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# MEMORIAL PLANTING

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## Location

Hamilton - Port Fairy Road BYADUK, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Memorial Planting, located on the hill to the south of Byaduk on the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road is an important reminder of those who served in World War Two from Byaduk and district. The memorial planting consists of four rows of twenty trees. The two rows closest to the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road are Fraxinus excelsior (Golden Ash), behind this are planted two rows of Eucalyptus species. The memorial planting was made at the end of the war in 1945 to honour those who served in the Second World War 1939 -1945.

How is it significant?

The Fraxinus excelsior Avenue of Honour is social and historical significance to the township of Byaduk.

Why is it significant?

The Memorial planting in Byaduk is of social significance to the township of Byaduk as a living memorial to all who served in World War Two from Byaduk and district. Historically it represents the attitude to war, and the attitude of the community to those who served. It is also an important historical reminder to future generations of the sacrifice that those who served made, and of the human loss sustained in this conflict.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1945,

Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23273
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Poor to Very Poor

## Physical Description 1

The Memorial Planting to those who served in the Second World War is located on a rise to the south of the township of Byaduk some distance from the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road. There are four rows of roughly twenty trees in this plantation, two rows of *Fraxinus excelsior* (golden ash) and two rows of *Eucalyptus* species. The *Fraxinus* have spread throughout the plantation, and are beginning to dominate other original plantings. A wooden memorial board which stated that this was a Memorial Plantation to those who served in World War Two 1939 - 1945 has now been removed. The plantation is in extremely poor condition, and has been poorly maintained. The majority of the *Fraxinus excelsior* are very poor specimens in poor condition, many of the *Eucalyptus* specimens are also in fair to poor condition.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9 - Marking the phases of life  
9.7 Dying  
9.7.3 Remembering the dead

## Usage/Former Usage

Avenue of Honour

## Integrity

Low degree of integrity

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