

THE RETURNED AND



SERVICES LEAGUE

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BOER WAR MEMORIAL

Australia is a great democracy that has provided peace and prosperity for people from all over the world. Our history is not, of course, an unbroken string of successes. But our failures are recognisable only as exceptions, and the proper way to think about resolving them is by drawing on our past, not by abandoning it.

War memorials are an important part of Australia's national heritage. They honour those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, commemorate the service and sacrifice of all servicemen and women as well as acknowledging the contribution of others during times of war. Service is not always of a positive nature, however we need to note all service and learn from our history, not ignore, delete or worse still rewrite it.

The Sub branch is not in the business of rewriting history, consequently at its general meeting of 3 May 2021 passed a unanimous motion.

"that the Bathurst RSL Sub branch, does not support the removal of names from the Boer War Memorial, or any other Memorial, in the Bathurst Regional Council area"

For your information and consideration as appropriate.

David Mills
President
Bathurst RSL Sub Branch

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