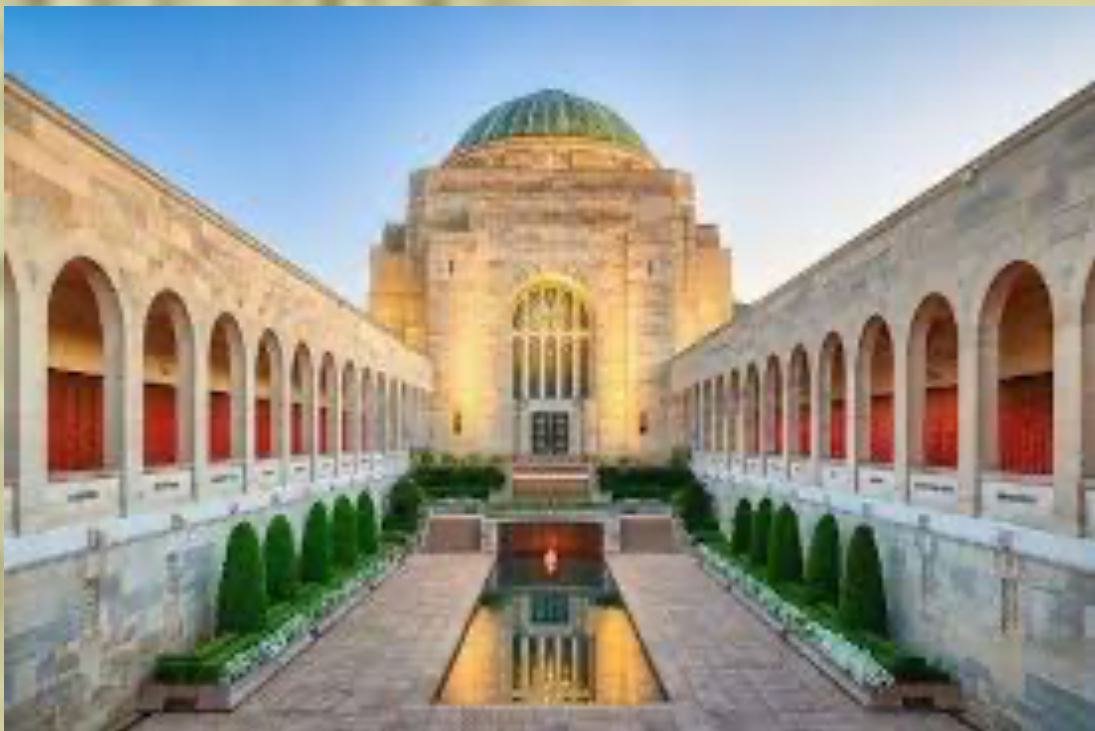


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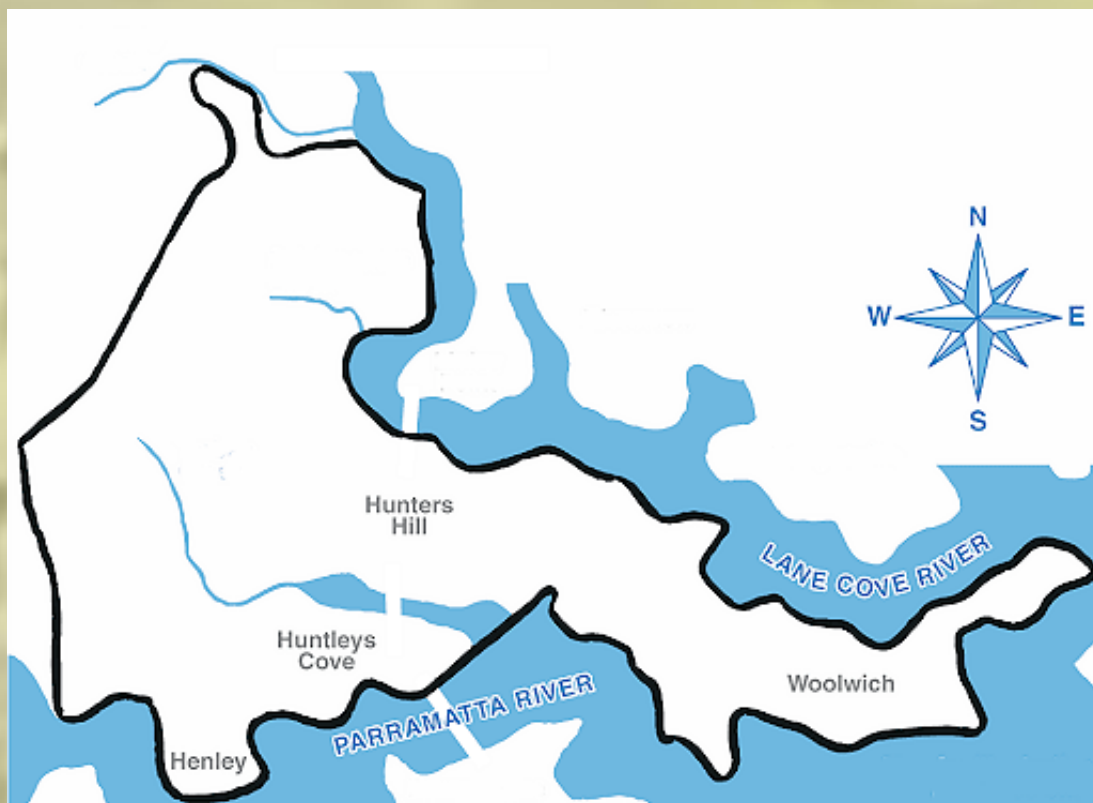




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Introduction

Hunters Hill has had connections with the military from the time of European colonisation. From the Boer War through to modern-day conflicts, there has been local involvement. However large-scale participation came with World War 1 and World War 2; from the citizens who volunteered and served with distinction in the many theatres of war around the world to those back home who provided vital support. The numerous memorials in the municipality are testament to the supreme sacrifice that many made to maintain our democratic way of life and safeguard our future.



All Saints' Anglican Church

A World War 2 memorial book sits on the altar in St John's Chapel at the back of All Saints' Anglican Church, corner Ferry and Ambrose Streets, Hunters Hill. It contains the names of parishioners who fought and also who lost their lives during the conflict. The book has been digitised and is available on the All Saints' website: www.aphh.com.au



All Saints' Honour Roll



On a wall in All Saints' Anglican Church Memorial Hall, corner Ferry and Ambrose Streets, Hunters Hill, is a World War 2 Honour Roll. It contains the names of those from the Parish who both served and who lost their lives in the conflict.

All Saints' War Memorial

The large polished grey granite cross with triple base of the same material is set on three steps in the front grounds of All Saints' Anglican Church. It has rosemary bushes planted around it. An inscription on the base reads:

"To the glory of God and in memory of the following members of His Majesty's forces who gave their lives for king and country in the Great War 1914-1918".

It was dedicated by NSW Supreme Court Judge, John Musgrave Harvey, on 1 May 1920. The memorial was rededicated on ANZAC eve, 24 April 2005.



All Saints' War Memorial Hall



The light-coloured brick building is located behind All Saints' Church. A sandstone dedicatory plaque is embedded in the wall by the entrance. The inscription on the plaque reads:

"To the glory of God and in grateful memory of all who served and those who fell in 1939-45".

The stone was laid by the Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, the Right Reverend RC Keene, on 6 June 1959.

Gunner Andrew Plaque



The parents of Gunner Walton Pentreath Andrew (1898-1918), who was fatally wounded on the Somme battlefields, France, dedicated a memorial brass plaque to him in St John's Anglican Church, Margaret Street, Woolwich. Following the church's deconsecration, the plaque was relocated to All Saints' Anglican Church War Memorial Hall. Andrew was the son of Edgar Henry and Sarah West Andrew, The Point Road, Woolwich. He was severely injured by a bomb in the area of Villers-Bretonneaux, France, and died from his wounds on 4 October 1918. He was aged 20. He is buried at Bellicourt British Cemetery, Picardie, France.

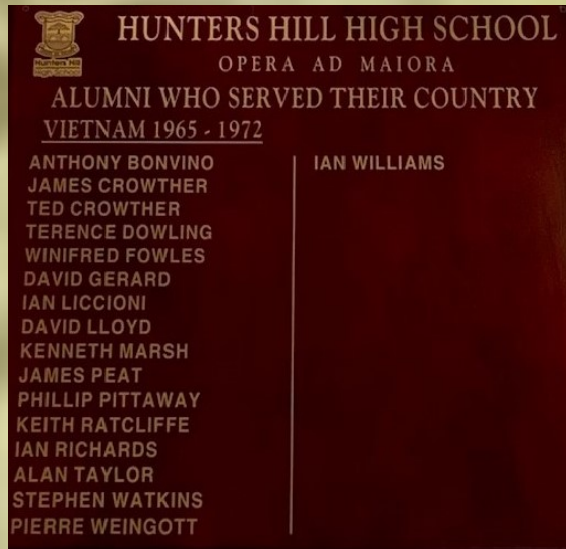
Gladesville Hospital World War 1 Roll of Honour

Fifty-three staff from the old Gladesville Mental Hospital in Victoria Road, Gladesville, served in World War 1. Seven of them were killed in action. Four staff were awarded the Military Medal while a fifth received the Meritorious Service Medal. Officers and staff at the hospital erected a Roll of Honour in their memory. The tri-coloured marble honour board is set on an exterior wall of Building 38. The main part of the roll is in white marble with names inscribed and blackened. It is framed by two orange-red marble columns and the whole is set on a larger black marble tablet. The inscription at the top reads:

"For King and Empire".



Hunters Hill High School



Hunters Hill High School in Reiby Road has a Roll of Honour to recognise 16 male and one female student who served in the Vietnam War during the period from 1965 to 1972. These former students were among the first enrolments at the school which opened in 1958.

Hunters Hill Town Hall



Bronze Honour Rolls in Hunters Hill Town Hall, Alexandra Street, contain the names of men and women who served in the two World Wars and in the Vietnam War. The World War 1 Honour Roll was unveiled by Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven, on the same day that he unveiled the War Memorial on the corner of Ferry Street and Woolwich Road, Hunters Hill, on Sunday 20 March 1927. There is also a small shield in the top left which honours Corporal Walter Spier (1874-1901), who died during the Boer War.

Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Hall



The World War 1 Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Hall was constructed on the corner of Alexandra and Ady Streets in 1919. This followed a meeting called by Hunters Hill Mayor, Alderman William Archibald Windeyer, for the purpose of forming a committee to implement a plan to erect a "Soldiers' Amelioration Club" to provide "reading and recreation rooms for men and women of Hunters Hill who heard their country's call in the Great War." To pursue the project, the committee formed "The Hunters Hill Soldiers and Sailors Recreation Club".

The land was donated by Mrs Neidham Jessie Robertson, wife of Alderman Robertson of Hunters Hill, one of the main movers behind the project. The cost of 923 pounds six shillings and three pence was raised by raffles and concerts as well as by public donations with the balance of 207 pounds 13 shillings and five pence coming from Mayor Windeyer. The hall was officially opened by the NSW Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, on 30 September 1919. The hall was administered by an Amelioration Committee. The rules, displayed in the hall to this day, are headed "Hunters Hill Soldiers Amelioration Centre".

For reasons that are not clear, the Amelioration Centre did not function as expected and was closed in late 1922 or early 1923. The local Weekly Times newspaper referred to "undesirables", not servicemen, frequenting the hall and liquor being consumed in the grounds. With the winding up of the Amelioration Centre, Mayor Windeyer exercised his powers to convert the premises to a public library. It closed in December 1947. The hall was used for meetings by Hunters Hill RSL sub-Branch as well as the Girl Guides and Brownies. The RSL sub-Branch now legally occupies the hall under a Trust Deed.



Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Wall



Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Wall was erected in 2016 in the front yard of Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Hall. The sandstone wall was constructed to replace the brick and concrete plinth upon which the World War 1 war trophy German Howitzer had stood and which, after restoration in 2014-2015, had been relocated to a position outside Hunters Hill Town Hall. The wall was designed to be the bearer of a cast bronze plaque given to the sub-Branch by former Hunters Hill Mayor, Sue Hoopmann. The plaque was based on a drawing by sub-Branch member, Ian Hansen. The wall also includes the Women's Service badge, the All Services badge and the RSL badge.

Hunters Hill War Memorial

Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven, unveiled Hunters Hill War Memorial on Sunday 20 March 1927 in honour of the 402 men and nurses who enlisted from the municipality in World War 1. It was initially located at the corner of Ferry Street and Woolwich Road but was subsequently moved to its current safer location at the front of Hunters Hill Town Hall. One reason was because early motor vehicles kept crashing into it. The cenotaph is a tapered granite pillar with a lamp on top. The pillar sits on three sandstone steps. It is approximately 2.85 metres high. There are inscriptions on the sides which are engraved in gold. One side reads "*To the Brave 1914-1919*", the second reads "*Korea, Vietnam*" and the third reads "*1939-1945*". The reference to the ending of World War 1 in 1919 reflects the real date of the conclusion of the conflict with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in Paris in June of that year as opposed to the cessation of hostilities or The Armistice, as it came to be known, on 11 November 1918.



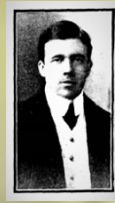
Manning Window



A stained-glass window in All Saints' Anglican Church honours the memories of Major Charles Edye Manning (1879-1916), killed on the Somme battlefields, France, Captain Guy Owen Manning (1881-1915), killed in New Guinea, and that of their father, Justice Charles James Manning (1841-1898).



Major Manning



Captain Manning

The Manning family's home was *Merilbah*, 19 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill. Charles Manning was a barrister by profession. He died when a bomb exploded on the battalion's headquarters on 7 August 1916. He was aged 36. Manning is buried at Becourt Military Cemetery, France. He was mentioned in dispatches by British military leader, Sir Douglas Haig, for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty. His younger brother, Guy Manning, was serving as a district administrative officer when he fell off his motorbike on 18 June 1915. He died from his injuries. He was aged 34. He is buried at Kavieng European Cemetery, Papua New Guinea.

Rolfe window



A stained-glass window in All Saints' Anglican Church commemorates Captain Cecil Brian Neville Rolfe (1913-1943), who was killed in action in New Guinea, and his father, James Neville Rolfe (died 1941), headmaster of Malvern School, Hunters Hill, from 1915 to 1941. Rolfe was aged 29 when he died. He is buried in Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. Rolfe was twice mentioned in dispatches for exceptional services in the field. The first award was made on 3 June 1942 and the second, posthumously, on 27 April 1944.



Captain Rolfe

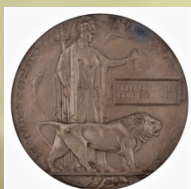
Simpson Window



A stained-glass window in All Saints' Anglican Church honours the memory of Lance Corporal George Barré Goldie Simpson (1887-1915), and that of his father, NSW Supreme Court Justice, Archibald Henry Simpson (1843-1918), who served as a churchwarden. The Simpson family's home was *St Ives*, 15 Crescent Street, Hunters Hill. Simpson was killed at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, Turkey, between 6-9 August 1915. He was aged 28. He is buried at Johnson's Jolly Cemetery, Gallipoli. His younger brother, Major Adam James Goldie Simpson (1888-1957), also served in World War 1.

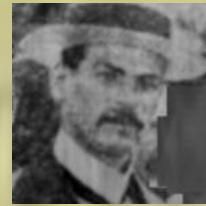


Lance Corporal Simpson



A next of kin bronze memorial plaque was also issued to commemorate George Barré Goldie Simpson. The 11-centimetre plaque came with a scroll and a "King's Message", containing a facsimile signature of the King.

Spier Memorial



Corporal Walter Laishley Spier (1874-1901) of the NSW Citizens' Bushmen took part in the Second Boer War in South Africa (1899 -1902). He died from enteric fever in hospital in Cape Town on 23 January 1901. His parents lived in Hunters Hill. The memorial to him is located within the grounds of All Saints' Anglican Church. It consists of a polished pink granite cross on

a base of a larger rough cut stone set on a concrete slab within a low iron railing. An inscription reads:

"In memory of Walter Laishley Spier Corporal of the NSW Citizens Bushmen who died for his Queen and Country at Cape Town South Africa 23 January 1901. Aged 26. Erected by his friends".

Hunters Hill resident and former NSW Premier Sir George Richard Dibbs, captain commanding of the National Guard, dedicated the memorial at a public ceremony at the church on 26 May 1901.



There is also a small shield honour board in memory of Spier in Hunters Hill Town Hall.



St John's Anglican Church

There were two Honour Rolls in St John's Anglican Church, Woolwich. One is in memory of those from the church who served in World War 1. It lists 87 names with 14 of those recorded as being killed in action. The other commemorates

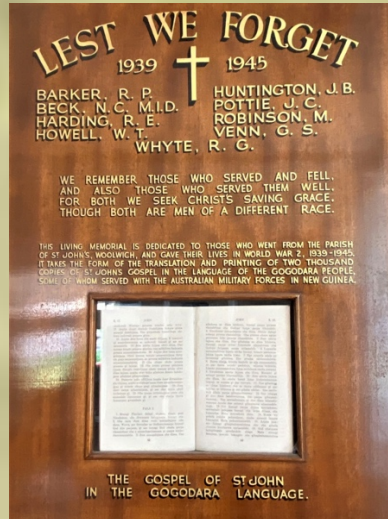


those who served in World War 2. After the church was deconsecrated in 1994, the memorials were relocated to All Saints' Anglican Church Memorial Hall. The former St John's Church is now a private residence.

1: World War 1 Roll of Honour



2: World War 2 Memorial



As well as containing the names of veterans, the wooden board contains an open copy of the Gospel of St John in the Gogodara Language (gogodara is a dialect of an indigenous tribe in Western Papua). Its inscription reads:

"We remember those who served and fell, and also those who served them well, for both we seek Christ's saving grace, though both are men of a different race. This living memorial is dedicated to those who went from the Parish of St John's, Woolwich, and gave their lives in World War 2, 1939-1945".

Some of the Gogodara people served with Australian Military Forces in New Guinea.

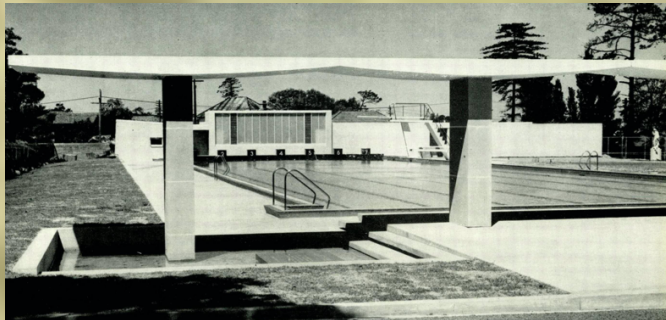
St Joseph's College



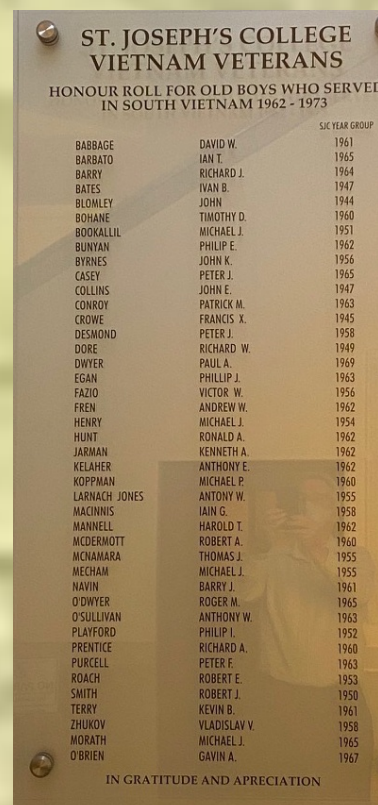
The College has a number of memorials to Old Boys who were casualties of war. In World War 1, 57 former students were killed and 76 died in World War 2.



In 1957, a war memorial pool in the school grounds was opened by former pupil, Air Marshall Sir John Macauley. The blessing was given by Bishop (later Cardinal) Freeman. The pictures (below) show the pool prior to demolition and its relocation in 2021.



Within the school are several honour boards.



St Mark's War Memorial Hall



This hall was originally located on the corner of Church and Joubert Streets, Hunters Hill. In 1962, the hall and adjoining church were moved to its present site in Figtree Road, Hunters Hill, to make way for roadworks associated with the then new Gladesville Bridge. A plaque inside the hall reads:
"Dedicated and opened by the Most Rev HR Gough CMG, OBE, MA, Archbishop of Sydney, December 19 1965. CH Sherlock, Rector".

A large rock outside the hall, to the west of the church, is part of the church's ANZAC Day service. On the Sunday closest to Anzac Day, a wreath is placed on it. A plaque on the rock reads:

"To commemorate the services rendered by members of this Parish in the World War 1939-1945".



Street Names:

Gaza Avenue, Ramleh Lane and Ramleh Street, Boronia Park, were all named after World War 1 locations in Palestine. Ramleh (now known as Ramla, Israel) was the base of the Australian Light Horse Brigade. Gaza Avenue and surrounds were all war veterans/service homes constructed by the War Service Homes Commission after World War 2.



Street Trees:



Martin Street

Many streets within the municipality, such as Martin Street, Hunters Hill, have a tradition of avenue plantings of mature trees. Many date back to the 1920s and were planted to commemorate local soldiers from World War 1. The predominant species is Brushbox (*Lophostemon confertus*).

Tree Planting

To commemorate 50 years since the end of World War 2, “Australia Remembers”, Hunters Hill Council and Hunters Hill RSL sub-Branch coordinated a community tree planting ceremony at Clarke’s Point, Woolwich, in 1995. Led by Hunters Hill Mayor, Ross Williams, and RSL sub-Branch



President, Frank Larbalestier, more than 60 local organisations and civic representatives participated. Four plaques were installed on a concrete block in the reserve.

War Memorial Tree



NSW Governor, Sir Walter Davidson, planted a large Queensland Box tree next to the footpath, corner Alexandra and Ferry streets, Hunters Hill, on 13 September 1919. There is a brass plaque attached to a small sandstone rock immediately in front of the tree. The plaque contains the inscription:

"In commemoration of the patriotism of the youth of Hunters Hill during the Great War".

World War 1 Howitzer



A war trophy, a 150mm German Howitzer, was given to the Municipality of Hunter's Hill in recognition of the efforts made in providing volunteers, both men and women, as well as finance, to the war effort in World War 1. The howitzer was captured by the 20th Battalion Australian Imperial Force at La Motte near Estrees, France, in October 1918. It was originally dedicated in 1927.

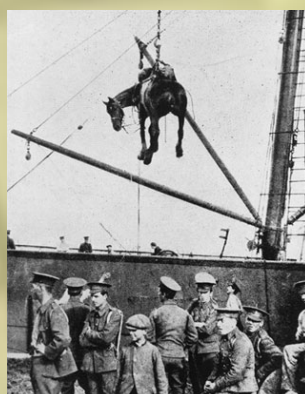
After having been located in several places in Hunters Hill and Woolwich, the gun was moved to the front yard of Hunters Hill RSL Memorial Hall in 1990. It had been refurbished in 1962 but by 2014 had deteriorated to the stage where a comprehensive restoration was needed. As the sub-Branch was unable to afford the restoration work, Hunters Hill Council arranged to have the work done and the gun was removed. After the restoration, it was subsequently relocated to outside Hunters Hill Town Hall. At a rededication ceremony on 24 April 2015, NSW Governor, General David Hurley, unveiled a plaque which reads:

"In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 2015 by ANZAC forces. To remind us of and acknowledge those who served, those who suffered and those who did not return".

Horse Trough



The now defunct horse trough on the corner of Park Road and Princes Street, Boronia Park, is one of about a dozen such watering facilities still to be found in the Sydney metropolitan area. They were originally among 700 installed mainly across NSW and Victoria in the 1930s as the result of a philanthropic gesture from a Sydney businessman, George Bills. Bills believed the troughs were "desirable for the relief of horses". It followed his concern for the fate of at least hundreds of Australian bred horses which were brought into service in World War 1 but for quarantine reasons could not be repatriated to Australia at the end of the conflict. Most had to be put down.



Hunters Hill Museum

Hunters Hill Historical Society's Museum is located at Hunters Hill Town Hall. It contains a "Military Connections" display. It comprises artefacts donated by local residents.



Uniform of Lieutenant Colonel Weekes, circa 1880s



World War 1 Army First Aid Box



Wax match boxes from World War 1



Tablecloth, embroidered by Hunters Hill branch of Red Cross, c1923



Two projectiles intended for use in a Bofors anti-aircraft gun, World War 2



Handmade spoon from shell casing



Paper knife and serviette ring from HMAS Sydney

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

Boer War

Spier, WL

World War 1

Abbott, WH
Aley, AS
Allan, MT
Andrew, WP
Aspinall, FJS
Bannerman, V
Barder, RO
Bassan, RA
Blaxland, CF
Browne, SJ
Buckland, GJ
Carpenter, SH
Clarke, OE
Clarke, THD
Clarke, R
Clerk, KB
Collins, H
Edgington, FS
Erbe, H
Fitzpatrick, WV
Gammie, A
Garling, TW
Hayes, M
Henderson, HG
Henderson, RG
Henry, W
Jeffery, J

Jenkins, AT
Lavers, LKJ
Lawson, WR
Lenehan, RE
Lloyd, JT
Longworth, CG
Lynch, JP
Mackenzie, J
Makinson, RH
Manning, CE
Manning, GO
McBride, JI
Miner, CJ
Munro, WHC
Noake, RJM
O'Donnell, P
Phillips, FS
Porter, FM
Poynan, FL
Roseby, HC
Sewell, AW
Simpson, GBG
Smith, MR
Spencer, GG
Strutt, T
Waller, PJ
Warren, A

World War 2

Baker, CE
Barker, RP
Beck, NC
Booth, M
Campbell, GR
Cincotta, F
Diwies, BA
Dunlop, EA
Ferguson, CS
Fraser, CG
Gadd, AC
Gray, H
Gurdon, PBB
Harding, RE

Hart, R
Herps, JRW
Houghton, DC
Howell, WT
Huntington, JB
Jackson, SJ
Lloyd, JT
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Magnusson, HJ
McAteer, HH
McDougall, WL
Muller, FH
Murphy, FM
Oakes, LW

Podger, OF
Pottie, JC
Rendall, MHG
Roberts, GP
Robinson, M
Rolfe, CBN
Shields, FC
Simpson, RA
Small, JCL
Smith, LMH
Sutton, FC
Thornton, GHW
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Venn, GB

Venn, GS
West, RG
Whyte, RG
Windeyer, HF

Korea

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A boy went to war in 1914 and left his bike chained to a small tree. He never made it home, and his family left the bike by the tree in his memory. This is that tree today.

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