milroy	Geo. Sullivan
G A Robb	

NEW RECRUITS

H J. Ellerton	J Donald
E W Fell	P P Zampetti
E Johnson	J Dooley
A Lane	H J Morrow
G Jones	A Chandler
A M'Donald	F Wist
J R Rogers	W Williams
C Franklin	G Waystaff
W Horne	K. Andrews
J M Colley	A G Burchall
A Parsons	H Pedersen
A W Padgett	W J Poppie
F C H West	G Williams
L M'Guigan	O Minter
W Lockers	S Redmayne
Les. Waldren	L Wilson
L Downey	D S Frazer
Wm Owen	H D O'Brien
A E Howells	A Smith
Alf Mason	J Stillman
J Briggs	G Smith
W Warran Cookson	W J Roberts
B A M'Therson	

To the Men of Alexandra!

Alexandra & Yea Standard

19 May 1916

Courtesy National Library Australia.



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NEWSPAPERS

ANZAC DAY.

Commemorative Service.

The Prime Minister has requested the heads of the various religious denominations to hold special services on Anzac Day.

Owing to local arrangements (the races and entertainment at night) on Wednesday next clashing, the Rev. A. C. Weber has decided to hold the Presbyterian services on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. in the church.

It is hoped that returned men, and others who take a patriotic interest, will make a point of being present.

Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 20 April 1917
Courtesy National Library Australia

Reference to the first 'ANZAC Day' service in Alexandra after a request from the Prime Minister to various religious denominations.

*Alexandra & Yea Standard, Friday 20 April 1917.
Courtesy National Library Australia*



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Anzac Day:— At the State School, Alexandra, Anzac Day was observed on Wednesday last. The Revs A. C. Weber and W. C. Jones, also Cr. Baker and Mr. Keys delivered addresses. A number of parents were present. At the close of the function lollies, donated by Cr. Baker, were distributed among the children. Very hearty and prolonged cheers were given for the Australian heroes.

At Acheron, Anzac Day was celebrated. In the afternoon the visitors assembled at the school and a special programme was carried out. After the ceremony of saluting the flag, the National Anthem and a special intercession verse for our soldiers were sung. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by the Rev Mr. Weber, Rev. Mr. Jones, Mr. Barton (Acheron) and the head teacher, Mr. Malone. The addresses bore upon the splendid achievements of the Australian soldiers, not only at Gallipoli, but at other theatres of war and were calculated to inspire the children with admiration for the brave Anzacs who did so much and had suffered so much for their King and country. The speakers also exhorted the children to follow the example of the brave men who proved that they contained the best of human qualities, namely, patriotism and unselfishness. After partaking of refreshments, kindly supplied by the ladies, the proceedings closed.

Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 27 April 1917
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**Reference to the first 'ANZAC Day' service in Alexandra,
held at the Alexandra State School.**

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Original Anzacs.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF.

FOR over 1000 days the Original Anzacs have been fighting. War worn and overtaxed these veterans fight on. They have richly deserved a spell. They have made no appeal for relief from their arduous labours, but that very abstinence from complaint intensifies the justice of their unvoiced claim for a chance of recuperation. Their achievements are the proud heritage of coming generations. The week commencing on 27th July, is to be observed as a Special Anzac Holiday Appeal. Many eligible men have personal friends among these veterans. What more fitting recognition of their deeds could there be than for friends to enlist in their place, so that the overtaxed soldiers could be in their homes by Christmas. Such an action would honour the recruit. It would create a lifelong friendship between the veteran and the man who filled his place in the ranks. Even if a fit man has no personal friend among the Original Anzacs, he can pick out a name in the list and enlist in his place. All that is required is to notify the District Recruiting Officer, and the man in the trenches will be informed that an Australian is willing to act as his comrade in the truest sense of the word. To answer this Appeal is to obey the best instincts of Australians. It would be a splendid acknowledgment of the Anzacs courage and self-sacrifice. To bring the remainder of the original Anzacs back to Australia in time for Christmas Dinner in their own homes it will be necessary for Australia to supply her monthly quota of 7000 men, and an additional 5000 to replace those men who we desire to have returned and another thousand for the purpose of replacing casualties which may occur in the meantime, making a total of 20,000 between this and the end of September. Surely this is not too much to ask of Australia, whose gratitude to the men concerned should be boundless.

Scan the following list for YOUR Comrade's Name :-

—	Second-Lieutenant	...	...	Robb, E. G.	...	Rubicon, Thornton
—	Second-Lieutenant	...	...	Kean, W.	...	Thornton
1067	Warrant Officer	...	...	Lloyd, B. F.	...	Keyington
83	Staff-Sergeant	...	...	Seale, E. W.	...	"Forside," Alexandra

Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 27 July 1917
Courtesy National Library Australia

Reference to a week long "Special ANZAC Holiday Appeal". This is reference to the first ANZAC Ceremony at Alexandra.

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Alexandra & Yea Standard
Tuesday 4 March 1924
Courtesy National Library Australia

Opening of the Alexandra War Memorial Monday 3 March 1924.

Lord Stradbroke, the Governor of Victoria officially opened the War Memorial.
Later in 1954 it was moved to Leckie Park.

*Alexandra & Yea Standard, Tuesday 4 March 1924.
Courtesy National Library Australia.*



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Death of Mr. W. Lade

AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC MAN PASSES.

One of the few remaining figures of "the old brigade" in the public life of Alexandra passed peacefully away on Friday morning last in the person of Mr. William Lade. His health had not been satisfactory for some time, and of recent months his familiar figure had been missing from the main street, although only three weeks before his death he made his last public appearance when he attended the annual meeting of the Alexandra Bush Fire Brigade, in which he had always taken a keen interest. He gave the Brigade practical support, and for several years occupied the position of President.

The late Mr. Lade was born in the year 1863 in the Plenty River district, and came to Alexandra with his parents in 1867, being then four years of age. He resided in the district for the whole of his lifetime, and took an active interest in the affairs of the Shire. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Shire Council and retained his seat at the Council table until October, 1929, when he tendered his resignation owing to ill health. Taking things quietly, his health gradually improved, and in August, 1932, he was asked to nominate at the annual election, but for health reasons he declined. In January, 1933, he was again asked to stand for the vacancy caused by the death of Cr. John Wylie, and after giving the request serious consideration, he consented, and was elected unopposed. He retained the seat until October, 1936, when failing eyesight compelled him to again tender his resignation. He personally handed in his resignation at the meeting of the Council, and as he rose from the chair (he had been elected President early in September) a solemn hush descended on the room as he slowly made his way to the door, accompanied by Mr. L. H. Thompson, for whatever differences existed as to the right policy to pursue in Shire affairs, Councillors realised that no man could have served the ratepayers more faithfully and conscientiously than the old pilot, Cr. William Lade.

Cr. Lade held the position of President in 1901 and 1902, 1908, 1914, 1922, and 1936. In 1901 the Prince of Wales (afterwards King George) and the Princess visited Victoria, and Cr. Lade represented the Council at the official functions in Melbourne. He was Chairman of the War Memorial Committee, and officiated at the ceremony on March 3, 1924, when His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke unveiled Margaret Baskerville's artistic memorial in Grant Street.

Mr. Lade was also closely interested in the Alexandra Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and served as President for 14 years and acted as secretary for seven years. He was also an active member of the Hospital Committee, and held the position of President in the years 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922.

Politics keenly interested Mr. Lade and he was one of the original councillors of the Kyabram Reform League, which was responsible for a definite improvement in the finances of the State many years ago.

Cr. Lade's last major work in the public's interest was in connection with the Back to Alexandra celebrations in April, 1935. He was chairman of the committee which made a great success of the movement, both as regards the flow back of former residents and the financial result.

Forty years covers his service as a Justice of the Peace. For many years he held the position of Deputy Coroner.

Prior to coming into the town to live, Mr. Lade successfully carried on grazing operations at "Kenfield Park," Crystal Creek. The success he achieved as a flockmaster enabled him to give considerable time to public affairs.

No man is faultless, but Mr. Lade's good deeds will live after him—

"He is gone, gone forever, go muffle the bell,
Go weep, for few spirits like his shall depart."

The deceased was the eldest son of the late William and Augusta Lade, and brother of Anna (Mrs. Scholes), Lizzie (Mrs. A. C. Turner), Arthur, Charles (deceased), Harry (deceased), Albert, and Ruth.

The funeral cortege on Saturday was a very large one. The remains were interred in the Alexandra cemetery, the coffin-bearers being six nephews of the deceased. The Hon. E. J. Mackrell, Cr. J. O'Rourke (Shire President), Messrs. J. Pindlay, W. Whiting, J. S. Mackrell and W. Cookson were the pall-bearers. Mr. A. Howell carried out the funeral arrangements.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Ward, of the Methodist Church. In a short address, Mr. Ward referred to Mr. Lade's long service—freely given—in the public interest. Members of the Independent Order of Rechabites flanked the coffin as it was being carried to the grave at the cemetery.

Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 19 January 1940
Courtesy National Library Australia

**The Soldiers Memorial was officially
opened Monday 3 March 1924.**

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Friday 19 January 1940.
Courtesy National Library Australia.*

7th Battalion's War Record.

**Many Members Were Volunteers
from Alexandra District.**

Members of the 7th Battalion, A.I.F., which fought in Gallipoli, and in some of the most strenuous battles on the Western front, will welcome the record of the battalion's activities in the Great War given in a new volume "The 7th Battalion A.I.F.," by Arthur Dean and Eric W. Gutteridge. (Mr. Dean is a barrister, and Dr. Gutteridge, who held the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, was the battalion's medical officer.) The story of the battalion is told from its formation shortly after the outbreak of the war, until after three years and a half of fighting, the men sailed from Belgium to Australia. Briefly and succinctly, it deals with the outstanding incidents in the battalion's history. The book includes a list of the members of the battalion awarded decorations, and a roll call of all its members. It is illustrated with six maps—three of Gallipoli and three of the Western front—and with photographs of Major-General H. E. Elliott, Brigadier General C. H. Jess and Lieutenant-Colonel E. E. Herrod.

The number of officers and men of the 7th Batt. killed totalled 1002. At Lone Pine, Gallipoli, four Victoria Crosses were awarded to Lieuts. Tubb and Symons and Cpls. Dunstan and Burton (of Euroa). The latter was killed by a bomb.

Quite a number of the members of the 7th Battalion came from the Alexandra district. On the Honour Board in the Shire Hall appears the name of J. Caddy. A reference to the Battalion History shows that he was killed in action in France on 9/8/18. He was a 2nd lieutenant and had been awarded the D.C.M. and M.M., as well as mentioned in the official dispatches. Prior to the war he was on Hill's farm at Thornton. Private John W. Elliott was the first soldier from Alexandra to be killed. He died of wounds on 2/6/15. The 7th Battalion, of which he was a member, was then on Gallipoli. In the names of the list of members of the battalion will be found those of Sgt. J. Milroy, I./Cpl. T. Warne, Privates D. Collis and Ben Lundquist, Lieut. E. G. Robb, Pve. P. Mansfield (killed in action, 19/8/16), Lieut. D. J. Hoban, and Pves. J. P. Butler, W. E. Stillman, J. H. Battersby, and A. Armstrong (killed in action at Gaza, 19/4/17).

A few copies of the History are available to local residents, and may be obtained at the "Standard" office; price 4s (postage 6d. extra.)

7th Battalion's War Record.

Alexandra & Yea Standard

4 January 1934

Courtesy National Library Australia.

Anzac Day

A Well Attended Ceremony

1939-45 War Memorial Unveiled

Anzac Day was observed on Friday last. A march comprising ex-service men, C.M.F., Girl Guides and Boy Scouts took place, the column marching from the top end of Grant street to the Alexandra Park. The column was headed by the Alexandra Citizens' Band. Soon after the march commenced the band began to play a stirring march, "Colonel Bogey." The playing was perfect, and the marching splendid. Mr. S. Reynolds (drum major) preceded the band.

On arrival at the park four members of the C.M.F. were on guard at the monuments (1914-18 and 1939-45). The guard was excellent, and was ably carried out. The guardsmen were Messrs. A. Courtney, J. Boote, R. Nicolson, E. Gilbee and P. Stanton. Lieut. R. Barnwell was commanding officer.

Cr. Jones, President of the Shire, addressed the gathering. He was introduced by Cr. Davy.

Proceedings commenced with a prayer by Rev. S. Taylor, after which Cr. C. N. Davy, president of the War Memorial Committee, addressed the gathering. He stated how pleased he was to combine with the R.S.L., Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, C.M.F. and the public in the proceedings that day. He then took their minds back to the memorial of 1914 service men. It was decided to build a memorial to service personnel of the last war. Recommendations were received from the architects and advice given regarding the site for the memorial. It was finally decided to erect it in the park. The sacrifice made in the first war was identically the same as the sacrifice made in the last war. He thanked the public for their generosity, the War Memorial Committee, Utah, the shire engineer, Ruook and the shire council. The monument had advanced to a stage, and was to be unveiled that day. The job was not completely finished. Although the committee had reached this stage, there was much to do. If all co-operated in the worthy object all would be able to say the memorial is free of debt. If all made comparisons with their sacrifice and the sacrifice made by those whose names were on the memorial they could realise their effort.

The Hon. P. P. Inchboid, M.L.A., Minister for Education, said 37 years ago a start was made by the first A.I.F., and carried on by the second A.I.F. On that day the beginning of nationhood was made and lives were laid down for King and country. Today the monument of the second A.I.F. would be unveiled. Let us send our minds back to the men who made deeds for the country. It was a day of remembrance and why the sacrifices were made. The sacrifice was for our freedom. Let us hope to-day that the spirit of freedom still lives. The people who were weak have the same right as the strong. They have a right to live on God's earth as well as everyone. This beautiful country we hold was held by those men who lost their lives. They went out and fought for it. Liberty had been bought by those men and we should retain it. He remembered boys from this district. It was an honor to know them and remember the sacrifices made by them. He then unveiled the 1939-45 memorial.

Mr. S. Reynolds, president of the Alexandra R.S.L., thanked the War Memorial Committee and all who had assisted with the very fine memorial on behalf of the R.S.L. The R.S.L. had pledged itself to help. It was a fine setting for such a memorial. People could pay reverence to those who had made sacrifices in solitude and fine surroundings.

Rev. Taylor and Rev. Freeman assisted at the unveiling ceremony, and the band played the accompaniments for the hymns, which were sung by a gathering of about 500 people.

The ceremony of unveiling the 1939-45 war memorial being completed, the Anzac Day ceremony was proceeded with. Mr. John Turner was the guest speaker. He addressed those present on the day being for a twofold purpose—unveiling a monument and to remember the people who had left the country to prevent the freedom being wrested from them. The day was one of commemoration. The speaker explained that certain things should be told to people coming into this country by the Federal Government. It was a twofold service they had to look to the future with—service, remembrance and determination.

Wreaths were laid on the monuments by relatives of the fallen off both wars and representatives of various organisations.

A collection was taken up. It amounted to somewhere about £50.

A number of relations of the fallen were present, and were seated in a vantage point close to the monument.

The R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary provided afternoon tea for the band, the shire president and members of the Alexandra Shire Council, C.M.F., and quite a number of other people. Shire President Jones extended thanks to them, and was supported by Cr. Davy. Mr. S. Howard returned thanks for the band, and Mr. John McVeigh for the C.M.F. R.S.L. president Stan Reynolds thanked the auxiliary for the Alexandra R.S.L.

The two monuments are situated side by side in the park. When the hedge is planted and grown it will be a very nice site. The location is level, clean, and should appeal to all.

The Alexandra Citizens' Band earned the praise and admiration of all who witnessed their performance on Anzac Day. The combination (under the conductorship of Mr. J. Henry) was splendid.

Names of The Fallen on the 1939-45 War Memorial

A. K. Murray.
Sister F. Stevenson.
Stanley V. Mackrell.
Reuben A. Hanning.
Edward C. Stillman.
Bernard Cowcher.
Keith Fleeton.
Robert F. Chanter.
Francis J. Culhane.
J. Elward.
C. Thies.
H. Waters.
Alex. Bowler.
J. Kaponica.
F. Kilpatrick.
A. Kilpatrick.
L. Webster.

P. Edwards.
J. Edwards.
Brian Brook.
William E. Edwards.
Jack McMartin.
E. W. Docking.
A. C. Edwards.
J. P. O'Donnell.

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H. Waters.
Alex. Bowler.
J. Kaponica.
F. Kilpatrick.
A. Kilpatrick.
L. Webster.

1952 Anzac Day 1939-45 War Memorial Unveiled.

Alexandra & Yea Standard

Friday 2 May 1952

Courtesy National Library Australia.



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

NEWSPAPERS

THE MOVING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Committee recently invited Mr. Alex Hall, architect, of Melbourne, to visit Alexandra and discuss matters relating to a memorial for the 1939-45 war. The architect, after inspecting the present memorial, pointed out that it would be impossible to 'combine the existing memorial with' a new one to make a suitable joint memorial on the present site of the 1914-18 memorial because of insufficient space.

I recommended that the 1914-18 memorial should be removed to an appropriate site and combined with a new one to give a completely satisfactory result and proper memorial for both wars. It is hoped that there will be a large and representative attendance at the public meeting on the evening of August 15th, at 8 p.m., to discuss this important matter. It is imperative that Alexandra should finalize plans for a suitable memorial.

*Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 4 August 1950
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HISTORIC FACTSHEET

NEWSPAPERS

Alexandra War Memorial.

Efforts are now in operation to collect £1,500 (the estimated cost of the project). £400 is now in hand. The attention of the public is therefore asked to assist in achieving the object.

Alexandra War Memorial.

Alexandra & Yea Standard

27 April 1951

Courtesy National Library Australia

THE MOVING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

War Memorial Committee unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of the new Memorial on Anzac Day 25th April, 1952.

Order of ceremony 2 p.m Returned Soldiers, C M F , Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Alexandra Band assemble at top of Grant Street. 2-15 Commencement of March. 2-30: Commencement of Unveiling Ceremony at the Monument Hymn' "Divinity," by : Alexandra Band'. Prayer by Chaplain 'S. Taylor (RAAF). Cr. C. Davy, Chairman Memorial Committee-. Shire President, Cr. A. W. Jones. The Hon. Mr. P. Inchbold, M.L.C Minister of Education, who will carry out the Unveiling Last Post: Dedication Prayer Chaplain Taylor. Laying of wreaths in following order . R S.L., the State, the Shire, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Public. Usual Anzac Service to follow Speaker-, Major J M. Turner M.B.E. E.M.

Alexandra & Yea Standard

18 May 1952

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HISTORIC FACTSHEET

NEWSPAPERS

Alexandra War Memorial

As I will be leaving the district at the end of the month and therefore resigning as secretary of the above, I would like to thank all those who have subscribed to the effort and to urge all those who have not subscribed to send in their subs. at an early date. The estimate for the effort when commenced was £1200, but owing to the rapid rise of costs of material and labor the amount required is £1500. The amount received up to date is £1182 14s 5d. This amount includes a cheque for £10 10s 10d received from the Alexandra V.D.C. I am confident that in this district this amount can and will be subscribed, and therefore I sincerely thank you all for your assistance.

J. W. HALL, Secretary.

Alexandra War Memorial.

Alexandra & Yea Standard
Friday 23 May 1952
Courtesy National Library Australia



NEWSPAPERS

History of war statues

from Rex Tate

The bronze statue of a World War One soldier 'resting on arms', was sculptured in 1920 by Margaret Baskerville. The cost was raised by public donations and fund-raising functions.

The statue was erected at the main intersection in 1922, by over 1,000 citizens, to express their shared grief and sympathy to the families and friends of the fallen.

It was also a tombstone representing the 60,000 soldiers left in overseas cemeteries, and is one of over 4,000 Cenotaphs erected between 1920 and 1934 in Australia by local citizen's committees.

On the plinth are five brass plates, two showing the names of 63 local heroes who lost their lives in defence of their country and its freedom. Other plates represented: the Light Horse charge

at Beersheba; the six major battlefields: Gallipoli, Palestine, Pozieres, Bullecourt, The Somme, Ypres; and a rising sun badge is placed above a tribute plaque from the citizens of the district.

Included in the statue is LC Maygar, a Victoria Cross awardee from the Boer War, who as a Brigadier died of wounds near Beersheba in 1917.

The whole structure was moved to the present site in Leckie Park in 1950, due to traffic problems at the street intersection. The shire council added the World War Two memorial, with a brass plaque of five men and two women of the services and 24 names of those killed in action.

Placed in the pavement is a granite block inscribed with the tribute: 'We have a voice, with

which to pay the debt, of boundless love and reverence, and regret. To those great men who fought'.

In 1970, a third memorial was added by the shire council, to honour those who served in Malaya, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam, naming JL Menz-38838-RAA. The RSL has added dedications, 'peacekeeping 1947,' in 2007, and 'BCOF (Japan) 1945-1952' in 2009.

The flagpole completes the memorial, for flag raising at ceremonies. A Lone Pine tree was planted in 2006, in memory of Gallipoli. The field gun represents vigilance and preparedness to defend our country and its hard won freedom. A souvenir postcard of this Cenotaph is available at the Visitor's Centre, Rotary Park.

History of war statues

Courtesy Rex Tate 2010

OTHER

OTHER RELATED ITEMS



HISTORIC FACTSHEET

ANZAC'S

THE CENOTAPH AT ALEXANDRA'S LECKIE PARK

The bronze statue of a World War One soldier 'resting on arms', was sculptured in 1920 by Margaret Baskerville. The cost was raised by public donations and fund-raising functions. It was dedicated and erected at the main intersection in 1922 with over 1,000 citizens present to express to the families and friends of the fallen their shared grief and sympathy. As a tombstone it is representing the 60,000 soldiers left in overseas cemeteries. The Cenotaph is one of over 4,000 Cenotaphs erected between 1920 and 1934 in Australia by local citizen's committees.

On the plinth are five brass plates showing (1) the names of the heroes who lost their lives in defense of their country and its freedoms. (2) the Light Horse charge at Beersheba, (3) the names of five major battlefields, (4) the Rising Sun Badge and (5) a Tribute, from the Citizens of the District.

Included in the names is Maygar, L.C. a Victoria Cross Awarded from the Boer War, who as a Brigadier died of wounds near the Beersheba battle in 1917.

The whole structure was moved to the present site in Leckie Park in 1952 due to traffic problems at the original street intersection. The official unveiling was held 25 April 1952. The Shire Council added the World War Two memorial, with a brass plaque of five men and two women of the Services, and 24 names of those killed in action. A foot level plaque reads:

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A Souvenir Postcard of this Cenotaph is available at the Visitor's Centre, Rotary Park.

LEST WE FORGET

By Rex Tate



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Serving the Community