

# Avoca Soldiers Memorial



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BROWN, H.	CROSS, F.	ELLIOTT, N.
	ELLIOTT, W. N.	

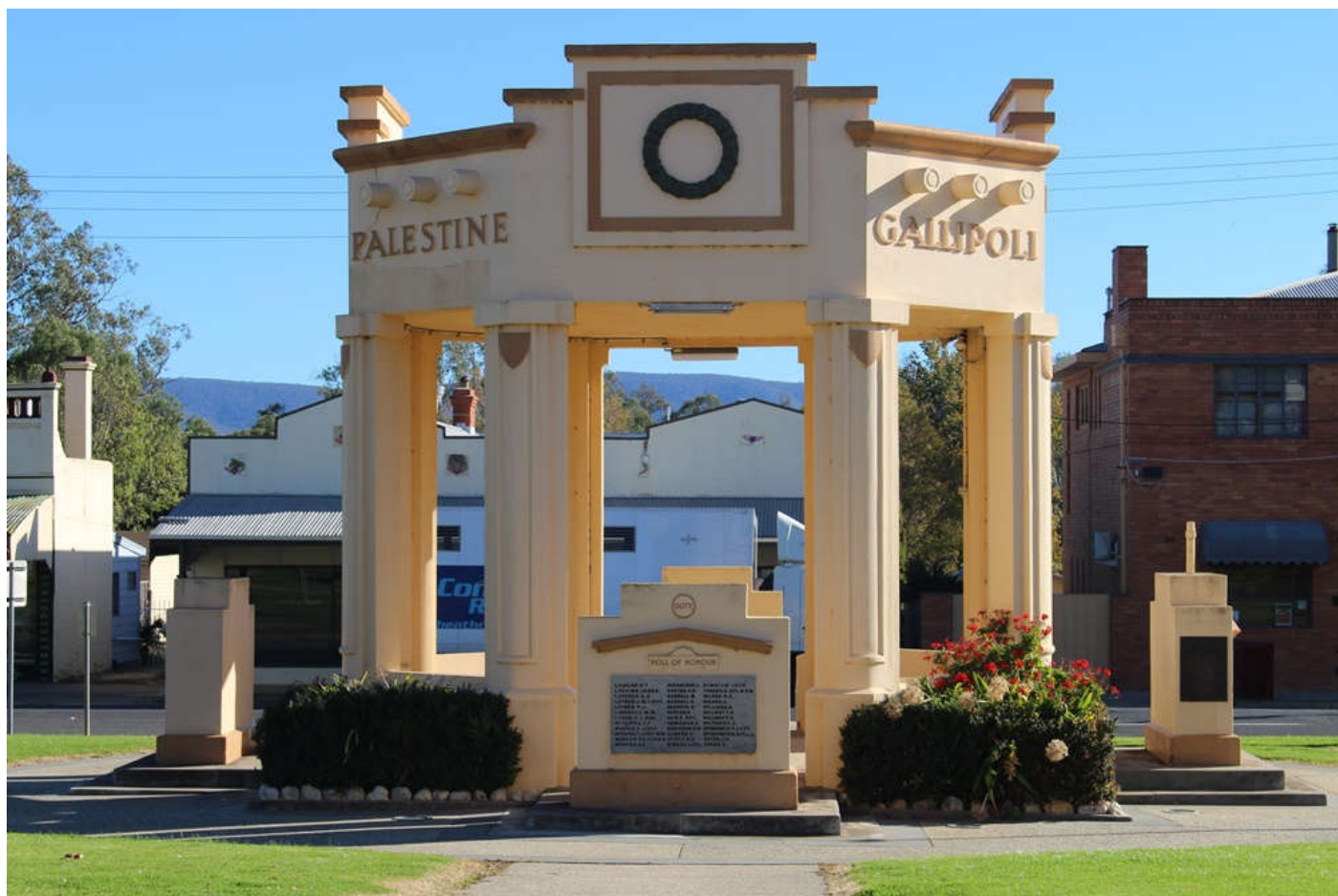




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LEERSEN, A. H.	RANDALL, W.	WILSON, B. C.
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MITCHELL, T. T.	RESUGGAN, A.	WILTSHIRE, C.
MOODIE, A. LIEUT.	ROBINSON, R. W.	WITHERDEN, T. LIEUT.
MC EWAN, F. LIEUT. M. M.	SAMERS, V.	WITHERDEN, D. SGT. M. M.
MEVICAR, F. C. SGT. M. M.	SCOTT, R. V.	YATES, J. D.
MEVICAR, A. A.	SIMS, H. L. LCPL.	YOUNG, F.



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF  
THOSE IN WORLD WAR 2  
AND SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS,  
WHO AT THE CALL OF THEIR COUNTRY  
LEFT ALL THAT WAS DEAR TO THEM,  
ENDURED HARDNESS, FACED DANGER,  
AND FINALLY PASSED OUT  
OF THE SIGHT OF MEN,  
GIVING UP THEIR LIVES  
THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN FREEDOM.

"LEST WE FORGET"

DEDICATED BY  
BRUCE C. RUXTON, O.B.E.  
STATE PRESIDENT R.S.L.

NOV. 25TH, 1988

PLAQUE ERECTED BY AVOCA R.S.L.

## Fallen - World War One Honour Roll:

Auls A.  
Beavis J.  
Beer C.  
Brown J.A.  
Brown J.N.  
Burns W.  
Dobley L.  
Driver W.H.  
Evans C.G.H.  
Fish W.

Harrowfield N.  
Henderson J.H.  
Henry C.A.  
Howell T.P.  
Kiehl A.  
Lambert S.  
Lansdell H.  
Livingstone J.  
McArdle J.E.F.  
McDowell W.R.

Oppy W.  
Rowlands W.  
Rowlands H.  
Smith S.W.  
Summers D.L.  
Templeton C.  
Turpin H.  
Willmott C.  
Wrigley F.  
Yates L.R.



## World War One Honour Roll:

Anderson N.W.	Fraser D.C.	Kitchen G.R.
Armstrong H.M.	French W.H.	Laidlow R.T.
Barry R.E.	French W.	Larkins James.
Beavis JOHN.	French C.	Leyden P.J.
Blain J.	Garner J.	Leyden J.M.
Bowen L.	Gee J.	Lindsay F.
Bradley H.J.	Gee F.R.	Lyons P.L.
Brazil F.	Gibson C.A.	McEwan F.
Brereton C.	Golder F.	McVicar A.A.
Brereton W.C.	Golder A.	McVicar F.C.
Brown H.	Gollop H.	Mitchell T.T.
Burke P.	Gouce W.	Moodie A.
Burke J.F.	Greenwood H.	Nicholson E.
Burnett W.	Greenwood W.	Porter A.B.
Cain H.C.	Harbour H.J.H.	Randall W.
Calnan C.	Harris N.	Redpath S.
Chandler R.W.	Harrow R.	Reeves H.
Chandler H.	Harrowfield B.	Reid E.
Chaplan W.	Hellings D.	Resuggan A.
Coates E.	Henderson T.A.	Robinson R.W.
Cross C.	Henderson C.	Samers V.
Cross F.	Henderson J.J.	Scott R.V.
Crute A.T.	Hilderbrand W.	Sims H.L.
Cullip C.	Holland H.S.	Stavely W.
Daly J.	Hughes W.	Torney S.
Derrick E.A.	Jardine J.W.	Williams H.
Diamond C.P.	Jardine W.E.	Willmott H.
Doodt D.	Jardine J.A.	Wilmott D.
Doodt C.	Johnson G.	Wilson A.
Douglas J.O.	Johnson W.	Wilson B.C.
Ebeling C.	Johnson REG.	Wiltshire C.
Elliot T.	Johnson W.L.L.	Witherden T.
Elliot N.	Johnson F.	Witherden D.
Elliot W.N.	Kitchell P.	Yates J.O.
Ford H.	Kitchen G.R..	Young F.



## **Extra Comments:**

The War Memorial is an octagonal building of rendered brick supported on eight columns with rounded engaged columns on the central section of each. At the top of the rounded section is a shield decoration. The entire column terminates in a flat capital. Above the columns is a frieze which rises to a stepped parapet with every second side having a rectangular panel in the parapet and the lower intermediate panels having the names of the three main battlefields on which fought the volunteers from Avoca: Gallipoli, France, Palestine, and Belgium.

The memorial can be entered on four sides with the entry ways guarded by freestanding granite tablets which are inscribed with the names of those who served in the First World War. Low walls on the remaining four faces each carry a soldier's helmet and pack in relief.

The memorial is a very simply detailed monument based on a classical model. While taking a classical form it has stripped away most references to classical detailing. Early photographs show it set in small well planted garden beds edged in quartz stones and protected by woven wire fences.

## **History and Significance:**

During the First World War, 137 men from the Avoca area volunteered for the armed services and of this number 29 were killed. In response, it was decided to erect a memorial in the main street plantation and a Local Soldiers Memorial Committee was formed. The first appeal for funds was made in March 1918.

In 1920 the Committee advertised for the submission of designs. Obviously the response was not overwhelming for a meeting in September 1920 was adjourned to allow designers more time to submit their plans.

An octagonal design for the memorial was finally chosen at a meeting held on 7 June 1921 and work commenced. A local resident, Robert Kaye, donated a quantity of bluestone towards its construction. The memorial was finally completed at a cost of around £1800, the whole amount being raised by public subscription. It was unveiled during a 'Back to Avoca' held in November 1921. The 'Little Digger' Billy Hughes, the prime minister, was even invited as guest of honour but was unable to attend.

The Memorial was later rededicated to include the Second World War.



**Acknowledgement:*****Comments/History and Significance Information (If shown)***

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