

Coolangatta War Memorial

LHR0082

Place details

Address/location	Goodwin Park, Lanham Street, Coolangatta
Title details	153WD1807
Principle period(s)	1948
City of Gold Coast division	14
Other known names	
Area for protection	Memorial plus 5 metre heritage boundary
Place components	Memorial, Roll of Honour, Memorial Tablet
Place category	Memorial
Context	Re-located (1974)
Other listings	Queensland War Memorial Register
Register entry date	5 June 2018

Statement of heritage significance

The Coolangatta War Memorial is a place of local heritage significance for its historic importance, rarity, potential to yield information and class characteristics as evidenced by, but not exclusive to, the following statement of heritage significance, based on criteria (a), (b), (e), (g) and (h) of the Gold Coast Local Heritage Register.

Criterion (a) Historic importance

The Coolangatta War Memorial, constructed in 1948, honours eight local men and women who died in service during World War II. It is a symbolic representation of the national patriotism that followed periods of extended conflict. The memorial was funded by the local community and has played an important role in Anzac and Armistice Day services for the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Returned and Services League (RSL) Sub Branch and for the local community.

The memorial is an unusual design and a reflection of the movement after World War II to construct war memorials that would be useful to the community. The inclusion of drinking fountains on either side was seen to provide that public amenity. A later plaque affixed to the memorial commemorates all ex-service women who served in times of war. The memorial continues to serve as a place for the community to commemorate and reflect.

Criterion (b) Rarity

The Coolangatta War Memorial is an unusual design and a distinct move away from the tradition war memorial design of the 20th century. After World War II, the RSL began moving away from the construction of dedicated monuments and memorials to honour service personnel and favoured a more practical and useful approach to commemoration in the form of memorial halls. The Coolangatta War Memorial is a reflection of this movement and demonstrates the ideas at the time that a war memorial should be useful to the community and 'honour the dead by serving the living'. The inclusion of marble drinking fountains on either side of the memorial was seen to provide a much needed public amenity and support the new ideas about memorials.

Criterion (e) Aesthetics

The Coolangatta War Memorial has aesthetic value for its unusual design, use of materials, symbolic meaning and as a visible landmark in Goodwin Park. The memorial is a place of commemoration for the Coolangatta community representing great human sacrifice.

Criterion (g) Special association with community or cultural group

The Coolangatta War Memorial was funded by the local community and unveiled on Anzac Day in 1948. Since this time, the memorial has been a place of commemoration for the local community and continues to play an important role in community remembrance during ANZAC and Armistice Day services.

The Coolangatta War Memorial is also place of significance for women in war. A plaque attached to the memorial honours all ex-service women who served in world conflicts.

Criterion (h) Special association with particular person or organisation

The Coolangatta War memorial has a special association with the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Sub-branch of the RSL of Australia who were instrumental in the pursuing new ideas about war memorial design.

The memorial is also an unusual example of the work of prolific Brisbane-based monumental masonry firm Andrew L. Petrie.

Image



Coolangatta War Memorial. Image courtesy of City of Gold Coast.

History

Unveiled on ANZAC Day, 25 April, 1948¹, the Coolangatta War Memorial was constructed shortly after the conclusion of World War II. This was a time when the Return Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's' Imperial League of Australia (RSSAILA) [eventually to become the Returned and Services League of Australia Ltd (RSL)] were moving away from the construction of monuments as war memorials. The RSL began a new way of thinking about commemoration which would 'honour the dead by serving the living' and that memorials should be useful to the communities of the areas in which they are built.²

Plans initially proposed by the Coolangatta Patriotic Fund Committee, which had set aside £500 (approximately \$33,999 today) for the project, were for a drinking fountain upon which the names of local fallen soldiers were to be inscribed, and a flag stand to be placed either side of the entrance to the Coolangatta Town Council Chambers.³ It was considered that the bases of both flag stands could be of an ornamental nature and that the proposal complimented existing plans by Council to erect a base and flagpole in front of the council chambers.⁴

Initial reaction from the Coolangatta Town Council following a motion, moved by Alderman Winchester, that permission be granted to erect memorials to the fallen in front of council chambers was poorly received and met with an extended silence. Eventually the mayor, Alderman Len Peak, seconded the motion stating that he would not allow a reasonable request of this description to be passed over without discussion, and further commenting that;

'Here we have the Patriotic Committee prepared to spend up to £500 (approximately \$33,999 today) to honour in a fitting manner those who gave their lives for us, and not one alderman is prepared to second the motion ... I second the motion myself.'⁵

Opposition to the proposal came from the Deputy Mayor, Alderman E. M. Budd, and was based on hygienic grounds. Despite initial unease amongst alderman with the proposal and the Mayor's insistence that other views against the proposal be spoken, Alderman Budd's opposition was the only one expressed during the meeting and the motion was successfully passed although not unanimously.⁶

Reservations regarding the proposal of the war memorial design remained with a second alderman expressing, after the meeting, their reluctance to support the proposal because the RSSAILA was opposed to stone memorials and commenting that 'they ask for bread and you give them stone'. The following day the Patriotic Committee president, Mr S. W. (Bill) Winders, responded;

'... [the Patriotic Fund Committee] proposed to provide a public amenity which Coolangatta at present did not possess – a drinking fountain. Water was just as necessary as bread. His committee was perturbed at the attitude adopted by members of the Council.'⁷

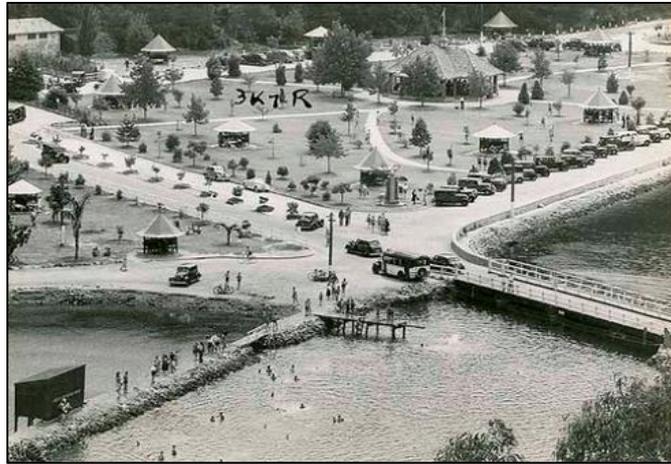
Winders, who was also a past mayor⁸, later publically praised both Alderman Peak and Winchester for their '... insistence and sympathetic advocacy ...' for the memorial proposal and criticised other Council aldermen for their '... frigid, almost hostile, attitude ...' to the proposal, going on to further state that;

'It was only the determination of the Mayor that prevented the rejection of the offer of the Patriotic Fund Committee to spend up to £500 (approximately \$33,999 today) in honouring local men who fell in the war whilst improving immeasurably the approach to the Council Chambers.'⁹

Plans for the memorial were submitted to Council during September 1947. By now the estimated total cost of the project, both memorial and flag stand, had risen to around £1000 (approximately \$67,998 today) with the memorial now being described as a memorial cross with a water fountain. Unlike the meeting held on 11 June 1946, support amongst aldermen for the project was positive; the Patriotic Fund Committee was praised both for its work during the war and action it had taken in terms of progressing the memorial project, and no objections were raised to the erection of the war memorial and flag stand.¹⁰

Plans for the memorial proposed an imposing structure in the form of a cross 11 foot 5 inches (approximately 3.5 metres) high, constructed of granite and freestone with a bronze tablet to the fallen and a water fountain. Both the memorial and flagpole would have matching marble bases. Monumental sculptors Andrew L. Petrie of Brisbane

was to be engaged to prepare the memorial and it was to be an exact replica of the memorial erected at Bobbin Head, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, NSW¹¹, the design of which was provided by the Kuring-Gai Trust.¹²



Orchard Park at Bobbin Head, Kuring-Gai Chase National Park. The War Memorial is centre of photo immediately above crossroad. No date. Photographer not known. Source: NSW Government: State Archives NSW <https://www.flickr.com/photos/state-records-nsw/2925625476/> checked 25 Sep 2017. Classification: 'No known copyright restrictions'.

Work on the memorial was completed in time for unveiling on Anzac Day, 25 April, 1948.¹³

The unveiling ceremony was preceded by the traditional Anzac Day March of Remembrance which commenced at the Empire Theatre in Tweed Heads, stopping at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall (Tweed Heads) for the Resolution of Loyalty, wreath laying ceremony and sounding of the Last Post, followed by procession to the Soldiers Memorial at Marine Parade, Coolangatta for the Resolution of Sympathy and laying of wreaths. The procession then moved to the front of the Coolangatta Town Council Chambers for the unveiling of the memorial.¹⁴ In a departure from previous Anzac Day services, the public meeting traditionally held in the morning was dispensed with to allow sufficient time for the unveiling ceremony prior to 11 am church services.¹⁵

The unveiling was performed by Mr Leslie Skelton, father of the late Lance Corporal Clarence Skelton, on behalf of the relatives of the fallen.¹⁶ He had been selected by a draw, participation in which was restricted to the parents of those honoured on the memorial tablet.¹⁷ Prior to unveiling, the memorial tablet and tower was draped in an Australian flag and back dropped with a croton floral arrangement.¹⁸

Mr S. W. Winders, as chairman of the Coolangatta War Memorial Committee, then paid tribute to the local members of the services who gave their lives during World War II before handing the memorial over to the Town of Coolangatta. Alderman L. Peak, as Mayor, accepted the memorial on behalf of the Coolangatta Town Council and citizens of Coolangatta, promising that the memorial would be kept in perfect condition during his term in office. Alderman Peak also paid tribute to the organisations which attended to the welfare of those who served or had served in the Australian armed forces and their families, in particular the work of the Coolangatta Militia Welfare Committee, Coolangatta Soldiers' Welfare Committee and Coolangatta Patriotic Fund Committee, all of whom had undertaken their missions under the respective presidencies of Mr S. W. Winders.¹⁹

It was clarified by Alderman Peak that funding for the memorial and a flag stand was raised by the Coolangatta War Memorial Committee.²⁰ Originally sponsored by the Coolangatta Patriotic Committee with a preliminary allocation of £500 (approximately \$33,999 today), it was subsequently found that the Committee was not legally able to use Patriotic Funds for the project. The Coolangatta War Memorial Committee was therefore formed to fund and complete the project.²¹

After conveying the sympathy of the citizens of Coolangatta to the relatives of the deceased, Alderman Peak invited the president of the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Sub-branch of the RSSAILA, Mr H. G. Winders, to return thanks on behalf of the relatives. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded and a number of wreaths laid by

relatives, representatives of Twin Towns organisations and members of the public before a minutes' silence was held.²²

Newspaper accounts of the unveiling describe the memorial as having two marble drinking fountains, main shafts of the memorial tower of granite and wings in worked sandstone and that the memorial would be lit by electricity in conjunction with street lighting which, at a later stage, would then be floodlit.²³

The memorial tablet reads;

COOLANGATTA

WAR MEMORIAL

1939 - 1945

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THEY FOUGHT AND DIED

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PTE. CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH CONAGHAN

A.I.F. EL ALAMEIN 1 SEP. 1942

W/O VIVIAN DICKSON

R.A.A.F. SOFIA, BULGARIA 15 MAR. 1944

SERGT.PILOT LANCE SYDNEY POWELL

R.A.A.F. MINGALADON, BURMA 14 MAR. 1942

LIEUT. LAURENCE EDWARD POWELL

A.I.F. GORARI, KOKODA TRAIL 9 NOV. 1942

L.A.C. ARNOLD EUGENE RUDDER

R.A.A.F. MORESBY 1 NOV. 1944

L/CPL. CLARENCE FRANCIS SKELTON

A.I.F. GORARI. KOKODA TRAIL 9 NOV. 1942

LIEUT. ESTHER SARAH JEAN STEWART

A.A.N.S. MASSACRED BANKA ISLAND 19 FEB. 1942

F/L. JOHN M^CDOWELL SULLIVAN

R.A.A.F. FRANCE 15 AUG. 1943

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"WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM"

A flag stand was not included in the memorial design at the time however the Coolangatta War Memorial Committee remained committed to construct a flag stand on the western side of the front entrance to the Coolangatta Town Council Chambers.²⁴ It was later revealed that the sum of £1363 (approximately \$80,799 today) had been raised by the Coolangatta War Memorial Committee for the construction of the war memorial and flag stand²⁵ with around £770 (approximately \$45,646 today) being spent on the war memorial and fountains.²⁶

The memorial was further enhanced during the latter half of 1948 with concreting of the mound surrounding the memorial base and the addition of four earthenware pots each containing an ornamental shrub. These pots were cemented in at each corner of the memorial and were donated by Alderman L. Peak.²⁷

The following year concerns were raised in council regarding the existence of two memorials, specifically the World War I memorial on Marine Parade and the recently constructed Coolangatta War Memorial in front of the Council chambers, and the difficulties that their separate existence caused during Anzac Day services. During council discussions in the lead up to Anzac Day commemorations for 1949, Alderman Alex Black lamented that;

‘The two memorials will continually cause heartburn. We will never overcome it until we have them together.’

Alderman Black went on to suggest that to overcome holding three separate Anzac Day services, one at each of the local war memorials (Tweed Heads War Memorial, Coolangatta Soldiers’ Memorial, and the Coolangatta War Memorial), that the Coolangatta Soldiers’ Memorial on Marine Parade be moved to the front of Coolangatta Town Council Chambers.²⁸

A motion to this effect was made by the same alderman at a council meeting a few months later during discussions as to whether or not to have an alternative day for commemorating the contribution of local servicemen and women during World War II. Alderman Black again noted that moving the Coolangatta Soldiers’ Memorial on Marine Parade to the front of the Council Chambers would alleviate the need for two Anzac Day ceremonies at Coolangatta each April. Alderman Black’s proposal was, however, in conflict with plans for a second World War II memorial at the same location, plans which were well progressed, and the motion to move the memorial, although seconded, was defeated.²⁹ Despite these concerns, services at all three memorials continued during the following years without further issue or any significant disruptions caused by multiple services.

In 1954 a request was made to the South Coast Town Council by the Coolangatta Branch of the A.L.P. to connect the light on top of the Coolangatta War Memorial to the street lighting network so that the light would be continuously on.³⁰

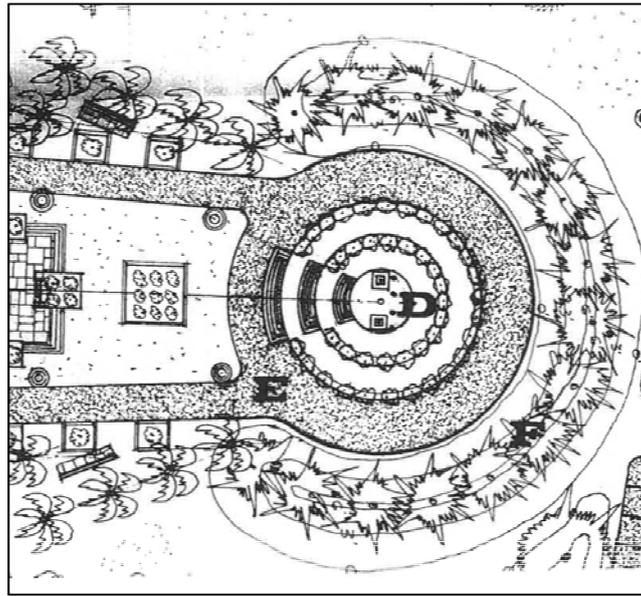
Original plans to construct an ornate flag stand and erect a flagpole on the opposite side of the entrance to Council Chambers were, however, never followed through and a simple flagpole and stand was eventually installed close to the memorial itself.³¹ Instead, it was proposed by the Coolangatta Soldiers’ War Memorial committee to erect a second memorial on the western side of the main entrance of the Council Chambers. This second memorial would honour the men and women of the Coolangatta area who were in service during World War II and would replicate the design of the base of the Coolangatta War Memorial with addition of a 23 foot (7 metre) flag pole and suitable inscription.³²

This second memorial was financed by the funds previously raised and not expended on the construction of the Coolangatta War Memorial. Initial designs included three clocks to mark the Golden Anniversary of the founding of Rotary International however the final design mimicked the Coolangatta War Memorial with the inclusion of a clock. The new memorial was dedicated during 1955.³³ It is known today as the Coolangatta Memorial Tower and Rotary Clock (or Rotary Memorial Clock).

In early 1973 a master plan was drawn up and presented to Council for the redevelopment and beautification of Goodwin Park, which at the time was the site of a camping ground as well as being the home for a number of local clubs and societies.³⁴

This master plan included the relocation of the two memorials located in front of the former Coolangatta Council Chambers, by this time a branch office of the Gold Coast City Council, to Goodwin Park. The memorials were proposed to form part of a triple memorial terrace comprising the twin monuments and a row of four flagpoles which were to be floodlit at night. The memorial terrace would be approached from the adjacent the intersection of Scott, Lanham and Warner Streets via an ornate Anzac Memorial Parade comprising twin coloured surface pathways and

central lawn, the latter of which would include tiled surface rostrums with central pond and fountain, raised gardens, concrete seats and tiled steps as well as a series of raised garden beds set in lawns. This parade would be lined by sentry gardens and public seating, and trees leading up to a tree-lined earth form which would function as a natural backdrop for the memorial terrace.³⁵



Detail from 1973 master plan for proposed redevelopment of Goodwin Park showing triple memorial terrace, location of twin memorials and flagpoles, and part of Anzac Memorial Parade approaches. City of Gold Coast file series Historical/24/32/624(P2).

The master plan was approved by Council on 15 June 1973 along with the proposal that Goodwin Park be closed for camping forthwith and beautification to be commenced as soon as practicable.³⁶ Preliminary work associated with the redevelopment of Goodwin Park had progressed by early April 1974 although completion of the project, in particular the concrete and aggregate finish to the memorial podium, would still be some months away due to unseasonal wet weather. Council was also still awaiting Treasury approval of the \$17068 expenditure on the redevelopment work.³⁷

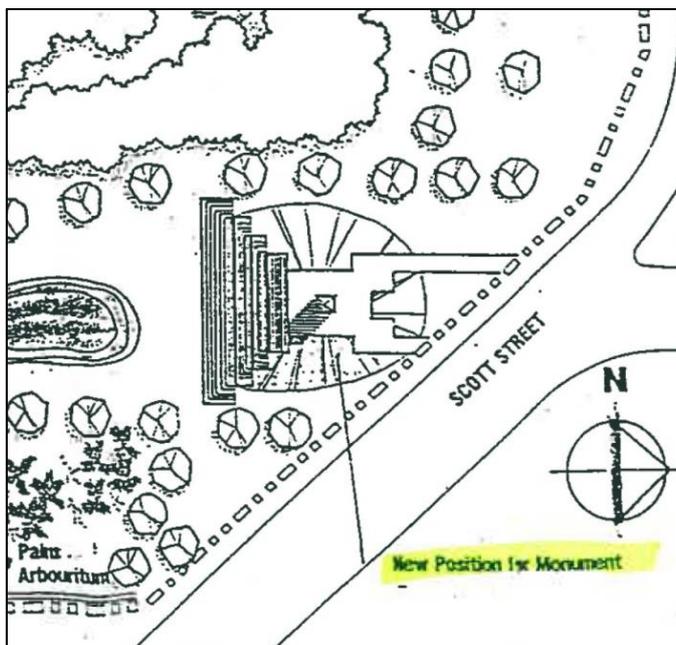
By mid-April 1974 the front area of Goodwin Park had been levelled and memorial mound partially constructed. Council called for quotes for the relocation of the Coolangatta War Memorial and completion of the exposed aggregate work to the podium.³⁸ Consequently a contract was awarded in July 1974 to stonemasons R. Dunn and Sons for the relocation of the memorial and finishing of exposed aggregate work for the sum of \$6389.70.³⁹ Only the Coolangatta War Memorial was relocated to Goodwin Park with the Coolangatta Memorial Tower and Rotary Clock remaining in front of the former Council Chambers until the building was demolition in 1988.⁴⁰

Relocation of the Coolangatta War Memorial was completed by November 1974⁴¹ however construction of the Anzac Memorial Parade and associated features was to be undertaken progressively as funds became available⁴² and would not be completed for a few years.⁴³ Council plans relating to the proposed construction of a skateboard bowl in Goodwin Park during the mid-1990s indicate that the memorial, podium and Anzac Memorial Parade are considered to form the Goodwin Park War Memorial complex.⁴⁴

During the late 1980s and early 1990s a redevelopment of Goodwin Park was being considered by Council. The general consensus of a public forum held on 7 June, 1988, was to leave Goodwin Park as is.⁴⁵ During the discussion a comment was made by the President of the Southern Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce, Dale Leo, that there were too many war memorials in the Twin Towns area.⁴⁶ Angry responses to this comment from audience members indicated that the memorials were valuable community assets which were regularly utilised during Anzac and Armistice Day services and that the community would strongly object to the removal of the

Coolangatta War Memorial from its' location as it is a tribute to the memory of the local men and women who served their country and sacrifices made.⁴⁷

Despite community objection to plans to redevelop Goodwin Park a master plan for the park was drawn up in mid-1989. This plan included a flood retardation basin at the location of the sports fields, ornamental lake and rock pools and planting of a rainforest and a palm arboretum as well as establishing formalised open spaces.⁴⁸ As part of this redevelopment it was proposed to relocate the memorial to a new podium to be constructed immediate adjacent Scott Street. Successful adoption of the master plan would have necessitated the destruction of the existing podium and Anzac Memorial Parade.



Detail from 1989 master plan for proposed redevelopment of Goodwin Park showing proposed relocated Coolangatta War Memorial and replacement of Anzac Memorial Parade with ornamental lake. City of Gold Coast file series Old Index, Gold Coast City Council/9662/1/624.

Further planning for a flood retardation basin and surface water control mechanisms occurred as late as 1995 with a drainage report for Goodwin Park being prepared.⁴⁹ Unlike the earlier master plan, it was proposed that the war memorial, podium and Anzac Memorial Parade would remain undisturbed. Eventually it was decided that installation of additional drainage in the park would suffice.

A bronze plaque commemorating all ex-service women who served their country in time of war was affixed to the bottom right front of the memorial at a ceremony on Sunday, 13 June 1999.⁵⁰ This plaque reads;

In Commemoration

of

All Ex-Service Women
who served their country
in time of war.

“LEST WE FORGET”

By this time the earthenware pots had been removed and associated stands filled with concrete and the drinking fountain disabled through removal of their taps.

Today the Coolangatta War Memorial still stands in a prominent position in Goodwin Park at the end of the Anzac Memorial Parade.

Description

The Coolangatta War Memorial stands approximately 3.5 metres high and is of a cross design when viewed from above. The main shaft is constructed from granite while the wings are worked sandstone. Marble drinking fountains are attached to each wing although their taps have been removed. Four small stands, today filled with concrete, indicate the location of earthenware pots that were placed at each corner of the base of the memorial.

Two bronze tablets are affixed to the memorial, a central memorial tablet honouring local men and women who died during World War II and a smaller tablet to the lower right of the memorial tablet commemorating all ex-service women who served their country.

The memorial stands on a small raised base which is located in the centre of a concrete and aggregate podium comprising three radiating raised concentric circles. To the right and rear of the memorial stands a single flag pole. The memorial is the focused conclusion of a twin memorial parade or pathway, with raised ornamental gardens and plantings, leading from Scott Street.

The Coolangatta War Memorial and the Coolangatta Memorial Tower and Rotary Clock located in Queen Elizabeth Park, having each formerly stood either side of the entrance to the Coolangatta Town Council Chambers, retain a deliberate and direct relationship with each other, although tree plantings associated with the Coolangatta War Memorial parade obscure line of sight between the two.

Weathering and other minor damage, particularly to the softer worked sandstone wings of the memorial, has occurred in places. One of the former ornamental pot stands is cracked and parts of the base show similar damage. Four small metal balls have been attached to two sides of the memorial base to prevent grinding by skateboarders.

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