



**Boer War Memorial, Egmont Street**

**1900**

<b>Use</b>	War Memorial	<b>Historic Value</b>	2 out of 5
<b>Materials</b>		<b>Architectural Value</b>	1 out of 4
<b>NZHPT Registered</b>	Not registered	<b>Technical Value</b>	1 out of 2
<b>Valuation No</b>	12440-424-00	<b>Symbolic Value</b>	1 out of 3
<b>Legal Description</b>	Lots 1-2 Deeds 54, lots 1-2 DP 383, Lot 5 DP 383	<b>Rarity</b>	1 out of 2
		<b>Townscape Value</b>	1 out of 2
		<b>Group Value</b>	- out of 2
		<b>Overall</b>	
		<b>Cultural Heritage Value</b>	<b>7 out of 20</b>
<b>Reference</b>	E4		

**Description**

This unusual war memorial consists of a concrete base with a small plaque, a cast iron column with a Corinthian style capital, and finally a 'question mark' shaped steel tube supporting a large square lantern. It is set back from the footpath in front of the Patea Museum.

**History**

The Boer War Memorial was built to remember those people in the Patea district who left to fight in the South African/British Boer War between 1898-1902. The Memorial was originally placed in the triangle outside the Central Hotel at the southern end of Egmont Street in 1900.

The time that the Memorial was built was unusual, as this war did not end until 1902.

**Architect**

Not known.

**Builder**

Not known.

**Statement of Significance**

This is one of a small number of Boer War Memorials around the country, and an unusual one in its functional attribute of being a street light. It is clearly a one-off special design, although it utilises a cast iron column that might be found in another context as a verandah post.

**Sources**

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