

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BASS WAR MEMORIAL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Cnr Hade Avenue & Bass Road BASS

STUDY NUMBER: 273

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO15

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Bass War Memorial, Cnr Hade Avenue & Bass Road, Bass

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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HPD Number 101 HI Number VHR Number
Other Names/s
Precinct Group Number
Extra Files

Location Cnr Hade Avenue & Bass Road BASS
PARISH OF WOOLAMAI COUNTY OF MORNINGTON
BASS (T) Ward Leadbeater

Access Description
Map Number 0 Map Scale 1:100000 Latitude Longitude
UMG Zone Easting Northing
Location Validity Spatial Accuracy

Level of Listing
The whole of the memorial reserve to the edges of the roads
Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local
Statement of Significance
The Bass War Memorial is of social, historic and aesthetic significance. The Memorial is of social significance as it commemorate those who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars and subsequent theatres of war. A simple obelisk on a high granite plinth. it is of historic and aesthetic significance as a symbol of the efforts of the local community in raising funds to honour those who died. The Bass War Memorial is one of many found in Australian towns and cities, commemorating those who died for their country. The importance of the Memorial is enhanced by the added memorial to those who died in later theatres of war in Malaya, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam between 1948 and 1971.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A4: Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.
AHC C2: Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia
AHC E1: Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community
AHC G1: Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

DateAssessed 26/07/2004 Assessed By Fay Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Poor

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Maintenance to arrest decay of the granite plinth.

Heritage Act Categories Heritage Item Groups Heritage Item Categories

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Title Details

Architectural Style

Interwar Period (c.1919-c.1940) Academic Classical

Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Physical Description

The Bass War Memorial is a simple granite obelisk on a high plinth with plaques commemorating the men from the local town who died during the First and Second World Wars. A further plaque was added to remember those who died in Malaya, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam. It is located on a grassed junction island in the road, and is visible from both the entrance and exit to the township of Bass via the bridge. A timber flagpole is adjacent to the memorial, which is surrounded by a narrow paved path. Early photographs show a light timber fence around the site, which has since been removed.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Usage The Bass War Memorial remains in use as a War Memorial to the fallen of the district who fought in theatres of war from 1914 to 1971.

Associated People

Historical Notes

War memorials are visible in the majority of towns and cities across the length and breadth of Australia. They 'are one of the most characteristic features of the Australian townscape and express the centrality of war to Australian national identity'. The huge number of casualties sustained in World War One lead to the establishment of the war memorial as a part of almost every community, and the township of Bass soon collected funds to erect the memorial to its fallen. War memorials were usually given prominent sites, and the placement of the memorial in Bass is indicative of the importance of the monument to the community.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

15.2 Memorials: Early pioneers, influential residents, war heroes and others are commemorated by memorials throughout the Shire in order to connect the past with the present.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
Jock Phillips	'War Memorials' in Oxford Companion to Australian History.	2002		
The Bass Valley Community Group	A Scrapbook of Memories	2002		

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments The granite plinth of the Bass War Memorial is in need of repair where the granite appears to have eroded.

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

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External Paint Controls?	No	Included in Vic Heritage Register? No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted? Yes
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan No
Outbuildings/fences not exempt?	No	Aboriginal Heritage Place? No