



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES AND OTHER MARKERS

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the approval and placement of commemorative plaques and other markers within road reserves or open spaces under the control of Council.

Statement

Council recognises that some organisations, families or individual members of the community may wish to mark the location of a situation or achievement by the placement of commemorative/memorial/historical objects, structures or markers.

Any approval to the placement of any plaque or marker shall be granted with due regard to the importance of the situation and/or achievement of the organisation, family or individual. Installations will only be permitted to recognise very significant achievements or events.

In any case approval may be limited to avoid a proliferation of markers of similar intent in any one area or location.

The range of objects, structures or types of markers permitted to be placed shall be as set out under '**Definitions**'.

Definitions

Commemorative plaque

Reserved for the acknowledgment of an organisation's or individual's very significant contribution to the development of a specific or substantial capital improvement specifically related to the area, OR in commemoration of a major civic celebration as determined by Council from time to time.

Monumental (memorial) plaque

Reserved for the recognition or memory of an individual (or family) having made a very significant contribution to public life. Plaques must be located at or near a place of 'logical association' and will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Plaques may be affixed to either a rock spall or to an appropriate item of street/park furniture at Council's discretion.

Historical plaque/marker/cairn

Reserved for locations depicting very significant events or districts (places), but not generally for those of lesser importance.

Heritage plaque/marker

Reserved for all eligible buildings or features or places as determined by the Heritage Council.

Avenue of Honour

Reserved for charitable/non-profit organisations, service clubs or community groups to recognise distinguished service by the planting and maintenance of avenues or copses of environmentally suitable trees, with preference being given to indigenous or native species.

Dedication tree

Reserved for the acknowledgment of a significant public event. Preference shall be given to indigenous or native species.

Roadside Fatality Memorial

For the road network under the control of Council and in recognition that some members of the community may wish to mark the location of a fatal crash, such requests for a roadside memorial will be dealt with sensitivity but placement will not be encouraged. In the case of roads managed by VicRoads, that Authority has in place a policy which sets out requirements and performance standards. These criteria would be considered by Council in dealing with any request to Council.

References

Commemorative Plaques and Other Markers Procedure
Local Government Act 1989
Wangaratta Planning Scheme
Community Amenity Local Law No 1 of 1999
Road Safety Act and Road Safety Regulations 1988
VicRoads Traffic Engineering Manual
VicRoads Design guidelines and technical notes
Australian Heritage Commission Act
Heritage Council building guidelines
Roadside Management Strategy