
Avenue of Honour, Elm Trees along Bacchus Marsh Rd



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Location

Main Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO47

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 1993

A memorial avenue of about 390 mature English Elms (*Ulmus procera*) over 3.3km in length on the Bacchus Marsh Road in its approach to the town from Melbourne, was planted on August 10, 1918. (This was well before the armistice, not signed until November 11, 1918).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Soldiers' Avenue of Honour,
Hermes Number	117381
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Apparently very good. Landscape. At more than 70 years of age, the trees appear to be healthy and well formed, although there is at least one replacement with a Silver Elm. Future access to the town should ensure that the roadway is not subject to any further road widening which could harm the roots of the trees, nor should they be subject to any major pruning, except where required to maintain minimum height over the road or to correct storm damage. The trees should also be regularly checked for any signs of infestation of Dutch Elm Beetle. The trees should be retained at all cost as a tourist attraction to Bacchus Marsh and, if possible, the speed limit lowered to 70kph so that their beauty can be enjoyed!

Intactness

Very Good. There appear to be virtually no trees missing.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

STREET FURNITURE.

PLANTING FORMATION.

Physical Description 1

A memorial avenue of about 390 mature trees, about 3.3 km in length, on the Bacchus Marsh Road, extending from Fiske Street to about 0.5 km before the Lerderberg River road bridge. The trees vary in species and spacing (10-15m). There are lengths of pre-cast concrete diamond pavers footpath, particularly on the south side. Kerbs and channels are formed from bricks (there are three profile types), bluestone pitchers and pre-cast concrete, and pre-cast concrete spoon drains. There are a few recently planted trees at the west end on the north side.

Physical Description 2

Landscape. The approach to the town of Bacchus Marsh, along a curvaceous tree-lined avenue, is one of the most distinctive in Victoria. The trees provide a towering tunnel of cool dappled light during the summer, with glimpses of farmland and orchards on either side.

Plant Species: *Ulmus procera*, English Elm (Dominant). *Ulmus procera 'Variegata'*, Silver Elm. *Fraxinus excelsior*, English Ash.

Historical Australian Themes

Townships / Commemorating

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