

HERITAGE COUNCIL DETERMINATION

Determination Date	1 June 2017
Place/Object Name	Woodend Avenue of Honour
Location	Honour Avenue (Calder Highway), Woodend
VHR Number	H2066
Category	Heritage Place

At a meeting of the Heritage Council of Victoria on 1 June 2017 it was determined that, in accordance with Section 54 of the *Heritage Act 1995*, the Victorian Heritage Register entry for the above place should be amended. This decision was reached having considered the assessment against the Heritage Council's criteria and other information, including the proposed amendments contained in the attached report and submissions received in response to the Executive Director's recommendation.

The Heritage Council endorses and adopts the attached report for the purposes of making its decision.



Professor Stuart Macintyre AO
Chair, Heritage Council of Victoria

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RECOMMENDATION TO THE
HERITAGE COUNCIL TO
AMEND AN EXISTING REGISTRATION**



NAME WOODEND AVENUE OF HONOUR
DATE REGISTERED: 14 DECEMBER 2006
VHR NUMBER: VHR H2066
HERITAGE OVERLAY: MACEDON RANGES SHIRE, HO34
LOCATION HONOUR AVENUE (CALDER HIGHWAY), WOODEND
CATEGORY HERITAGE PLACE
HERMES NUMBER: 12522



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE HERITAGE COUNCIL:

To amend the existing registration for VHRH1074 in accordance with s.54 of the *Heritage Act 1995* by:

- Correcting an error in the extent diagram to include all 241 oak trees, 36 of which are currently missing from the diagram.
- Updating the Statement of Significance to clarify the correct number of trees in the Avenue of Honour.

Reasons for the proposed amendment:

To ensure that the entire Avenue of Honour is included in the VHR registration.

The existing registration documentation is provided at Attachment 1 of this report.

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Tim Smith OAM

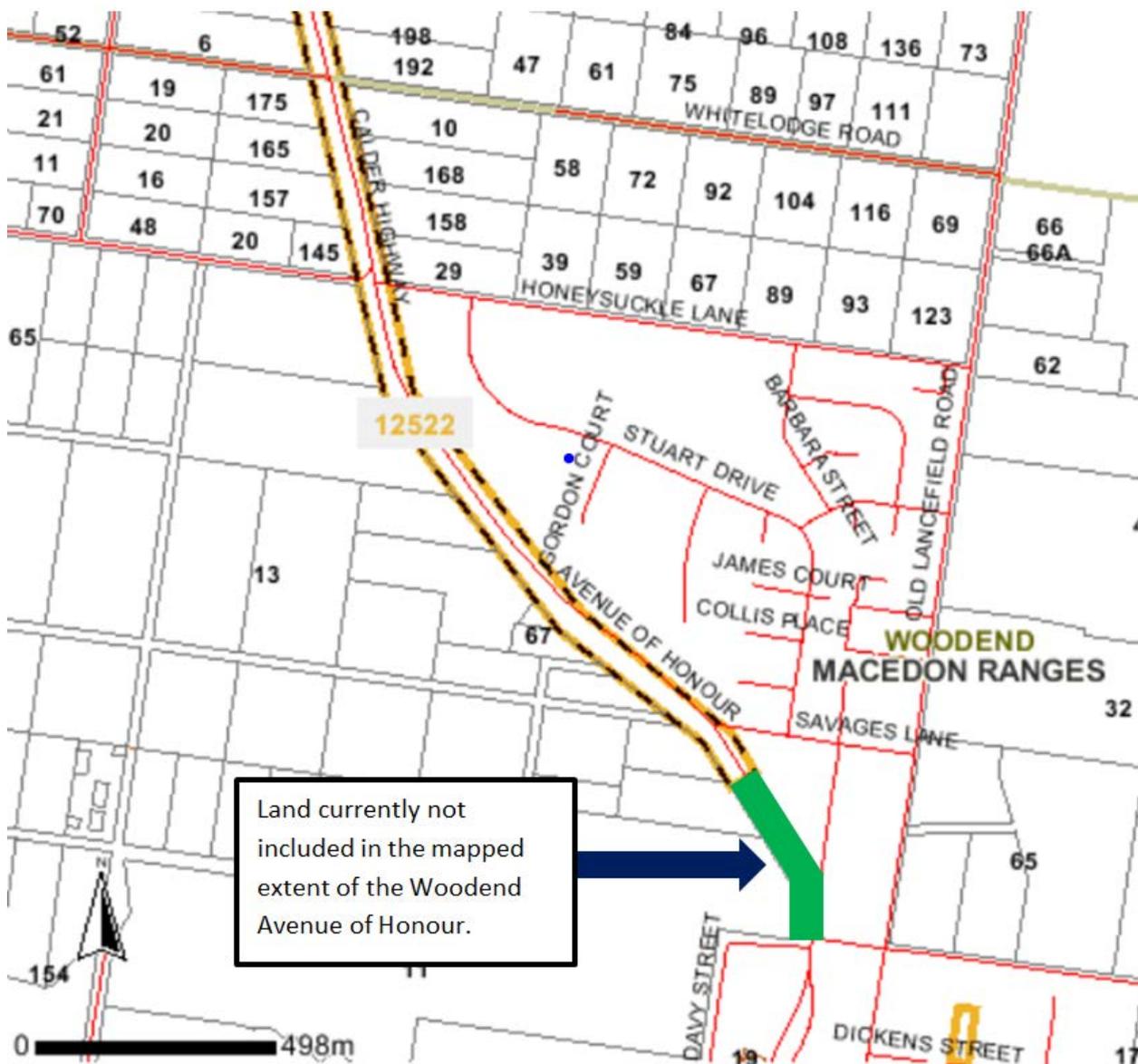
Executive Director, Heritage Victoria

Recommendation Date: 17 March 2017

This recommendation report has been issued by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria under s.32 of the *Heritage Act 1995*. It has not been considered or endorsed by the Heritage Council of Victoria.

AMENDMENT BACKGROUND

This amendment proposes to correct a mapping error made at the time of registration in 2006. The written extent of the Woodend Avenue of Honour correctly refers to 'all of the oak trees' and 'all land' in the road reserve from Clarkes Lane to North Street. However the extent diagram is incorrect. It does not include 365 metres of the Avenue from 13 Avenue of Honour to North Street (see diagram below). As a consequence, 36 of the 241 memorial trees, the land on which they stand and curtilage are incorrectly excluded from the extent diagram.



The area shaded in green shows 365 metres at the southern end of the Woodend Avenue of Honour which is not currently included in the extent diagram. It includes 36 trees.

PROPOSED CATEGORY OF REGISTRATION

No change.

PROPOSED EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 2066 encompassing part of the road reserve for Honour Avenue (Calder Highway) and all of Reserve 1 on Lodged Plan 124725 and the objects being 75 name plaques held by the Woodend branch of the Returned and Services League.



AERIAL PHOTO OF THE PLACE SHOWING PROPOSED REGISTRATION EXTENT



RATIONALE FOR EXTENT

This amendment seeks to correct a mapping error.

Name: Woodend Avenue of Honour
VHR number: VHR H2066
Hermes number: 12522

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

RATIONALE

The current Statement of Significance written at the time of registration in 2006 refers to 224 memorial trees. Over the last decade 6 trees have been removed and 23 trees have been planted within the extent. It is proposed that the Statement of Significance is updated with the current total number of 241. This text change is highlighted in **blue**. There are no other changes to the Statement of Significance.

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

What is significant?

The Avenue of Honour, Woodend is an extensive oak avenue of **241 trees** comprising English oaks (*Quercus robur*), Algerian oaks (*Quercus canariensis*) and oak hybrids *Quercus canariensis* x *Q. robur* planted on both sides of the road along a stretch of High Street, 2.5 kilometres in length starting near Clarkes Lane and extending south to Woodend. All trees once had memorial plaques to those who served in World War I but they are now in storage in Woodend. The trees were planted by the local community with each tree planted representing an enlisted soldier from the Woodend area. The opening ceremony for the Avenue was held on 14 September 1918.

How is it significant?

The Avenue of Honour, Woodend is of historical, social and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Avenue of Honour, Woodend is of historical significance for exemplifying rural Victoria's reaction to World War I. It is representative of plantings that first appeared in Australia during World War I commemorating all those who enlisted for service in an egalitarian form where each individual, regardless of rank, was equally recognised for their service. It is one of only a small number of avenues in Victoria to use English Oaks. [Criterion A]

The Avenue of Honour, Woodend is of aesthetic significance as a distinctive commemorative planting and a living memorial in the town of Woodend. It is an impressive visual and cultural landmark at the northern entrance to the town and a key landscape feature of the district. [Criterion E]

The Avenue of Honour, Woodend is of social significance for its relationship with the community as a memorial to those who served in World War I and for its continuing commemorative importance. The Avenue of Honour, Woodend remains as an indication of the involvement of Victoria's small communities in commemorating the sacrifices of their volunteers, along with the loss and sorrow experienced in small rural areas like Woodend. [Criterion G]

ATTACHMENT 1

EXISTING REGISTRATION DETAILS

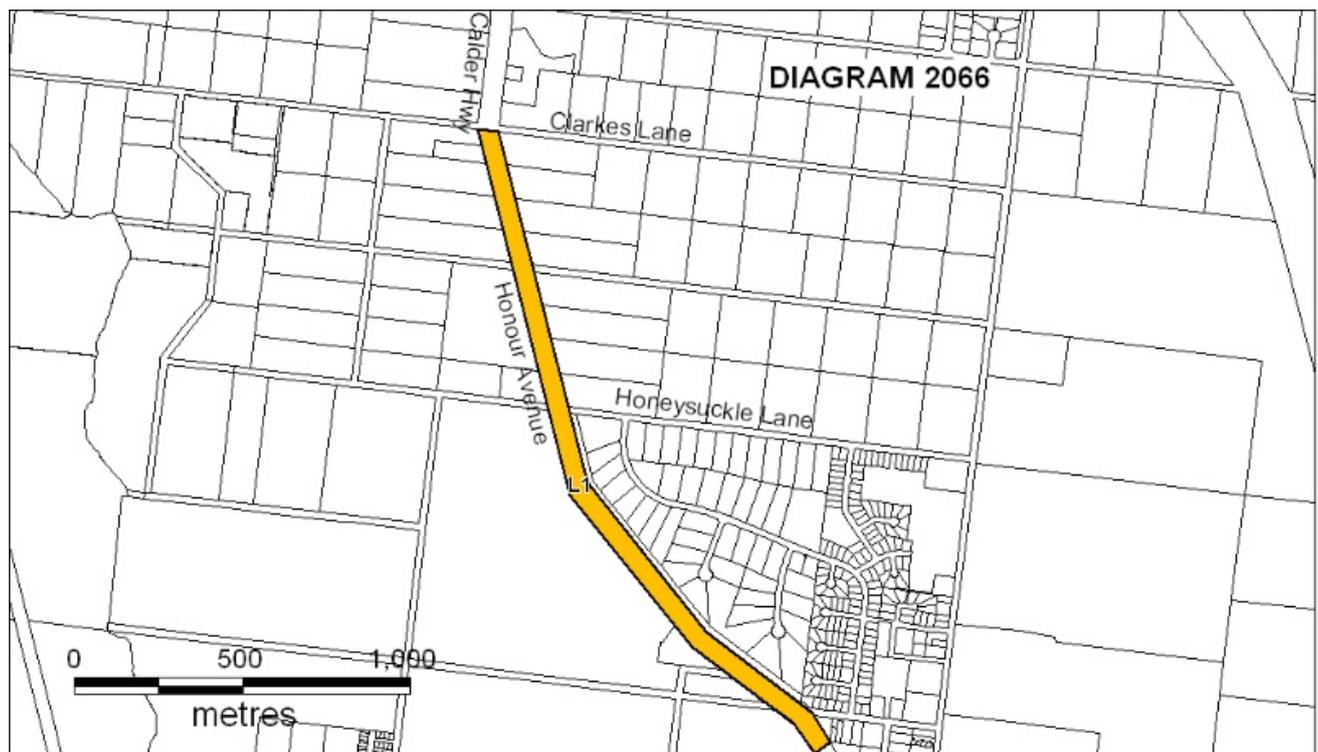
TO BE SUPERSEDED BY THE FOREGOING RECOMMENDATION

EXISTING CATEGORY OF REGISTRATION

Heritage place.

EXISTING EXTENT OF REGISTRATION

1. All the oak trees planted in the Avenue of Honour, Woodend within the land marked L1 on Diagram 2066 held by the Executive Director.
2. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 2066 being part of the road reserve of Macedon - Woodend Road (that section known as Avenue of Honour) extending approximately 2.5km between Clarkes Lane and North Street.
3. All the following objects:
75 name plaques held by the Woodend RSL.



[Note: This diagram is incorrect as it does not show the full length of the Avenue of Honour. 365 metres of the Avenue is missing from the southern end as the result of a mapping error.]

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EXISTING PERMIT POLICY

The purpose of the exemptions is to allow works that do not affect the cultural heritage significance of the place.

The cultural heritage significance of the Avenue of Honour, Woodend is primarily as an intact commemorative planting which symbolises the response of a rural community to World War I. The significance of the Avenue of Honour lies in the uniform planting of the oaks.

Removal of any of the name plaques would be subject to permit application. Any restoration or repairs to the plaques should be carried out by a qualified conservator and only after consultation with Heritage Victoria.

EXISTING PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. Note: All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component.

General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan endorsed by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan.

General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable.

Minor Works : Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works may submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Landscape:

Management and maintenance of trees including formative and remedial pruning, removal of deadwood, pest and disease control, cabling, mowing, weed control and mulching.

In the event of the loss of an Oak, replanting with the same tree species and hybrid.

Removal of tree seedlings and suckers, and oak seedlings, but excluding herbicide use.

Road works that occur at a distance greater than the canopy edge of the oak tree.

Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard; Pruning of Amenity Trees AS 4373.

Removal of plants listed as noxious weeds in the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

Works associated with any of the following services : water, gas, power, sewer or similar, that occur more than 5m from the canopy edge. Works that occur within the 5m Tree Protection Zone will require an arborist report and approval from Heritage Victoria.