

Eltham War Memorial

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- 04585-1-2 Stanly Addison's notes for his Outline History of the Eltham War Memorial Trust
- 04585-1-3-1 Newspaper article: Eltham War Memorial Trust: Ready Now for Forward Movement; Acknowledgements £722; publication unknown, c.1946
- 04585-1-3-2 Newspaper article: Eltham War Memorial Trust: "Garden of Remembrance"; Baby Health Centre First Building, The News: The Newspaper of the City of Heidelberg and of the Shire of Eltham, 11 April 1947
- 04585-1-3-3 Newspaper: The News: The Newspaper of the City of Heidelberg and of the Shire of Eltham; Friday, December 1, 1950
- 04585-1-3-4 Newspaper article: Eltham War Memorial Trust by Stanley Addison, 1953
- 04585-1-3-5 Newspaper article: War Memorial Trust (publication unknown, n.d.)
- 04581-1-4 Folder: A brief history of the Eltham War Memorial and Eltham Library, Harry Gilham, 1997-1999
- 04585-1-5 Newspaper article: Eltham's War Memorial; A Journey in Time, Nillumbik Mail, 5 July c.2001

04585-2 Eltham War Memorial Trust Minutes

- 04585-2-1 Eltham War Memorial Trust Minutes, Book No. 2, 20 March 1951 to 4 June 1957
- 04585-2-2 Minute Book: Eltham War Memorial Trust Minutes, 2 July 1957 to 12 November 1973

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- 04585-3-1-1 Minute Book: Minute Book No. 1, Women's Auxiliary, Eltham War Memorial Trust, 10 May 1946 to 10 April 1952
- 04585-3-1-2 Minute Book: Minute Book No. 2, Women's Auxiliary, Eltham War Memorial Trust, 12 June 1952 to 14 June 1956
- 04585-3-1-3 Minute Book: Minute Book No. 3, Women's Auxiliary, Eltham War Memorial Trust, 12 July 1957 to 14 May 1959

- 04585-3-1-4 Minute Book: Minute Book No. 4, Women's Auxiliary, Eltham War Memorial Trust, 14 May 1959 to 12 August 1965
- 04585-3-2 Book: A favourite book of country recipes / compiled by the Women's Auxiliary of the Eltham War Memorial Trust

04585-4 04591 Eltham Easter Show and Gymkhana

- 04585-4-1 Minute Book: Eltham War Memorial Trust; Easter Gymkhana Committee Minutes, 19 Nov 1954-6 Jun 1958
- 04585-4-2 Folder: Eltham War Memorial Trust; Easter Gymkhana Committee Correspondence, 19 Nov 1954-6 Jun 1958
 - 04585-4-2-1 Notice from Honorary Treasurer of Easter Gymkhana Committee regarding completion of 1954 event and expression of thanks and that committee is now going into recess prior to commencement of planning for 1955
 - 04585-4-2-2 Notice of Easter Gymkhana Committee Meeting, Monday 24th October, 1955 at the Shire Hall, Eltham
 - 04585-4-2-3 Letter from B.T. Taylor, Hon. Secretary, Eltham Easter Show Committee regarding the sale of tickets (c.1957)
 - 04585-4-2-4 Letter from B.T. Taylor, President, Eltham Easter Show Committee to Georges Ltd regarding the supply of The Georges Cup for the Eltham Easter Show, 11 April 1958
 - 04585-4-2-5 Letter from Georges Ltd to B.T. Taylor, President, Eltham Easter Show Committee with payment for the miniatures of The Georges Cup, 6 June 1958
 - 04585-4-2-6 Letter from Eltham Shire Secretary to B.T. Taylor, President, Eltham Easter Show Committee advising of new process regarding raffle, 5 May 1958
 - 04585-4-2-7 Letter from Lilian Heath, Secretary, Judge Book Village Auxiliary to B.T. Taylor, Eltham Easter Show Committee, 24 May 1958
 - 04585-4-2-8 Letter from Mrs R.J. Godfrey on behalf of M.A. Godfrey of Dandenong to B.T. Taylor, President, Eltham Easter Show under threat of legal action requesting replacement of cheque for £10 (second prize Open Jumping Contest), which was lost, 24 May 1958
 - 04585-4-2-9 Reply by B.T. Taylor, President, Eltham Easter Show Committee to Mrs R.J. Godfrey to her letter of 24 May explaining circumstances and denying responsibility to forward a replacement cheque as it was cashed at the Golf Club Hotel; 6 June 1958
- 04585-4-3 Folder: Easter Gymkhana Committee Minutes and other associated ephemera
 - 04585-4-3-1 Letter: Letter of donation to Shire of Eltham Historical Society of the Easter Gymkhana Committee Minutes and other associated ephemera, J.M. Peter Bassett-Smith, 31 October 1987
 - 04585-4-3-2 Souvenir Program: Free Program; Eltham Easter Gymkhana and Light Horse Show also Dog Competition, Easter Saturday 9th April, 1955 at Eltham (Lower) Park

- 04585-4-3-3 Program Schedule; Eltham Easter Gymkhana and Light Horse Show also Dog Competition, Easter Saturday 9th April, 1955 at Eltham (Lower) Park
- 04585-4-3-4 Program; Monster Gymkhana in aid of Hurstbridge Hall Re-Building Fund, Hurstbridge Recreation Reserve, Sunday, September 18, 1955
- 04585-4-3-5 Record Crowd Came To Eltham Gymkhana, Sporting World, Diamond Valley Local, Thursday, April 14, 1955, p8
- 04585-4-3-6 Program; Eltham Easter Gymkhana Goat Show Schedule, Easter Saturday 31st March, 1956, Eltham Park
- 04585-4-3-7 Official Program; Eltham Easter Horse Show and Goat Show, Easter Saturday April 20th, 1957, Eltham Park
- 04585-4-3-8 Program Schedule; Eltham Easter Horse Show and Goat Show, Easter Saturday April 20th, 1957, Eltham Park
- 04585-4-3-9 Young Rider to Judge at Show, The Age, Wednesday, April 17, 1957, p8
- 04585-4-3-10 Promotional window label, Eltham Gymkhana, Easter Saturday, 20 April 1957
- 04585-4-3-11 Entry form for the Skyline Drive-In "Soap-Box" Derby, to be held along Main Road between Panorama Avenue and Bolton Street, Easter Saturday, 20 April 1957
- 04585-4-3-12 Official Program; Eltham Easter Horse Show and Goat Show, Easter Saturday, 5th April, 1958, Eltham Park
- 04585-4-3-13 Brief history of the Eltham War Memorial Trust and Women's Auxiliary, Peter Bassett-Smith, 1987
- 04585-4-3-14 Summary of the Eltham War Memorial Trust Easter Gymkhana Committee Minutes (1954-1956)

04585-5 Folder: Infant Welfare Centre (1952)

- 04585-5-1 Newspaper article: Eltham: "Memorial Baby Health Centre Opening"; District News, The News, 14 November 1952. (Single sheet newsprint printed one side with District News for Macleod, Kinglake, Watsonia, Wattle Glen, Diamond Creek, Panton Hill, Eltham North, Lower Plenty, Research, Eltham. On reverse in handwritten purple pencil to the President, somewhat indecipherable, about an item to be hung on the walls of the beautiful building.)
- 04585-5-2 Eltham War Memorial Trust, Official Opening - Baby Health Centre, 15th November 1952; Timetable of proceedings (1 page handwritten)
- 04585-5-3 Eltham Baby Health Centre; Official Opening - Baby Health Centre: Address by President, 15 November 1952 (9 pages handwritten)
- 04585-5-4 Newspaper article: Infant Welfare Centre as War Memorial, 15 November 1952
- 04585-5-5 Souvenir Booklet: Eltham War Memorial Trust, 1954
- 04585-5-6 Eltham War Memorial: Address by Mrs Stanley Addison at the Annual Meeting of the Infant Welfare Centre, Thursday 21st October, 1965 (4 pages typed, carbon copy)

04585-6 Roll of Honour Board (1954), Eltham War Memorial

04585-7 Eltham Pre-School (1956), Eltham War Memorial

- 04585-7-1 Newspaper article: Minister to open Eltham Pre-school Tomorrow
- 04585-7-2 Program; Eltham War Memorial Trust: Opening of the Second Unit of the War memorial, The Pre-school Centre, on Saturday, December 1st, 1956 at 3 p.m.
- 04585-7-3 Folder: Eltham Pre-School (1956)
Papers donated by Gordon Pearce, 30 Apr 2021 pertaining to Eltham Pre-school and Eltham War Memorial Trust. Gordon was a former President of the Eltham Pre-school at the time the Eltham War Memorial Trust was disbanded by Eltham Shire Council in December 1973.
 - Articles of the Eltham War Memorial Trust (9 A3 photocopies of original foolscap pages)
 - President's Report: Eltham War Memorial Trust, Committee of Management, Dec. 1973 in which it was advised that the Committee was to be disbanded.
 - Letter: Gordon J.J. Pearce, President Eltham Pre-school to C.J. Bock, Chief Administrative Officer, Shire of Eltham, 21 Nov 1973 expressing disappointment at the Shire wanting to disband the Committee of Management of the Eltham War Memorial Trust
 - Minutes: Eltham Pre-school Committee, 26 Nov 1973
 - Minutes: Eltham Pre-school Committee, 17 Dec 1973
 - President's Report: Gordon Pearce, Eltham Pre-school, 4 Feb 1974
- 04585-7-4 Newspaper clipping: A humble beginning, Diamond Valley Leader, July 26, 2006, p35

04585-8 Children's Library (1961) / Eltham War Memorial Hall (1966)

- 04585-8-1 Letter: Hon. Secretary Eltham Shire Council inviting Lieut-General The Honourable Sir Edmund Herring to attend the opening of the Children's Library. 23 Aug. 1961
- 04585-8-2 Newspaper article: Third unit of Eltham's memorial opened; Diamond Valley News, 14 Nov 1961 (Ref: SEA_74_001-055)
- 04585-8-3-1 Receipt to Eltham Historical Society for hire of Eltham War Memorial Hall, 23 June 1970
- 04585-8-3-2 Receipt to Eltham Historical Society for hire of Eltham War Memorial Hall, 6 July 1970
- 04585-8-4 A brief history of the Eltham Library, Harry Gilham, c.1994

04585-9 Eltham Enlistments for the Second World War

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- Document: Photocopy of Certificate of Title, Eltham War Memorial Trust, Lot 2, Plan of Subdivision No. 63242, Parish of Nillumbik; derived from Vol. 7073 Fol. 498, 18 May 1964

04585-1996 (Eltham Town Focus Group)

Documents relating to a focus group brought together by the Shire of Nillumbik Chairman of Commissioners in 1996 to provide advice on the best long term use for the buildings and land situated between the former Eltham Shire Offices and Country Fire Authority buildings. These buildings are known as the Eltham War Memorial buildings located at 903-907 Main Road, Eltham.

In May 2020, the Heritage Council Victoria did not recommend the site for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register.

Potential impact upon the Memorial Garden because of a proposed roundabout at Dudley Street and Main Road

- Notes concerning impact upon Eltham War Memorial Garden of a proposed roundabout at Dudley Street, Eltham, 20 August 1996
- Draft proposal of a roundabout at Dudley Street and Main Road showing impact upon Eltham War Memorial Garden, c. Sep. 1996
- Letter (copy): Harry Gilham, President, EDHS to Bruce Ruxton, President, Victorian RSL concerning impact upon Eltham War Memorial Garden of a proposed roundabout at Dudley Street, Eltham, 1 September 1996
- Letter: Bruce Ruxton, President, Victorian RSL to Harry Gilham, President, EDHS, 20 Sep 1996 concerning impact upon Eltham War Memorial Garden of a proposed roundabout at Dudley Street, Eltham, including copy of communication with Eltham RSL (T. Beaton, Hon Sec.) of 10 Sep 1996
- Letter: EDHS (H. Gilham, President) to Commissioners, Nillumbik Shire Council, 16 Sep 1996 advising not in support of roundabout at Dudley Street due to impact upon Eltham War Memorial Garden
- Photocopy: Editorial comment, Peter Dougherty, ArtStreams Dec 1996/Jan 1997 re Commissioners push for development in activity zone of former office site and Eltham War Memorial (see EDHS_04362)
- Letter: Don Cordell, Chairman of Commissioners, Nillumbik Shire Council, 10 Dec. 1996 inviting Harry Gilham to join a Focus Group to advise him, chaired by Alan Field. Includes a list of focus group members and contact details.
- Minutes of Meeting, Eltham Town Focus Group, 17 Dec. 1996

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Investigating condition of and future use of the Eltham War Memorial Complex and redevelopment of the site

- Letter: Alan Field to Harry Gilham. 8 Jan. 1997 advising date of 18 Jan. for next meeting of Eltham Town Focus Group
- Minutes of Meeting, Eltham Town Focus Group, 18 Jan. 1997 with handwritten notes by Harry Gilham
- Draft Report: A Community Vision for “The Eltham War Memorial Trust” Property, Main Road, Eltham, prepared at the request of Chief Commissioner, Don Cordell, 31 Jan. 1997, along with handwritten notes by Ross McDonald and accompanying note by Harry Gilham written in 2010 upon handover of EDHS presidency

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- Notes used by Harry Gilham at Nillumbik Council Meeting of 21 March 2000 regarding proposed sale/development of the Eltham War Memorial property

04585-2004

Material covers Eltham Major Activity Structure Plan and a proposal by Council to sell the Eltham War Memorial site for commercial use

- Eltham Major Activity Structure Plan Comments Sheet; Response by Harry Gilham, 22 June 2004
- Letter from Eric Mack to the Hon. Steve Herbert, Member for Eltham regarding draft Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, 22 June 2004
- Newspaper article: Protect war memorial, Harry Gilham, President, Eltham District Historical Society; Letter, Diamond Valley Leader, June 30, 2004, p16 (Includes copy sent to paper 17 June)
- Letter from Eric Mack to Nillumbik Shire Council CEO and Councillors regarding draft Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, 2004
- Copy of fax sent by John Cohen, OAM, JP to Diamond Valley News, re his support for the appeal for protection of the Eltham War Memorial 3 July 2004

- Newspaper article: Sell-off a betrayal of trust, Ken Eckersall; Letters, Diamond Valley Leader, 7 July 2004
- Newspaper article: Don't insult memory of fallen servicemen, John Cohen; Letters, Diamond Valley Leader, 7 July 2004
- Newspaper article: Up in arms against sell-off, Dave Crosswaite, Diamond Valley Leader, July 14, 2004, p5
- Copy of letter from John Cohen to President and Executive of the Eltham RSL regarding the Eltham War Memorial, 16 July 2004
- Reply to Eric Mack from the Hon. Steve Herbert, Member for Eltham regarding his letter of 22 June, 27 July, 2004
- Notice issued by Cr Greg Johnson of 11 August meeting by Council's Policy and Services Committee to consider a proposal to sell the Eltham War memorial and old shire office properties, 6 August 2004
- Minutes for the policy and Services Committee of Nillumbik Shire Council held Wednesday 11 August 2004
- Newspaper article: Shire plan 'sacrilegious' by Dave Crossthwaite, Diamond Valley Leader, Wednesday, August 19, 2004, p1
- Newspaper article: Our say on sale of land; Have you say, Diamond Valley Leader, August 18, 2004, p22
- Newspaper article: School hall is not ratepayers' worry; Have your Say, Diamond Valley Leader, August 18, 2004, p23
- Copy of letter sent by John Cohen, OAM, JP to the CEO, RSL Victoria requesting their opposition to sale of the Eltham War Memorial, 19 August 2004
- Newspaper article: Clash over land sale by Dave Crossthwaite, Diamond Valley Leader, August 25, 2004, p1
- Newspaper article: Mayor beset over arts agenda claim by Dave Crossthwaite, Diamond Valley Leader, August 25, 2004, p5
- Newspaper article: A lot of work has gone into shire structure plan; Letters, Diamond Valley Leader, August 25, 2004, p10
- Newspaper article: Public assets are not for sale; Letters, Diamond Valley Leader, August 25, 2004, p11
- Copy of letter sent by John Cohen, OAM, JP to Brigadier J.R. Deighton, State Secretary, Victorian RSL re his comments in Diamond Valley Leader regarding the Eltham War Memorial, 27 August 2004
- Handwritten notes prepared by Harry Gilham in preparation of presentation to Council pertaining to draft Eltham Major Activity Structure Plan, c. Sep. 2004
- Newspaper article: Don't let a dream stay hijacked; Letters, Diamond Valley Leader, September 1, 2004, p11
- Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda, 15 September 2004, p55 with notes on vote for motion that any reference to the sale of the War Memorial be removed
- Copy of letter sent by John Cohen, OAM, JP to Brigadier J.R. Deighton, State Secretary, Victorian RSL advising the War Memorial had been removed from the wider proposal of the Eltham Activity Centre, 16 September 2004
- Newspaper article: Future of memorial site on hold until poll by Caroline Gonzalez, Diamond Valley Leader, September 20, 2004

- Fax from Catherine Dale, CEO, Nillumbik Shire Council to John Cohen re Renovation and Maintenance of Victorian War Memorials, 6 October 2004
- Letter from Cr Tony Raunic, Mayor to Harry Gilham regarding Eltham Major Activity Centre Structure Plan advising the removal of any reference to sale of the War Memorial and detailed consultation to be held with stakeholders regarding the former Shire of Eltham Office site; 8 October 2004
- Letter from Barry Rosewall, President, Eltham RSL to John Cohen advising the sub-branch strongly opposes the sale of the Eltham War Memorial, 20 October 2004
- Fax from Bill Forrest, Interim CEO, Nillumbik Shire Council to John Cohen re Renovation and Maintenance of Victorian War Memorials, 8 November 2004
- Copy of letter from John Cohen to Bill Forrest, Interim CEO, Nillumbik Shire Council re Maintenance of Eltham War Memorial, November 2004

04585-2007

- News article: The spin starts here; Brian Murray, Nillumbik Ratepayers' Association, Valley Views, Diamond Valley Leader, 13 June 2007 suggesting Council proposing to bring back Shire Offices to Eltham with potential loss of Eltham War Memorial
- News article: War memorial fear-mongering; Harry Gilham, Heidelberg Valley Weekly, 26 June 2007
- News article: Consultation is no spin; John Cohen, Former Shire President, Valley Views, Diamond Valley Leader, 27 June 2007
- News article: Troops enlist for campaign by Fiona Willan, Diamond Valley Leader, 18 July 2007

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- Newspaper article: Hall 'scruffy' - war vet, Diamond Valley Leader, 17 February 2010, p2

04585-2011

Cultural Significance Assessment

- Cultural Heritage Significance Assessment; Civic Building Complex, 903-907 Main Road, Eltham, September 2011 DRAFT
- Feedback to Nillumbik Shire Council by Eltham District Historical Society in response to September 2011 Draft Cultural Heritage Significance Assessment of the Eltham War Memorial Building Complex, 3 November 2011
- War Memorial Building Complex, 903-907 Main Road, Eltham: Cultural Significance Assessment, November 2011 prepared for Nillumbik Shire Council by Samantha Westbrooke Pty Ltd in association with Peter Mills PhD, Architectural Historian

04585-2014

Proposed extension to Cenotaph War Memorial Terrace championed by Montmorency-Eltham RSL and its impact upon the Memorial Garden and Eltham War Memorial buildings complex.

- Draft Landscape Concept Plan by Henry Architects for Proposed Extension to Memorial Terrace, 14 July 2014 (Note: Senior Citizen's Building correctly identified. Every subsequent plan incorrectly shows this building as the former Children's Library, which was the War Memorial Hall building)
- Letter: Eltham Gateway Action Group to Stuart Burdack, Shire of Nillumbik (undated) offering comment on Proposed Extension to Memorial Terrace with handwritten notes
- Letter: Jim Connor, President, EDHS to Adrian Cully, Manager Community Participation, Learning and Culture, Nillumbik Shire Council, 18 Aug. 2014, encouraging Council not to support proposed extension to War Memorial Terrace due to significant impact upon the Eltham War Memorial Complex as supported by the Cultural Significance assessment conducted by Council in 2011
- Notices of Motion, NOM.001/14 pertaining to memorials Advisory Committee and Montmorency-Eltham RSL to upgrade the Eltham War Memorial site in time for ANZAC Day 2015, Nillumbik Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, 26 August 2014
- Notices of Motion, NOM.001/14 pertaining to memorials Advisory Committee and Montmorency-Eltham RSL to upgrade the Eltham War Memorial site in time for ANZAC Day 2015, Nillumbik Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, 26 August 2014
- Media Release: Support for cenotaph expansion, Nillumbik Shire Council, Sep 2014
- Eltham War Memorial Park (Stage 2), Nillumbik Shire Council, c.2014
- Email (copy): Summary of advice from Samantha Westbrooke (2 Sep. 2014) regarding proposed impact of landscaping around the cenotaph as identified in the significance assessment conducted Nov. 2011 by herself and Dr Peter Mills.
- Policy and Services reports, PSD.034/14 Eltham War Memorial Building Precinct - Proposed Extension to Memorial Terrace, Nillumbik Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, 9 September 2014
- EDHS presentation to NSC Policy and Services meeting 9 September 2014 regarding the Montmorency-Eltham RSL proposal to expand/upgrade the Eltham War Memorial with handwritten notes from Harry Gilham for his submission at Council meeting
- Newspaper article: Plan to expand memorial; growth in ANZAC Day services inspires RSL proposal by Megan Bailey, Diamond Valley Leader, Wednesday, September 10, 2014
- Agenda: User Groups and Stakeholders Meeting, Proposed Extension to Memorial Terrace, 11 September 2014
- Email: Jim Connor, EDHS, regarding option to seek a heritage protection overlay for the Eltham War Memorial Building complex similar to that for the cenotaph, 15 Sep. 2014
- Newspaper article: Council defers RSL war memorial upgrade to seek consultation, Diamond Valley Leader, September 17, 2014
- Letter: Harry Gilham to Local Press, 20 Sep. 2014 regarding the Eltham War Memorial and moves by the RSL to take expand the War Memorial Terrace further into the original Memorial Garden

- Letter: Alan Field, President, The Eltham Veterans War Memorial Preservation Society Inc. to CEO and Councillors, Nillumbik Shire Council protesting at perceived injustices and 'veteran bashing' regarding their previous efforts to relocate 'their Obelisk and Cenotaph' to the Eltham War Memorial complex and their frustration in their attempts to further expand upon the Memorial Terrace. Areas of letter are highlighted with handwritten markups and notes. Also notes on loose card and paper with definitions of Memorial, Obelisk, Cenotaph, commentary on establishment of Eltham War Memorial, The Eltham War Memorial Trust and RSL involvement and current actions by RSL in respect to claims in the letter (written by Harry Gilham ?).
- Newspaper article: Residents say no to memorial upgrade; Mayor says feedback will be considered at next meeting by Megan Bailey, Diamond Valley Leader, Wednesday, October 1, 2014
- Policy and Services reports, PS.038/14 Eltham War Memorial Building Precinct - proposed extension to the Eltham Cenotaph Terrace, Nillumbik Shire Council Policy and Services Committee Meeting, 14 October 2014
- Newspaper article: Centenary dawn service moves to Petrie Park; Diamond Valley Leader, October 22, 2014, p5
- Newspaper article: Upset over upgrade; war memorial plans get culled; Diamond Valley Leader, October 29, 2014, p3
- Newspaper article: Memorial to be extended; expected to be finished before ANZAC Day ceremony by Megan Bailey, Diamond Valley Leader, December 17, 2014

04585-2018

Proposal by Nillumbik Shire Council to sell off former Eltham Shire Office site and Eltham War Memorial site for commercial use and community reaction.

- Newspaper article: Site of contention; Conversations, Diamond Valley Leader, September 5, 2018, p10
- Motion to Councillors: Carlotta Quinlan, Eltham Community Action Group, [October 2018] following a Community Town Hall Meeting held October 13, 2018 regarding proposed development and sale of part of 895 and 903-907 Main Road, Eltham
- Things you should know about the Eltham War Memorial, author unknown, c. Oct. 2018
- Email: Greg Johnson to Sue Dyet 16 October 2018 regarding Assessment Criteria discussed at 25 September 2018 Council meeting concerning proposed development and sale of part of 895 and 903-907 Main Road, Eltham
- Newspaper article: War memorial assurance; RSL involved but no-confidence motion passed on council by Brittany Shanahan, Diamond Valley Leader, October 17, 2018
- An essay addressed to the Councillors of Nillumbik Shire, October 2018: About the Eltham War Memorial and the adjacent community-owned sites in Eltham that the Council threatens to sell, Andrew Lemon Nov. 2018
- Report: Request for proposals - For the development and sale of part of 895 and 903-907 Main Road, Eltham; Prepared for Nillumbik Shire Council by Maddocks; 2 November 2018 (229 pages)

- Notice: Duncan Duke, President, Montmorency Eltham RSL, to Members, 5 December 2018 – statement regarding “proposed redevelopment of the Eltham War Memorial Buildings and potential impact of the proposed redevelopment on our (sic) Cenotaph and Memorial Site.”

04585-2020

Community motions to seek Heritage Council Victoria registration of the Eltham War Memorial precinct

- Eltham War Memorial Buildings: Recommendation of the Executive Director and assessment of cultural heritage significance under Part 3, Division 3 of the Heritage Act 2017; 18 May 2020
- Newspaper advertisement: Heritage Council Victoria, advising the Eltham War Memorial Buildings have been recommended NOT for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register; The Age, May 22, 2020, p34
- Correspondence: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Nillumbik Shire Council for the Heritage Council Victoria; 29 May 2020
- Correspondence: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Nillumbik Shire Council for the Heritage Council Victoria; 5 June 2020
- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Eltham Community Action Group for the Heritage Council Victoria; 17 July 2020. Also included:
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Catherine Johnson of Pryor Street, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 17 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Andrew Barras of Silver Street, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 10 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Graham Fildes of Elouera Close, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 11 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Eltham District Historical Society for the Heritage Council Victoria; 17 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Julie Willis of Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne for the Heritage Council Victoria; 17 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Ms Zheng Wu of Wynton Ct, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 16 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Jenny Daw of Black Cameron Road, Smith Gully for the Heritage Council Victoria; 19 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Eltham Pre-School for the Heritage Council Victoria; 19 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Jo-Anne Barker of Treloar Ave, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 18 July 2020
 - Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Prof. Hannah Lewi of Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne for the Heritage Council Victoria; 18 July 2020

- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Janet Boddy of Kerrie Cres, Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 19 July 2020
- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Rosemary Aitken of Kent Hughes Rd., Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 18 July 2020
- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Sue Dyet of Leonard Cres., Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 19 July 2020
- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Lynnsay Prunotto of Lavender Park Rd., Eltham for the Heritage Council Victoria; 19 July 2020
- Submission: Eltham War Memorial Buildings; prepared by Felicity Bing of Eltham Pre-School for the Heritage Council Victoria
- Draft Report: Eltham War Memorial Building Complex, 903-907 Main Road, Eltham, prepared by CONTEXT, (Survey Date: Dec. 2020)

Also contained in Box 2 is EDHS_04586 – Eltham Obelisk

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The Eltham Obelisk was originally located at the corner of Bridge and Main Roads in 1919. It commemorated the memory of the Eltham Soldiers who fell in the First World War and complemented the Eltham Avenue of Honour established in 1917 to those that served.

In 1943 (WW2) the local community commenced plans to establish the Eltham War Memorial, a living memorial to benefit the children as opposed to a one in stone as per the obelisk. The Eltham War Memorial Trust was established in 1945.

In 1947 the Trust intended for the Obelisk to be relocated from Bridge Street and Main Road to the Garden of Remembrance which was planned as part of the Baby Health Centre which was to be the first of three buildings of the Eltham War Memorial to be built in 1951.

In 1951 the Eltham RSL was invited to be represented on the Eltham War Memorial Trust.

During the period of Jun through October 1956 the original wooden bridge over the Diamond Creek in Bridge Street was replaced with a new concrete structure. At the same time the intersection of Bridge Street at Main Road was revised necessitating the relocation of the Eltham Obelisk. It was 'temporarily' relocated to the front garden of the Eltham RSL Sub-Branch on Main Road for safe keeping.

In 2007, a suggestion was proposed by Harry Gilham (President, EDHS) to John Cohen (ERSL) to claim a special site along with the historic Shillinglaw trees on the now vacant former Eltham Shire Office site adjacent to the Eltham War Memorial precinct for relocation of the obelisk.

In 2010 following the financial collapse and sale of the Eltham RSL Sub-Branch property and amalgamation with the Montmorency Eltham RSL sub-branch, the location of the obelisk was again in immediate jeopardy and in conjunction with Nillumbik Shire Council, supported by the RSL, the obelisk was relocated in front of the Eltham War Memorial buildings in preparation for the Dawn Service on Anzac Day 2012. The new location resulted in significant impact upon the Eltham War Memorial Garden. Council's preferred location was near the Eltham Library however that would have cost \$39,000. The Eltham War Memorial Garden was subjected to further intrusion in 2014 with a proposed expansion of the War Memorial Terrace.

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4. Newspaper advertisement: Unveiling of Obelisk at Eltham, The Advertiser, 1 Aug 1919
5. Newspaper article: Eltham Soldiers' Memorial; Unveiled by Sir William Irvine, The Argus, Monday, 4 Aug 1919, p8
6. Newspaper article: Memorial to the Fallen; Unveiled at Eltham, The Age, Monday, 4th August 1919

7. Newspaper article: Eltham Memorial to Fallen Soldiers, Diamond Creek Valley Advocate, 8 Aug 1919
8. Newspaper article: Programme - Presentation of German Machine Gun at the Obelisk, Eltham on Sunday, 8th August 1920, at 3.30 P.M.
9. Newspaper article: article about presentation of a war trophy, a heavy machine gun placed beside obelisk, The Advertiser, 13 Aug 1920
10. Newspaper article: Eltham: ANZAC Services, The Advertiser, Friday, May 2, 1924
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