
AVENUE OF TREES



23347 Avenue of Trees
Martin Street Penshurst 1470

Location

Martin Street PENSHURST, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 15, 2003

What is significant?

The Avenue of Trees in Martin Street, Penshurst between Ritchie and Cox Streets was planted in the early twentieth century to beautify the town. They are of interest for their mixed plantings in what is an unusual sequential pattern reflected between the cross streets and identical on either side of Martin Street. It may be that the pattern was influenced by the eminent landscape designer, Hugh Linaker who is known to have promoted such a pattern. The species are *Ulmus*, *Schinus* and *Platinus*. The avenue of trees is in fair condition, with reduced integrity due to the loss of several trees from the pattern.

How is it significant?

The Avenue of Trees in Martin Street is of aesthetic significance to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Avenue of Trees in Martin Street is of aesthetic significance for their unusual pattern of planting, for reflecting a municipal desire to beautify the town and for their important contribution to the streetscape of Penshurst.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1930,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23347
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The surviving trees are fair condition.

Physical Description 1

An avenue of trees are planted in the grass verges of Martin Street from Ritchie Street to Cox Street in the township of Penshurst. These trees are planted in a systematic alternation to form an A B C B A rhythm. The specimens in this pattern are *Schinus molle* (peppercorn), *Platanus x acerfolia* (London Plane) and *Ulmus procera* (English Elm). The trees are planted to match each other on opposite sides of Martin Street. There are some trees missing, particularly outside the public buildings on the west side of Martin Street between Bell and Cox Streets. It appears that primarily those trees which are missing are specimens of *Schinus molle* (peppercorn).

There are no plaques to suggest that this avenue is a memorial planting or a commemorative celebration planting.

Historical Australian Themes

- Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
- 8.1 Organising Recreation
- 8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens
- 8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
- 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

Avenue of trees

Integrity

Good degree of integrity but several trees are missing.

Physical Description 2

Arthur Cook & Jack Ryan (planted the trees)

Physical Description 3

Roadside reserve

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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