The WWII Tourist draw cards of Brisbane

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“To understand the real depth and importance of the connection between WWII and Brisbane,

One just needs to reflect on; Queensland born, Ambassador to the USA Richard Casey lobbying for a Brisbane base 1939 to 1941, Pensacola Convoys arrival in Brisbane a Mere matter of days after Pearl Harbour, MacArthur grand arrival in Brisbane, the Battle of Brisbane between US and Aussie troops, the sad sight of unknown US soldier being loaded on the USAT Goucher Victory, the unveiling of the first “Australian American War Memorial”, the unveiling of the only “National Australia Remembers Freedom Wall” and the only WWII Australian Coastwatchers Memorial on Australian Soil.“

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MacArthur Museum, - Pivotal

See <https://mmb.org.au/>

Australian American Memorial, - A first

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/ww2/display/92170-australian-american-memorial->

National Australia Remembers Freedom Wall, - Informative

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/culture/community/display/92715-national-australia-remembers-freedom-wall> Detailed research <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgmwXVIJp6g&list=PLv0V6xrruq2k49onEZVuuFUQM1FVpPk83>

WWII Galleries Anzac Square, - Inspiring

See <https://www.anzacsquare.qld.gov.au/galleries/world-war-ii-gallery>

HMAS *Diamantina* WWII frigate, - An action piece

See <https://maritimemuseum.com.au/learn/collections/vessels/ww2-frigate-hmas-diamantina/>

Newstead Submariners Walk Heritage Trai based around former WWII site, -By the river

See <https://www.monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/multiple/display/97900-submariners-walk> Detailed Research <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TErTIvhkxh0&list=PLv0V6xrruq2kom_NrY3M9q3xQFgXie5QU>

Salisbury WWII War Industries Trail, - At the coal face

See <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/walking-in-brisbane/heritage-trails/salisbury-war-industries-heritage-trail>

Tradecoast Central Interpretive Centre, - Flying high. I.e. With engine test beds and real-life WWII aero engines.

[https://tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au](https://tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au/)

Now including access to the key Hanger Seven a WWII tale of pure engineering genius.

“WWII Places” of Importance as statements of importance

Pensacola Convoy Place. A forever first.

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/120654-pensacola-convoy-place>

Detailed research <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1hn_GjR6Nk&list=PLv0V6xrruq2kEbYXLAGjd6kIAzTfE_9WZ>

Len Waters Place, Inspiring!

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/people/military/display/91624-flight-sergeant-leonard-len-waters>

Australia Remembers Place. Moorooka highly informative.

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110099-australia-remembers-1945-1995>

Camp Coot-tha Place. Bombs away.

See <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/123030-camp-coot-tha>

The Iconic Memorials and sites

Flag pole of note Victoria Park. Inspiring

<https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage-places/1581#statement-of-significance>

Wall of Signatures City Hall. The writing is on the wall.

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/brisbane-city-hall/brisbane-city-hall-restoration-2010-2013/world-war-ii-signature-wall>

Cathedral windows. Enlightening.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/101363-australian-american-memorial-windows>

Roma Street Parklands. Lest not we forget.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90849-siege-of-tobruk>

Battle front memories. Real jungle warfare.

[Milne Bay Memorial Library & Research Centre | Monument Australia](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/106717-milne-bay-memorial-library-and-research-centre)

New Farm Park. Sculptured to attract.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92168-sandakan-prisoner-of-war-memorial>

Newstead River Terrace Park. A tragedy remembered.

[Rakuyo Maru Survivors | Monument Australia](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/122950-rakuyo-maru-survivors)

New Farm Seventh Fleet officer’s hut. WWII Heritage up close and personal.

**All Memorials listed by suburb with a ranking which is a “Work In Progress”**

Brisbane CBD

South Brisbane Railway Station Plaque arrival noted.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/113010-75th-anniversary-of-the-arrival-of-general-douglas-macarthur> Rank 2

A Uniting Church Window of note.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/103495-albert-street-uniting-church-memorial-window>  Rank 3

St John’s Cathedral

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/101363-australian-american-memorial-windows>

Memorial Windows Rank 3

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/259630>

All Hallows Stone Battle of Britain Memorial Rank 2

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/259628>

New Guinea Memorial rank 4

City Hall

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97332-brisbane-city-council-honour-roll> Rank 3

WWII Signature Wall

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/council-venues-and-precincts/brisbane-city-hall/brisbane-city-hall-restoration-2010-2013/world-war-ii-signature-wall>

Customs House

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90751-customs-house-roll-of-honour> Rank 3

St John’s Cathedral

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90798-new-guinea-martyrs> Rank 3

Grand Central Hotel

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/120645-no.-23-city-of-brisbane-squadron> Rank 3

General Post office

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90811-postmaster-general%60s-department-honour-roll> Rank 3

General Post office

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97345-postmaster-general%60s-department-prisoners-of-war> Rank 2

308 Queen Street

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90794-queensland-national-bank-roll-of-honour> rank 3

Central Rail Station

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/112999-queensland-rail-employees> rank 3

Roma Street Parklands

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90849-siege-of-tobruk> Rank 2

St John’s Cathedral

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/101367-st-john%60s-stone-of-remembrance>

Rank 2

Port Office Hotel

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/113009-womens-royal-australian-naval-service-h.m.a.s.-moreton Rank 2](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/113009-womens-royal-australian-naval-service-h.m.a.s.-moreton%20Rank%202)

Acacia Ridge WWII War Memorial

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/242516>

Ashgrove

Ashgrove WWII Memorial Park Rank 4

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/25664>

Archerfield

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90423-h.m.s.-nabsford> Rank 2

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90421-royal-australian-air-force-archerfield-honour-roll> rank 3

<https://www.ww2places.qld.gov.au/place?id=35> Rank 1 features a memorial called the “WWII War Room” a must see.

Ascot

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97314-allied-forces-intelligence-memorial>

Rank 2 This Monument is at a location that could be developed in Brisbane’s “Bletchley Park” Museum. Near by is Nyrambla house in which the early version of the CIA had its Pacific headquarters. In depth Research <https://www.ozatwar.com/locations/campascotpark.htm>

Bald Hills

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/102036-memorial-arch> Rank 3

Brighton

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90646-royal-australian-air-force-memorial> Rank 2

Brisbane Airport

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90687-460-squadron> rank 3

<https://tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au/> Rank 1 and a must see if it can be arranged

Hanger Seven Detailed research <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_World_War_Hangar_No._7>

Bulimba

WWII Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Memorial

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/256646>

Camp Hill

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/101907-camp-hill-district-honour-board> Rank

Chelmer

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/107428-st-david%60s-memorial-hall> Rank 2

Chermside

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/106717-milne-bay-memorial-library-and-research-centre> Rank 1

<https://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/memorial?id=458> Rank 3

<https://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/memorial?id=248> Rank 2

Coorparoo

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/111780-coorparoo-presbyterian-memorial-church-honour-roll rank 3](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/111780-coorparoo-presbyterian-memorial-church-honour-roll%20rank%203)

Corinda

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/102422-39th-infantry-battalion> Rank 3

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/91232-kokoda-stone- Rank 2](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/91232-kokoda-stone-%20Rank%202)

Ekibin WWII War Memorial Park

[https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/257367 Rank 4](https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/257367%20Rank%204)

Everton Park

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/107014-everton-park-and-bunyaville-improvement-association-roll-of-honour> Rank 3

Geebung

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/91454-60th-anniversary-of-the-end-of-world-war-two> Rank 2

Greenslopes

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/98817-2nd---7th-cavalry-regiment-honour-roll Rank 2](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/98817-2nd---7th-cavalry-regiment-honour-roll%20Rank%202)

Bunker Museum

<https://www.greenslopesprivate.com.au/About-Us/Our-History>

Hamilton

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/91554-gateway-to-victory> Rank 1

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/120654-pensacola-convoy-place> Rank 1

Detailed research <https://www.ozatwar.com/pensacola.htm>

 Event https://www.ozatwar.com/pensacola.htm

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/113353-st-augustine%60s-world-war-two-memorial> Rank 2

Herston

Smoky, the Dog n the Helmet, RBH

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/266006>

Indooroopilly

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/122584-80th-anniversary-of-the-rats-of-tobruk> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/122585-witton-barracks-park> Rank 2

Inala

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104075-australia-remembers-1945-1995> Rank 1

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/people/military/display/91624-flight-sergeant-leonard-len-waters Rank 1](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/people/military/display/91624-flight-sergeant-leonard-len-waters%20Rank%201)

Kangaroo Point

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/114975-h.m.a.s.-matafele> Rank 2

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110188-h.m.a.s.-moreton-honour-roll> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110191-royal-air-force-memorial> Rank2

Shelter Bar Story Bridge Hotel Rank 3 – Heritage value degraded

<https://www.storybridgehotel.com.au/the-shelter-bar/>

Kedron

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/99546-queensland-cremation-memorial-> Rank 2

Mitchelton

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/119518-80th-anniversary-of-the-siege-of-tobruk> Rank2

Moorooka

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110099-australia-remembers-1945-1995 Rank 1](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110099-australia-remembers-1945-1995%20Rank%201)

Victory Park Signed and named Cnr Evans Rd and Beaudesert Rd Rank 3

At Moorooka a Work In Progress is the list of WWII Street names in the WWII housing estate. [see end.]

Moreton Island

Cowan Cowan

With “Fort Cowan” and the Cowan Naval Station.

Fort Rous or the Rous Battery

And at Comboyuro a part of the Submarine Indicator Loop installation.

<https://indicatorloops.com/comboyuro.htm>

Mt Coot-tha

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/123035-kokoda-track> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/119522-hibiscus-%22australia-remembers%22> Rank 3

Camp Coot-tha

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/123030-camp-coot-tha Rank 1](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/123030-camp-coot-tha%20Rank%201)

and Camp Coot-tha Infographic Memorial Stone Rank 3

Video reference <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elHMsZqCKgo&t=356s>

Detailed history <https://www.ozatwar.com/ozatwar/jcslaughter.htm>

New Farm

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92162-29th-brigade-memorial> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/102470-50th-anniversary-bombing-of-pearl-harbour> Rank 1

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92163-9th-division> Rank 2

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/102468-australia-remembers-1945-1995> Rank 3

New Farm

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/102469-australia-remembers-1945-1995> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104196-destroyer-squadron-4-the-australian-squadron> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92166-red-beret-international-memorial-> Rank 1

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92168-sandakan-prisoner-of-war-memorial>

Rank 1 In depth Research <https://newfarmpark.com.au/facilities/memorials/>

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92164-the-allies-memorial>

Rank 1

New Farm Allies War WWII War Memorial

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/120816> Rank 2

Newstead

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/119519-allied-submarines> Rank 2

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92170-australian-american-memorial-> Rank 1

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/100323-royal-australian-navy-corvette-memorial->

Rank 3

<https://www.monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/multiple/display/97900-submariners-walk> Rank 1

Newstead Terrace Park

USAT Goucher Victory Memorial Sign

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLv0V6xrruq2lCWuDcc7soBp8smVCZadhz> Rank 3

Detailed Research <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpQXVFDyLrE&list=PLv0V6xrruq2lCWuDcc7soBp8smVCZadhz>

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/122950-rakuyo-maru-survivors> Rank 2

WIP Australian Coastwatchers Memorial Gazebo currently a WIP Rank 2

Detailed Research <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ForC6Tw_31I&list=PLv0V6xrruq2lIwrhMZaiw6kDrISXiwn7N>

Northgate

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/114932-naval-association-of-australia-honour-board> Rank 3

Nudah

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/109295-royal-australian-navy-memorial> Rank 3

Nudgee

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/90474-banyo-roll-of-honour-> Rank 3

Northgate

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92199-milne-bay-and-world-war-two-memorial-wall> Rank 2 also <https://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/memorial?id=945>

Pinkenba

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92257-pinkenba-state-school-memorial-gates>

Rank 3

Salisbury

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/outdoor-activities/walking-in-brisbane/heritage-trails/salisbury-war-industries-heritage-trail> Rank 1

South Brisbane

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92513-2nd---31st-infantry-battalion> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97933-70th-anniversary-of-general-macarthur%60s-arrival> Rank 3

South Brisbane

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92514-allied-chinese-ships> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104298-australia-remembers-1945-1995> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104299-fairmile-ships> Rank 2

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104301-south-brisbane-graving-dock Rank 1](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104301-south-brisbane-graving-dock%20Rank%201)

The Queensland Maritime Museum has a number of WWII memorials of note within its walls, not all are listed above. A sad chapter of WWII history in memorial narrative and current condition is the

HMAS Swan Flagpole at the entrance to the Maritime Museum, subject to a petty turf war by the Southbank Corporation.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/104311-st-andrew%60s-war-memorial-window> rank 3

Spring Hill

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/103516-battle-of-the-coral-sea> Rank 2

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97343-brisbane-grammar-school-memorial-pool->Rank 3

St. Lucia

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/100276-australia-remembers-1945-1995> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97387-emmanuel-college-memorial-chapel> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/97461-university-of-queensland-roll-of-honour> Rank 3

Tarragindi

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/100176-ekibin-memorial-park-> Rank 3

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110712-st-luke%60s-peace-memorial-church> Rank 3

Toowong

Anzac Park National Defence Chaplains Memorial Grove

WWII Chaplains WIP Rank 4

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/awn0nbv3Fog>

Wacol

<https://pngvr.weebly.com/the-museum.html>

Wacol Military Museum has a very special and unique connection to WWII history with its displays and focus on the “New Guinea Volunteer Rifles” and their WWII activities.

Wacol continued

This site includes the Camp Columbia Heritage Project.

<https://campcolumbia.com.au/camp-columbia-display-cabinet-installed-at-pooh-corner/>

Rank 1 jointly. In depth Research <https://www.ozatwar.com/ozatwar/campcolumbia.htm>

Woolloongabba

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/108404-war-memorial-bell-tower Rank 2](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/108404-war-memorial-bell-tower%20Rank%202)

West End

Bomb Shelter Bar opening early 2025 Thomas Dixon Centre

<https://www.ozatwar.com/locations/dixonshoesairraidshelter.htm>

Detailed research <https://www.queenslandballet.com.au/news/qanda-tamarind-taylor-thomas-dixon-centres-architect>

Wynnum

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92968-margaret-marr-memorial-home-for-boys-radar-station-no-23> Rank 3

Yeerongpilly

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/108261-70th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-el-alamein-> Rank 3

Yeronga

[https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92992-united-states-army-units Rank 2](https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/92992-united-states-army-units%20Rank%202)

End WWII sole Memorials.

But not of the interesting history.

A full appendix needs to be completed listing Joint WWI and WWII memorials, including Brisbane Cemeteries which is on the wish list for 2025.

But to start with the following are worthwhile additions,

Fort Lytton, an active Museum and National Park site with links to the Submarine indicator Loop in Moreton Bay and vital river access control equipment.

Yeronga Memorial Park, with its small but important WWII Memorials, its real importance is the

Interconnection to the history told at the Brisbane Australia Remembers Memorial

 <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/110099-australia-remembers-1945-1995>

Is a short 750 meters away.

Jack Tar Memorial Southbank, an interesting collection of Naval Memorials

Including many WWII.

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/109295-royal-australian-navy-memorial>

The National Défense Chaplains Memorial Grove at Anzac Park, the worlds first so named, is a memorial to Défense Chaplains who gave there life in the service of their Nation in all Wars, including WWII. See <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/awn0nbv3Fog>

Newstead House built pre WWI but housed the WWII Photographic Unit See <https://www.ozatwar.com/locations/newsteadhouse.htm>

The Toowong Cemetery has 118 WWII Graves and two Dutch WWII related war graves.

<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/13707/brisbane-general-toowong-cemetery/>

The Lutwyche Cemetery has a very special WWII related war graves story, connected to the

 USAT Goucher Victory

<https://www.anzacsquare.qld.gov.au/historic-places/queensland-wwii-history-map/lutwyche-cemetery> and <https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage-places/969>

The Mount Thompson Memorial Gardens has a Veteran section and special Memorials to

Lient. General Sir John Lavarack WWII General and The Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Fadden WWII Prime Minister.

The site is heritage listed <https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage-places/907>

Featuring special Sculptures by Daphne Mayo, famous Anzac Square Sculptor.

An interesting discovery was made in the Mt Gravatt Cemetery of an uncompleted project I was the lead in with a WWII Bofers 40mm Naval Gun, relocated from the defunct Morningside RSL forgotten since 2017. Now a possible exciting 80th Ann RSL project.

Lastly a request has been made to add some WWII Street names to the Streets of Remembrance in Brisbane.

Names like Feldt St., Vasey St., Morshead St., and Fegan St. to name a few.

Researched from <https://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/>, <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/>,

<https://www.ozatwar.com/> and <https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/>.

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