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# Osage Orange Avenue



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## Location

22 Taverner Street MADDINGLEY, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO170

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 1993

What is significant?

The Osage Orange Avenue and Windbreak at 22 Taverner Street, Maddingley.

How is it significant?

The Osage Orange Avenue and Windbreak at 22 Taverner Street, Maddingley are of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Osage Orange Avenue and Windbreak at 22 Taverner Street, Maddingley are of local historical significance as rare surviving examples of the use of Osage Orange trees for landscaping purposes. The long private driveway avenue and boundary windbreak of at least 50 Osage Orange (*Maclura pomifera*) trees planted from seeds imported by A. C. Simon from the United States in 1883 probably originally intended as hedges. The landscape features are also of historical significance for their associations with local pioneering orchardist, A. C. Simon.

The Osage Orange Avenue and Windbreak at 22 Taverner Street, Maddingley is of aesthetic significance for its scenic beauty and as a well-known landscaping landmark in Bacchus Marsh. The avenue was featured in early representative views and postcards of Bacchus Marsh.

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A long private driveway avenue and boundary windbreak, of at least fifty(?) Osage orange (*Maclua pomifern*) trees planted from seeds imported from the United States in 1883(?) probably originally intended as hedges.

The avenue has regional historical significance as a landscaping practice, pioneering of its type, and now a relatively intact survival, in good condition. It has local aesthetic significance for its scenic beauty and "architectural" significance as an extraordinary example of planting configuration.

Finally it has local social significance as a well known landmark, particularly earlier, represented on representative views and postcards of Bacchus Marsh.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	"Osage orange Avenue", "Simon's Avenue",
Hermes Number	117041
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Apparently good

## Intactness

Good

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

PLANTING FORMATION.

## Physical Description 1

Both sides of the driveway and the eastern boundary of the property are lined with at least fifty(?) mature trees, the arch over the driveway forming an avenue. The house itself is "Cape Cod" style, built in the 1950s.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Agriculture

## **Usage/Former Usage**

USE: Private driveway

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