



Mascot memorial park



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Introduction:

The mascot memorial park located at 149 Coward Street, the corner of Botany and Coward Street, this memorial park can be easily recognised by the people driving by on Botany Road.

Within the park

Within the memorial park it features a war memorial monument, tennis court, playground and a garden, not only does the park include these but this park is opened out to everyone and is used for recreational purposes as well as sightseeing.

What you can do in the park

There are many things you can do at this memorial park and that includes, playgrounds where the people and children can play on, a tennis court where people play tennis and an area surrounded by flowers where people can have picnic and spend a nice day out. Not only does people use this park for recreational purposes they also hold weddings and other formal cultural events here too. The park holds special events itself too for example Anzac day and carols by candlelight, for Anzac day the memorial park hosts commemorations near the war memorial plaque as well as celebrations over Christmas in the form of carols by candlelight.



History

1888s

In 1888 the first meeting of the north botany council was held at this park in small cottage. The memorial park was attained in 1920s by William Parker for **£3000**, this cost \$3866.04 in Australian dollar. Throughout the years, improvements have been made to allow the park to have a safer and more enjoyable environment. This included setting out of memorial gardens and tree planting, this improvement on the park was carried out by a large amount of volunteer labour with an additional cost to the council of **£2000**.

1920s

Back in 1920s when a man names Alderman T H Hicks was the mayor of Mascot, he, himself laid the foundation stone for the World War I memorial at the corner of the two intersecting roads, Botany Road and Coward Street. An additional plaque was added around 40 years later, in 1967 to commemorate the memory of the ones who had fallen of World War II and any other following wars.

1994s

In 1994 the council made a commitment that they were going to upgrade the park in different areas allowing them to return to its original state as one of the premier formal gardens and to restore the original grandeur of the park as well as continuing to make the park more relaxing and more enjoyable to everyone. Overtime many things were added which included the decorative walkways, flower beds, sculptures and fountains.

1995s

During the year 1995 the memorial plaque was stores and upgraded by the council for the anniversary to the end of World War II. Two 'Remembrance Walls' was planted on either side of the memorial commemorating the Pacific and European campaigns of World War II. These two remembrance walls were built out of two constructed Australian granite. Around this is an open pathway of ground granite complements the colours of the stonework in memorial, this is also bordered with white Anzac carpet roses and rosemary hedges.

Mascot war memorial

We commemorate the soldiers who first fell in World War 1, the war memorial was then initiated 1920s with the writing of: Erected by the People of Mascot in grateful memory of their fallen heroes 1914-1919.



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