
Berry's Creek Avenue of Honour

Location

Berry's Creek Road BERRYS CREEK, South Gippsland Shire

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

-

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO28

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is Significant?

The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue, originally planted in June 1918 with later replacements and additions, in Berry's Creek Road.

Why is it Significant?

The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the district of Berry's Creek.

Historically and socially, the Avenue is important as the first of a series of World War 1 memorial avenues established throughout the former Woorayl Shire, presumably in response to the initiative of the Victorian State Recruiting Committee. It expresses the significant effect of World War 1 upon the Berry's Creek community and the desire to erect a suitable memorial. (AHC criteria - A.4, D.2, and G.1) Aesthetically, despite its diminished size and somewhat poor condition, the Avenue is an important part of the character and identity of Berry's Creek. It marks the entrance to Berry's Creek from the Strzelecki Highway and provides an appropriate setting for the School and Hall, which are focal to the identity of the district. (AHC criterion - E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1918,
Other Names	Berry's Creek Road,
Hermes Number	125658
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Berry's Creek Honour Avenue comprises approximately 18 trees adjacent to Berry's Creek Road, which are believed to be the remnants of trees originally planted in 1918 and 1919. It is likely that replacements were made in later years. The trees, which are located on the roadside as well as on private property include: -

- 7 Algerian Oaks (*Quercus canaiensis*)
- 6 English Oaks (*Quercus robur*)
- 5 English Elms (*Ulmus procera*)

There are also 5 Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*). These are not consistent with the original plantings, which exclusively comprised elms and oaks, but it is possible that they were substituted as a hardier alternative.

The trees on private land are untouched and are in relatively good condition, whereas the trees on Council land have been mutilated and are in poor condition due to incorrect maintenance, vandalism and accidental damage.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

Government + Community Institutions

Sub-Themes

Military Defence

Physical Description 2

Style

Honour Avenue

Veterans Description for Public

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Berry's Creek Honour of Avenue is important as the first of a series of First World War memorial avenues established throughout the former Woorayl Shire, presumably in response to the initiative of the Victorian State Recruiting Committee. It expresses the significant effect of the First World War upon the Berry's Creek community and the desire to erect a suitable memorial. Aesthetically, despite its diminished size and somewhat poor condition, the Avenue is an important part of the character and identity of Berry's Creek. It marks the entrance to Berry's Creek from the Strzelecki Highway and provides an appropriate setting for the School and Hall, which are focal to the identity of the district.

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