Memorial Flame Cage Bronze

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It is inspired by the 'The Rising Sun Badge' of the Australian Army. It is art deco in style with rays of the sun to inspire hope like a sunrise. There are eight bronze ray beams emanating out of the eternal flame in a 2-meter diameter. The shape is divided into eight sections and the main rays are made of bronze and in between there are laser cut stainless steel rays.

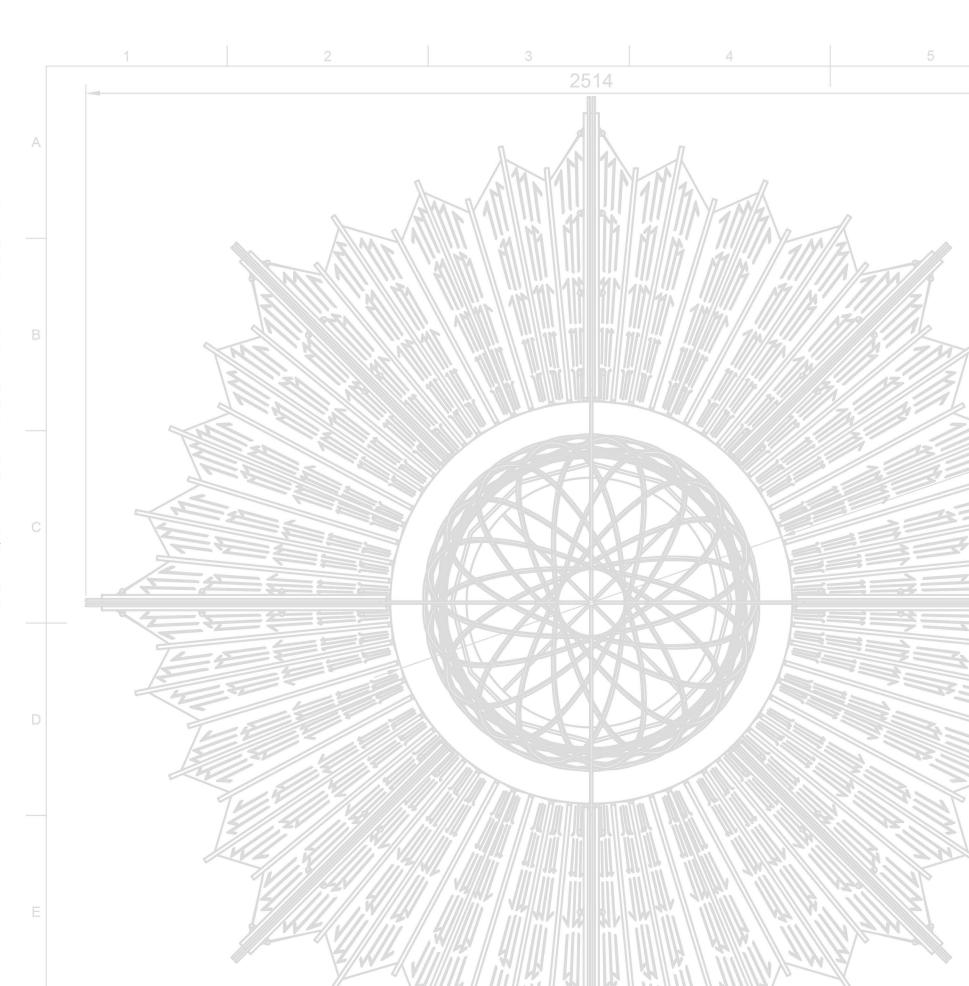
There are arrows etched into the steel to represent the sparkling of the sun and moving forward into the future with hope. The eight stainless steel sections are bolted to the bronze rays as an industrial feature and acknowledgement of war time machinery.

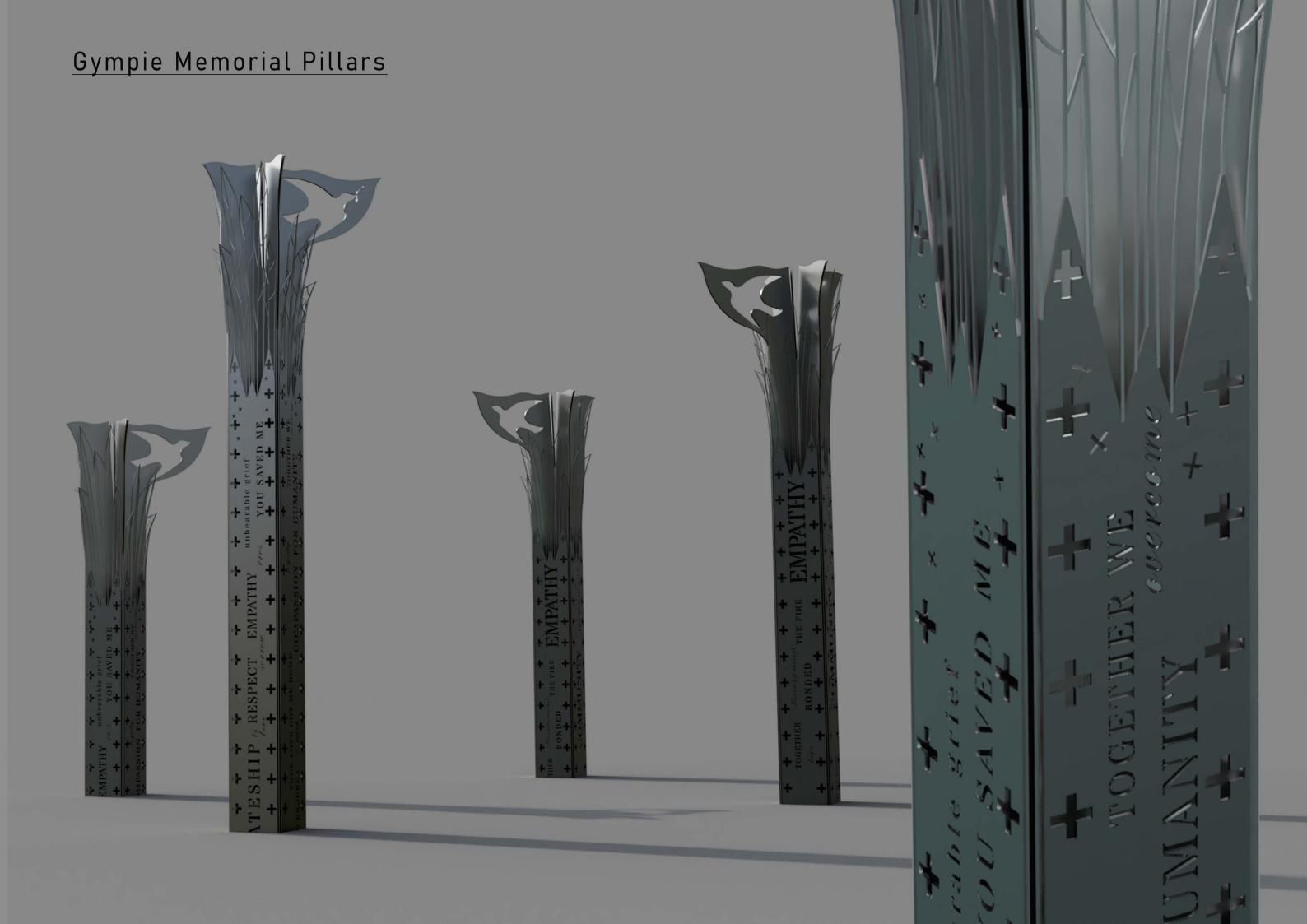
Visually the memorial flame is not imposing in the landscape due to the low profile. It is 95cm high and the main eternal flame domed section is 1.65 meters. The eight sides allows individuals or small groups to engage with it in a way that invites conversation and reflection. The edges of the rays will be polished, softened and rounded.

There are LED lights behind the arrow ray motifs which will reflect light rays onto the ground under and around the structure. This will draw people in and create a dynamic and engaging affect at night. An eternal light affect will be created when the eternal flame cannot remain on.

The eternal flame helps us to remember and recognise the sacrifice of those who died during service. The main eternal flame section in the center is a rounded dome made of stainless steel square solid bar in a diamond pattern which is hand made.

The eternal flame is a product made in Australia to Australian safety standards. The flame unit is removable and has a 20kg gas bottle built in. This means there are spare parts if a replacement is needed.





Gympie Memorial Pillars

Reef Street Link - Service values memorial pillars

The inspiration and symbolism for the memorial pillars comes from a transformation of the control, sacrifice and chaos of war into peace, compassion and unity.

The pillars exist in a transitory avenue – a gateway – encouraging people to move through them and think beyond themselves.

The four pillars are represented by the service vales mateship, endurance, sacrifice and courage. Each pillar has engraved words and phrases inspired by each value to evoke meaning, emotion and storytelling - both told and untold.

Each pillar centre is in the shape of a cross made of stainless steel – a unique polished silver lustre. The pillar is cladded on four sides with CoreTEN – a matte orange rust. This creates a juxtaposition which is stimulating to the eye and attention to detail within the design.

The CoreTEN cladding is cut out with a combination of crosses and words. The crosses are symbolic of the fallen evoking the idea of a cenotaph - a grave without a body - representative of those Missing in Action.

The words are in both printed and cursive styles and various sizes. The viewer stands at different distances and allow the words to affect them. In turn the pillars are different heights symbolic of different generations - young through to old.

At the top of the pillar there are silhouette art deco style sun rays made from stainless steel square bar. They represent the transition from the control and chaos of war to the optimism and openness of peace. The sun rays rise to create a link between the pillar and the memorial flame. At the top of each pillar there is a dove of peace holding rosemary a symbol of remembrance.

There is internal LED lighting in each pillar which will create another meaningful transition through internal light and shadow. The work will be experienced into the evening.

The work encourages people to respond in their own way – it has a timeless appeal as a formal meeting and transition place which evokes depth and meaning.

This site-specific work in Gympie has been created to engage a broad cross section of our community and people of all ages. Those who have had a direct relationship to conflict and their descendants. It has been created to engage with future generations.

