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# Row of Oak Trees

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## Location

Princes Highway (Magid Drive-Webb Street),NARRE WARREN, Casey City

## Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO26

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Oak Tree Row, established in 1890 by Sir Sidney J Webb, and situated along the north side of the Princes Highway between Magid Drive and Webb Street, Narre Warren.

### How is it significant?

The Oak Tree Row is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant for its historical associations with Sidney J Webb, well-known Narre Warren farmer, prominent resident and community benefactor. It is the largest of a number of plantings of exotic street tree plantings by private residents carried out during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in the Berwick and Narre Warren districts. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a district landmark for over a century, and is an integral part of the character of

Narre Warren. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;

Construction dates 1890,

Hermes Number 62940

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This row of hybrid oaks (closer to *Quercus robur*, Common or English Oak than *Quercus canariensis*, Algerian Oak), listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees, extends along the north side of the Princes Highway from Magid Drive to the east of Webb Street. Despite the removal of the parallel row on the south side of the highway, the oaks today are an impressive feature of the landscape. Individual trees appear to be in uniformly good condition, with wide, evenly distributed canopies. The simple granite plinth memorial (See History) is located at the north-west corner of the Webb Street and Princes Highway junction.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Intactness

Good

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing settlements, towns and cities

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