

# CENOTAPH



Located on the corner of The Entrance Road and Marine Parade, The Entrance.

In 1914 when World War 1 began, the population of The Entrance was 58.

The first ANZAC Day Re-union was held on 26th April, 1926 at Duffy's Emporium. On that day it was unanimously agreed to apply to the Lands Department for a small portion of land on the lake shore to be used for the erection of a War Memorial. After permission was granted for the project, a German Field Gun (which had been promised to the Sydney Suburb of Willoughby) was obtained. After a delegation from Willoughby demanded the return of the gun, it was decided to place a 24 hour guard on the gun for safe keeping - the matter was closed and The Entrance kept the gun. The War Memorial was opened on 6th November, 1926 by Governor Sir Dudley-de-Chair. During the unfurling Sir Dudley inadvertently became entangled in the 20ft x 10ft (6m x 3m) flag that had covered the gun during the ceremony. In 1930 the Memorial was reconstructed into the shape of a hexagon and a new 72ft high flagpole was put in place. On 10th November, 1960 a large gathering witnessed the dedication and opening of the new Garden of Remembrance and Memorial Fountain, an initiative of The Entrance/Long Jetty RSL.

In 1996 the Main Street and foreshore area of the Memorial Park underwent a massive facelift and as a result the cenotaph has become a major focal point for those visiting the area.