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# Koorooman Avenue of Honour

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## Location

Hydes Road KOOROOMAN, South Gippsland Shire

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is Significant?

The Koorooman Avenue of Honour, established in July 1918, at Hydes Road, Koorooman.

### Why is it Significant?

The Koorooman Avenue of Honour is of local historic, social, aesthetic and scientific (horticultural) significance to the district of Koorooman.

Historically, it is important as one of a series of similar memorial avenues that were established throughout the Shire following the planting of the Leongatha Memorial Avenue of Honour earlier in the same year, and expresses the significant effect that the First World War had upon small rural communities. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2) Socially, the Avenue is important as a memorial to local residents who served in the First World War, and is an integral part of the identity of the local area. (AHC criterion - G.1) Aesthetically, the now mature avenue enhances the appearance of Hydes Road. (AHC criterion - E.1) Scientifically, the Avenue is notable for its predominant use of Chesnut Oaks, which are rare in cultivation in Victoria (AHC criteria - B.2)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1918,
Hermes Number	125669
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Koorooman Avenue of Honour comprises the following surviving trees, which are planted on either side of Hydes Road near the intersection with Mardan Road: - 19 Chesnut Oaks (*Quercus castaneifolia*) - One Algerian Oak - 3 English Elms There are also recent plantings of Spotted Gums and Walnuts at either end of the Avenue.

Heritage Victoria notes that mature examples of Chesnut Oaks are rare in Victoria.

The Koorooman Avenue of Honour was established on Arbor Day, 5 July 1918 using 36 trees

## Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government + Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Military Defence

## Physical Description 2

Style

Honour Avenue

## Veterans Description for Public

The Koorooman Avenue of Honour, on Hydes Road, was planted on Arbor Day, July 5th 1918 to commemorate the First World War. Thirty-six trees were donated by F Gooch and planted by the women of the district. The Avenue comprises of trees on either side of Hydes Road near the intersection with Mardan Road, including; 19 Chesnut Oaks (*Quercus castaneifolia*), 1 Algerian Oak, 3 English Elms. There are also recent plantings of Spotted Gums and Walnuts at either end of the Avenue.

The Avenue was one of a number that were inspired by the largest Avenue in the Shire, Leongatha, planted in June of the same year. Other Avenues were planted in the same year at Wooreen, Meeniyan, Nerrena and Berry's Creek. At the time the Avenue was planted, this area was the centre of the Koorooman district and included a hall and school. Today, both the hall and school have been removed and the Avenue is the only reminder of the early settlement in this area.

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