
Avenue Of Honour (Harkaway)

Location

Harkaway Road,HARKAWAY, Casey City

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO165

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 12, 2004

What is significant?

Harkaway Avenue of Honour, originally established in 1919 using Red Flowering Gums (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) and later using Oaks (*Quercus robur*), comprising approximately 29 trees along the east side of Harkaway Road commencing at the King Road intersection and the 1959 memorial.

How is it significant?

The Harkaway Avenue of Honour is of local historic and social significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the Harkaway Avenue of Honour illustrates the significant impact that World War 1 had upon communities in Australia. It is unusual for its use of Australian native trees when most Avenues of this period used exotic species. It also has associations with well-known local resident Jessie Traill who organised the erection of the monument in 1959. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Socially, the Harkaway Avenue of Honour is significant for its strong associations with the local community as the main World War 1 memorial within the district. (AHC criterion G1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates 1919, 1959,
Hermes Number 63123
Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Harkaway Avenue of Honour comprises about 29 trees planted along the east side of Harkaway Road, commencing at the King Road intersection. It includes the Red Flowering Gums (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) originally planted, as well as Oaks (*Quercus robur*), which have been used as replacement trees. A granite memorial is situated at the start of the Avenue near King Road, which provides the names of those people commemorated by the Avenue. Concrete bollards are also located at or near the base of individual trees, with name plates for commemorated individuals.

Physical Conditions

Variable - Good to fair. The majority of the trees are in fair or poor condition, with poor form especially in new trees (e.g. poor form and vigour, leaning into roadway, uneven canopy and broken limbs. This is largely caused by overshadowing from mature vegetation in a creek reserve on the same side of the road, and by damage to overhanging limbs from large road vehicles.

Intactness

The Harkaway Avenue of Honour has a moderate degree of integrity as some of the original flowering gums have been replaced with Oaks, which disrupts the continuity of the Avenue.

Historical Australian Themes

Culture & Community; Commemorating

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