

## WAR HORSE MEMORIAL

Corner of East Terrace and Botanic Road, Botanic Park

The memorial on the corner of East Terrace and North Terrace is comprised of two memorials, one of which was erected on a site in Victoria Square. The original memorial on the site was the granite column erected to commemorate the officers and men of the Australian Light Horse Regiments from South Australia who fell in World War 1. The column was designed by G. Gavin Lawson and was executed by the South Australian Monumental Works. The column was paid for by the relatives and friends of the dead men and was unveiled on 5 April 1925.

At the unveiling the memorial was given to the City of Adelaide and the Mayor commented in the Annual Report, "I also had the privilege of accepting the gift to the Corporation of the Memorial, a noble monument to the men who had laid down their lives for the country in its hour of peril".

Two years previously, on 30 January 1923, a memorial to the war horses was formally declared open for use by Brigadier General Leane, in the presence of a moderate crowd. The memorial takes the form of a granite horse trough and was intended for public use. It was the work of W.H. Martin Limited, of 35 Unley Road, a firm of monumental masons and slate merchants. Sir Frank Moulden, the Chairman of the committee responsible for the memorial said that it was erected "out of respect and admiration of the horse that had left Australia to take part in the Great War." Sir Frank believed this memorial was the only one of its kind in Australia at the time. The Brigadier, when opening the trough said that it was a happy thought that prompted the people to erect a memorial to the war horse, but the contribution of the camel and mule should not be overlooked. The opening consisted of the Brigadier turning a tap to allow water to fill the trough. The ceremony lasted for three minutes and ended with three cheers for the King.

The memorial was originally located at the intersection of Grote and King William streets, in Victoria Square west. The war horse memorial was moved from Victoria Square and located close to the Australian Light Horse Regiments' memorial on the corner of North Terrace and East Terrace, opposite the Botanic Hotel.

City of Adelaide, *City of Adelaide Reference Book*, Corporation of the City of Adelaide, Adelaide, 1983, p 118; *The Register*, 31 January 1923, p 7; South Australian Directory, 1915; ACC Annual Report, 1925, p 2; ACC Annual Report, 1923, p 54.

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