



Opunake War Memorial, Bowen Crescent

1921

Use	War Memorial	Historic Value	2 out of 5
Materials	Concrete, stone	Architectural Value	1 out of 4
		Technical Value	1 out of 2
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Symbolic Value	3 out of 3
Valuation No		Rarity	- out of 2
Legal Description		Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	- out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	8 out of 20
Reference	Bo1		

Description

The Opunake War Memorial is a stone memorial pillar which stands on top of a platform of concrete with five small steps on four sides. Surrounding the monument is a fence constructed of stones with five concrete pillars on the four sides. Two gateways provide access to the monument and are at diagonals from each other. It commands a prominent site above the beach.

History

The memorial was built in 1921 just after World War I. It is a memorial to those who fell in both World War I and II.

Its inscription reads:

"The stone was laid by his Excellency Lord Jellicoe, Governor General of New Zealand, 27th October 1921. In memory of our boys who fell in the Great War 1914-1918." (64 names follow).

Added later: "In memory of those who fell in the 1939-1945 war" (two names follow).

Originally gates were built by Mr Trotter for the gateways at the monument. Mr Trotter was an early settler of Opunake and a local blacksmith. The gates have since been removed but it is interesting to note that gates of the same design are at Mr Trotter's ex-residence on Havelock Street.

The surrounding area around the memorial will be developed over the next year in conjunction with the Opunake Urban Upgrade.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

Sources**Date**

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