

## W.T.B. McCormack



William Thomas Bartholomew McCormack (1879-1938), civil engineer and public servant, was born on 1 January 1879 at Heathcote, Victoria. In March 1913 McCormack was appointed one of the three foundation members of the Country Roads Board of Victoria. On the death of W Calder, McCormack became the CRB's second Chairman.

A lieutenant in the Australian Intelligence Corps in 1911-14, McCormack enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in January 1916 and in June embarked as major commanding the 10th Field Company, Engineers.

Returning to Australia in April 1919, McCormack resumed his work with the Country Roads Board, taking charge of the construction, initially by returned soldiers, of the Great Ocean Road which reached Eastern View in 1922 and, eventually, Apollo Bay in 1932.

The Great Ocean Road was completed in 1932 as a memorial to those who served in World War One and the arch was first erected in 1939 as a memorial to McCormack, honorary engineer to the Great Ocean Road Trust.