

02 Aug 2021 - Walgett War Memorial Damaged



General Manager Michael Urquhart said the Walgett community were saddened to hear of the tragic accident on Thursday night that resulted in partial demolition of the Walgett War memorial.

A truck with a B triple combination was negotiating the turn into Wee Waa Street when the second trailer struck the monument, causing the marble soldier and plinth to topple from its base.

The memorial was originally designed by D W Carter & Co of Sydney and was erected to commemorate the end of World War one (1), and records the names of those men who voluntarily left the district to take part in the war. The memorial was officially dedicated on the 26th June 1922 with the marble soldier being imported from France. There is another monument in Australia with a similar soldier.

The General Manager said an Executive from the trucking company involved in the accident had phoned, and advised the owners and staff were terribly sorry and upset about the incident, and disappointed that such a beautiful monument had been damaged.

Mr. Urquhart advised a structural engineer shall be engaged to assess the remaining sections of the monument to ensure its structural integrity has not been compromised, and Council will be working closely with the Walgett RSL Sub branch and insurers on the restoration project.