fountain, with its marble children on a polished granite, was restored in 1976.

18. Bravery and mateship are beautifully captured in the bronze Boer War Memorial, 1906. Sculptor James White’s work is taken straight from the battlegrounds and is today a much-photographed homage.

19. Ballarat son Robert O’Hara Burke and his good mate William John Wills are commemorated in the Burke & Wills Fountain, 1867. This memorial to the famous explorers also features the names of those who assisted their ill-fated crossing of Australia. The fountain was once lit with gas and stocked with goldfish and tortoises.

20. Australia’s first monument to poetry is a beauty. This statue of Scottish poet Robert Burns and his dog, 1897, was carved from marble in Italy by sculptor John Undy. It is inscribed with quotes from the writer himself and features beautiful patterned tiles at its base.

21. A year after the Titanic sunk, Ballarat sought to honour the bandsmen who lost their lives in the shipwreck. The Titanic Memorial Bandstand, 1913, commemorates the men who, legend states, continued to play for terrified guests as the ship went down. Look for the unusual weathervane on the terracotta roof.

22. Point to the Sky, 2002, is a fine example of old meets new. This modern statue by Akio Makigawa links Ballarat’s gold history with its future plans and dreams.

23. This traditional depiction of Greek hero Perseus by J. Cranari, circa 1880s, was a prestigious gift of the National Gallery of Victoria in 1943.

24. The Pioneer Miners’ Monument marks the first glint of gold found at Poverty Point in 1851. The quartz structure features a replica of the 62.8kg Welcome Nugget – the world’s largest at the time, found in Ballarat in 1858. The original was once displayed, and local mothers would sit their babies on top for luck.

25. The quartz and bluestone James Galloway Monument, 1880, pays tribute to the eight-hour day system that the trade union official founded for Victoria. The system was widely celebrated as a world first and Australia became known as a ‘workingman’s paradise’.
1. The elegant Petersen Fountain, 1922, is named for its benefactor, C Petersen, a Dane who called Ballarat home in the early 1900s. Look out for its bronze bird and frogs, and its marble drinking fountains.

2. Mother Earth, 1952, is a moving tribute to nature’s gifts of mining and agriculture. Local resident Frank Pinkerton commissioned sculptor George Allan to make the work from Hawkesbury freestone and granite.

3. The Gordon Memorial’s steadfast bronze horse, 1969, is a fitting tribute to celebrated Australian poet Adam Lindsay Gordon. He was also a legendary horseman and record-holding steeplechaser at Flemington. His memorial recognises the 958,600 horses and mules killed in World War I.

4. Ballarat families dug deep to honour their own with the city’s Cenotaph, 1949. It was made possible through donations, bolstered by an ANZAC Day radio plea. The sandstone and granite monument recognises the ultimate sacrifices with the words “Our Glorious Dead”.

5. Eternal Flame, 1995, commemorates World War II’s 50th anniversary. Its single gold side faces the setting sun, bringing to mind those poignant words, “At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”. The Ballarat Returned Servicemen’s League commissioned local sculptor Peter Blizzard to create this moving work.

6. The bronze statue of Eureka hero Peter Lalor, 1892, depicts the famous stockade and features the names of those who lost their lives on December 3, 1854. Lalor’s friend James Oddie paid for the work, however many of the men’s contemporaries avoided its unveiling. It’s believed they preferred to remember Lalor as a rabble rouser, and not the robed parliamentarian he became.

7. Rosemary, the plant of remembrance, frames the Korean, Borneo, Malayan & Vietnam Memorial, 2000. The sawn bluestone cross powerfully commemorates the South East Asian wars.

8. Leading surgeon and academic Sir Albert Coates (1895 – 1977) is one of Ballarat’s most celebrated sons. A medical orderly during WWI, he returned home to become a pioneering neurosurgeon. He enlisted again during WWII and saved hundreds of lives in a Burma-Siam Railway POW camp. As unpretentious as he was honourable, the contemporary statue beautifully captures his character.

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10. Harold Pompey Elliot
11. William Dunstan
12. King George V Memorial
13 & 14. Hebe & Ruth
15. Thomas Moore
16. Queen Victoria Fountain
17. Queen Victoria Monument
18. Boer War Memorial
19. Burke & Wills Fountain
20. Robert Burns
21. Titanic Memorial Bondihead
22. Port to the Sky
23. Perseus
24. The Pioneer Miners’ Monument
25. James Ballarat Monument
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