
BERRY'S CREEK HONOUR AVENUE



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Location

BERRY'S CREEK ROAD, BERRYS CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO28

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 22, 2022

What is significant?

The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue, originally planted in June 1918 with later replacements and additions, in Berry's Creek Road. The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue comprises approximately 18 trees adjacent to Berry's Creek Road, which are believed to be the remnants of trees originally planted in 1918 and 1919. It is likely that replacements were made in later years. The trees, which are located on the roadside as well as on private property include:

- 7 Algerian Oaks (*Quercus canariensis*)
- 6 English Oaks (*Quercus robur*)
- 5 English Elms (*Ulmus procera*)

There are also 5 Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*). These are not consistent with the original plantings, which exclusively comprised elms and oaks, but it is possible that they were substituted as a hardier alternative.

How is it significant?

The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the district of Berry's Creek.

Why is it significant?

Historically and socially, the Avenue is important as the first of a series of World War 1 memorial avenues established throughout the former Woorayl Shire, presumably in response to the initiative of the Victorian State Recruiting Committee. It expresses the significant effect of World War 1 upon the Berry's Creek community and the desire to erect a suitable memorial. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2, and G.1)

Aesthetically, despite its diminished size and somewhat poor condition, the Avenue is an important part of the character and identity of Berry's Creek. It marks the entrance to Berry's Creek from the Strzelecki Highway and provides an appropriate setting for the School and Hall, which are focal to the identity of the district. (AHC criterion - E.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates | 1918, 1918, 1918, |
| Other Names | Berry's Creek Road, -, |
| Hermes Number | 30377 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

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The trees on private land are untouched and are in relatively good condition, whereas the trees on Council land have been mutilated and are in poor condition due to incorrect maintenance, vandalism and accidental damage.

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