
AVENUE OF HONOUR



23357 Avenue of Honour
Penshurst 1024

Location

Hamilton Highway and Scales 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 19, 2003

What is significant?

The Avenue of Honour was planted along the Hamilton Highway in the 1920s to honour the men of Penshurst and district who served in World War One. Later plantings were added for those who served in the Second World War. It was a typical response but of interest for being aesthetic rather than the more practical construction of a memorial hall. The memorial plaques associated with each tree have been removed although some survive elsewhere.

How is it significant?

The Avenue of Honour is of historical, social and aesthetic significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the district of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Avenue of Honour in Penshurst is of social significance as a living memorial to all who served in World Wars One and Two, including those who died and those who survived. Historically, it marks the loss and horror associated with World Wars and the community's respect and response to this sensibility. It is significant as an aesthetic rather than a pragmatic response.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1920,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23357
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The trees are in good to fair condition. The commemorative plaques have been removed.

Physical Description 1

The Penshurst Avenue of Honour consists of mixed traditional plantings located on either side the Hamilton Highway, the main plantings including London Plan (*Platanus x acerfolia*), English Oak (*Quercus robur*), *Ulmus procera* (English elm), although it appears that random other species have been used to replace these. The avenue has been planted as a living memorial dedicated to the men and women of Shire of Mount Rouse who served in World Wars One and Two. When the avenue was planted, each tree had a brass memorial plaque with the name of a soldier on it. These were removed at some time during the twentieth century.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9 - Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

Usage/Former Usage

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Integrity

Good degree of integrity but several trees are missing.

Physical Description 2

Penshurst RSL

Physical Description 3

Road Reserve

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