

**Item name:** Brunswick Heads War Memorial**Location:** Fawcett Street Brunswick Heads 2483

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**Address:** Fawcett Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Brunswick Heads 2483**Local govt area:** Byron**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Address:** Mona Lane**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Brunswick Heads 2483**Local govt area:** Byron**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:** Arakwal**Curtilage/boundary:** The boundary of Memorial Park including adjoining lands and views and setting of the War Memorial.**Item type:** Built**Group:** Monuments and Memorials**Category:** War Memorial**Owner:** State Government**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** War Memorial**Former uses:****Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:** Local

**Statement of significance:** Erected in 1974, this memorial is socially significant to the community. The war memorial is listed on the NSW Register of War Memorials commemorating those who served in all conflicts. Aesthetically it has a parkland setting with a background of mature Norfolk Island Pines on the foreshore of Simpson Creek. Associated with this item is Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall (existing Heritage Item) built in recognition of those who had served in WW1 And WW2.

**Historical notes of provenance:** The memorial is subsequent to the erection of the Memorial Hall ( see separate listing) which was erected for the Brunswick Heads Community after WW2.

**Themes:** **National theme**  
4. Settlement**State theme**  
Towns, suburbs and villages**Local theme**  
Memorials**Designer:****Builder:****Year started:** 1974**Year completed:****Circa:** No

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**Physical description:** Erected in 1974, this memorial is located in Memorial Park with frontage to Fawcett Street. Aesthetically it has a parkland setting with a background of mature Norfolk Island Pines on the foreshore of Simpsons Creek. The memorial features two large brick pillars with a metal arched over the entry with lettering In Remembrance and gates with RSL to both sides. It is surrounded by lower brick walls and expressed pillars and a remembrance wall with multiple plaques attached. In front of the wall is a commemorative stone with plaque titled In memory of all servicemen and servicewomen from Brunswick Heads and Billinudgel Districts who have served and defended our nation in all conflicts and peace keeping operations. Lest We Forget.

The memorial commemorates

South African War (Boer War), 1899–1902

First World War, 1914–18

Second World War, 1939–45

Korean War, 1950–53

Malayan Emergency, 1950–60

Vietnam War, 1962–75

**Physical condition level:** Excellent

**Physical condition:** Well maintained.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:** Carefully conserve the memorial and its setting, views and vistas.

**Management:** Management category

Management name

**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** Brunswick Heads is a significant Aboriginal place and part of lands of the Bundjalung people and the place of the earliest European settlement in Byron Shire. The precinct is historically significant for its evolution as a settlement in response to historical, social, economic and transportation factors, having connection to early cedar getting, the fishing industry and a historical use for recreation and holiday destination. The original village precinct is considered to meet this criterion. The War Memorial demonstrates historical significance for Australia's role and contribution with world conflicts.

**Criteria b):** [Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** The War Memorial has aesthetic significance for its parkland setting on the bank of Simpsons Creek with a backdrop of mature Norfolk Pine trees.

**Technical significance]**

**Criteria d):** The War Memorial holds great significance to the local community and associations with families connected to those who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

**[Social/Cultural significance]**

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**Criteria e):**  
[Research  
significance]**Criteria f):** The item is rare locally.  
[Rarity]**Criteria g):** The item is representative of war memorials throughout the state.  
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:** High

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Brunswick Valley Historical Society	Brunswick Heads In Focus 1885-2015	2015
	Jim Brokenshire	The Brunswick- Another River and its People. 1988. ISBN 0 71 1988	1988
		NSW War Memorials Register	

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Donald Ellsmore and Ian	Byron Shire Community Based Heritage Study		2005
	Clarence Heritage	Historic Heritage Assessment Brunswick Heads		2021

Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
	LOT	6	1	DP	758171

**Latitude:****Longitude:****Location validity:****Spatial accuracy:****Map name:****Map scale:****AMG zone:****Easting:****Northing:****Listing: Name****Title**  
Potential Heritage Item**Number****ListingDate****Data entry:** Data first entered: 21/01/2022

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**Image:**



**Caption:** Brunswick Heads Memorial Park and Memorial

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