

Identifying a name on the local memorial or honour board

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Visiting the local memorial

War memorials are visible in towns and cities across Australia. In larger towns and cities, the main memorial can be quite significant though there are also memorials in local suburbs. The smaller memorials are not restricted to older suburbs. Finding and investigating names on these memorials can lead to interesting information about your local area.



Figure 2 "War memorial at Forest Lake, Brisbane, Qld - May 2018" by Aussie~mobs is marked with CC PDM 1.0

Finding memorial information online

As it is not always possible to visit a memorial in person, there are other ways to find photos of memorials or honour boards and be able to trace a soldier from their home to their return or burial site. Government and private websites can be used to view photos of memorials.

- [New South Wales War Memorials Register](#)
- [Queensland War Memorials Register](#)
- [Victorian Heritage Database](#)
- [Monument Australia](#)
- [Virtual War Memorial Australia](#)
- [Places of Pride: National Register of War Memorials](#)

How to search

For this demonstration go to the [Queensland War Memorials Register](#).

Queensland War Memorials Register

Search the register

List all memorials

Name, suburb, town or postcode

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Queensland War Memorials Register

Dedication

This Queensland War Memorial Register is dedicated to the memory of the fallen and those who served Australia in the Armed Services. The Register honours service personnel that were drawn from Queensland communities.

The significance of our war memorials

War memorials resulted from a ground swell of community sentiment. Until the Vietnam War, the remoteness of conflict locations led to policies that prohibited the return of soldiers' remains to their homeland. Early war memorials tended to be sited in cemeteries. However as the mass casualties of the First World War affected almost every family, communal memorials in prominent public places were established as a tangible symbol of national mourning. These war memorials also symbolised the growing sense of nationhood for the young Australia.

First World War memorials tend to be monumental and often remain as the principal memorial for today's communities. These memorials often record those that served as well as the names of the fallen. Of the 324,000 Australians that served overseas in this war, 60,000 died. This disproportionate number of deaths was greatly felt in what were still new communities. As war memorials often record the family names of the region's earliest settlers, they have developed iconic status as part of the town's or locality's heritage.

In response to the commemoration of subsequent conflicts, many First World War memorials have been adorned with additional honour rolls and plaques for subsequent conflicts. The variety of

Forest Hill War Memorial (Digger)

Total number of war memorials in the register: 1399

1. Click link for “More search options” to see full search box
2. Search by conflict or memorial type
3. Entering the name of the suburb, town or postcode will bring up all of the conflicts and/or memorial types in that postcode.

Search the Queensland War Memorials Register

List all memorials

Name, suburb, town or postcode

Conflicts commemorated (any)

Memorial type (any)

Search [Search help](#)

Enter the postcode for Roma, 4455, to find all of the memorials.

List all memorials

Name, suburb, town or postcode

4455

Conflicts commemorated (any)

Memorial type (any)

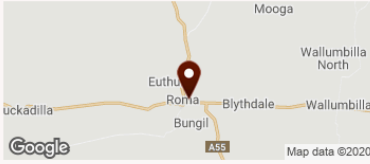
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Found 4 matching memorials out of 1399 total memorials.

Memorial name	Location	Memorial type
Roma War Memorial Cenotaph	Roma	Cenotaph/shrine
Roma War Memorial Heroes Avenue	Roma	Garden/avenue/tree
Roma and Shire of Bungil Honour Board 1914-1918	Roma	Honour board
Roma and Shire of Bungil Honour Board 1939-1945	Roma	Honour board

Click on “Roma War Memorial Cenotaph”. The register will provide you with an address and photographs.

Roma War Memorial Cenotaph




Queens Park, Bungil Street, Roma, 268km west of Dalby (Warrego Highway)
Roma QLD 4455

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A cenotaph sitting on a slightly larger base, both of rock faced pale grey granite. The cenotaph has three leaded marble plaques which are recessed into the granite. The front face (facing Bungil Street) bears Laurence Binyon's ode 'To the Fallen' with a bronze AIF badge above. The rear plaque bears the 93 names of the fallen with a bronze laurel wreath above. A later plaque has been added to the eastern side to commemorate the 39 local men who fell in the Second World War.

The cenotaph is located in the centre of a paved area facing the end of the avenue of bottle trees. It is surrounded by a formal setting of kerbed paths and grassed areas. Encircling it is a semi-circle of nine pine trees which are allegedly grown from seeds collected from the Lone Pine at Gallipoli.



The photographs included for the Roma War Memorial Cenotaph show lists of names of local men who were lost. The list below is of those who fought during what we call World War I, known at the time as the Great War. J H Fredericks is highlighted for search in other resources.

