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# Mickleham Avenue of Honour



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## Location

Mickleham Road, Mickleham, HUME CITY

## Municipality

HUME CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 28, 2002

HO37 War Memorial, Mickleham Rd, Mickleham

Hermes Number 126548

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

Approximately 50 Eucalypt trees with commemorative plaques at base. (Plaques look recent, October 2002)

## Physical Conditions

Some trees missing but new trees planted to fill in gaps.

## Usage/Former Usage

Commemoration

## Veterans Description for Public

The Mickleham Avenue of Honour stretches 2.6km from the corner of Mickleham and Mount Ridley Road. Originally it comprised of approximately 50 River Red Gum and Sugar Gum trees planted as part of ArbourDay in the early 1900s by School children. However the trees deteriorated and had to be removed. On 24th April 2002, Mickleham Primary School children, teachers, Second World War veterans and their families reinstated the Avenue planting 61 Red River Gums with new bronze name plates. The avenue is the longest avenue of mature eucalyptus in Hume City. Below is a list of servicemen with trees dedicated to them:

1. 4164 - Private Rupert Francis Chambers 8th Battalion served in WW1
2. 169 - Private Henry Coates 3rd Pioneer Battalion A. I. F. Served in WW1
3. 4760 - Private Frederick John Cocking 5th Pioneer Battalion A. I. F served in WW1. Died in action 26.11.1916 "in the field" France.
4. VX18809 - Sergeant Major George Hubert Cocking 2/2 field Regiment served in WW2 in Palestine, Egypt, Greece, Ceylon and New Guinea.
5. 109 - Trooper William James Hall 4th Australian Light Horse served in WW1. Died in action 14.11.1915 Turkey, aged 22.
6. A. Henderson Served in WW1
7. P. Johnson Served in WW1
8. 136 - Lance Corporal Percival Charles William Langford 4th Light Horse Regiment Served in WW1
9. 2005A - Driver William John Pepper 11th Field Artillery Brigade Served in WW1
10. B. Roberts Served in WW1
11. W. Saunders Served in WW1
12. 1405 - Gunner Bernard Schroeder 14th Battalion A. I. F. Served in WW1. Died of wounds received in action, 14.8.1916 in France.
13. H. Sutton Served in WW1
14. E. Talent Served in WW1
15. H. Vincent Served in WW1
16. Albert Williams Served in WW1

17. 729 - Lance Corporal Leslie Norman Williams 8th Btn, Australian Infantry, A. I. F. Served in WW1. Died in action 20.9.1917 Aged 22.
18. William (Bill) Williams Served in WW1
19. 286 - Corporal John Thomas Williams 22nd Battalion Served in WW1
20. VX138988 Mechanic Craftsman Gr 2 Edward Thomas Williams 3rd Motor Brigade Headquarters 285 Light Aid Detachment Served in WW2 in Australia.
21. VX744 - Lance Bombardier John Edward Beasley 2/2 Field Regiment Served in WW2. Died of injuries 2.4.1942 Gun shot wound accidentally received.
22. VX54325 - Private Andrew Mitchell Beveridge Australian Army Medical Corps Served in WW2
23. V315242 - Private Denis Patrick Bourke 39th Australian Works Company Served in WW1
24. VX117995 - Corporal Ernest John Bourke 5th Battalion Served in WW2
25. VF345897 - Corporal Ellen Sarah Bourke Australian Women's Army Service Served in WW2
26. Miss Irene Bourke Served in WW2
27. William Bourke Served in WW2
28. 120203 - Corporal Don Brown 10 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force Served in WW2 in England
29. 23132 - Yeoman of Signals Kenneth Tom Brown Royal Australian Air Force Served in WW2
30. VF515985 - Private Nancye Brown Australian Women's Army Service Served in WW2 in Australia
31. VX100432 - Gunner Thomas Francis Curley 112th Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Served in WW2 in Darwin
32. Captain F. Code Served in WW1
33. VX128081 - Sergeant Laurence Walton Davis Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit Served in WW2
34. VX119616 - Sergeant Neil Watson Davis 102 Australian Composite Anti Aircraft Regiment Service Served in WW2
35. VX57551 - Bdr George Morris Loyd 24th Battery, 2/12 Field Regiment, 9th Division Served in WW2, in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo
36. VX57550 - Gunner Sydney Evans Loyd 24th Battery, 2/12 Field Regiment, 9th Division Served in WW2, in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo
37. VX57549 - Sergeant William John Loyd 23rd Battery, 2/12 Field Regiment, 9th Division Served in WW2, in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo
38. 12889 - Corporal Ronald Lionel Gibson Royal Australian Air Force Served in WW2
39. VX6517 - Sergeant Major Llewlyn Clarke Saunders 2nd 8th Battalion, 6th Division Served in WW2
40. Corporal Robert George Troutbeck New Zealand Army Served in WW2 Captured as a Prisoner of War in Greece
41. VX57338 - Private Philip Maxwell Uren 2/24 Battalion Served in WW2 ? Died in action
42. VX56857 - Corporal Kenneth Mariott Webster 2/8th Australian Armoured Regiment Served in WW2
43. VX106223 - Trooper Philip Leslie Webster 8th Light Horse, 8th Australian Cavalry Regiment Served in WW2

In Australia, commemorative trees have been planted in public spaces since the late nineteenth century. Arbor

Days were held regularly in most Victorian State Schools during the late 1800s and early 1900s, and numerous trees were planted in parks in Melbourne and throughout Victoria to mark the visits of important and famous people.

This tradition of commemorative planting was continued in 1901 when at the end of the Boer War trees were often planted for each soldier of the district who was killed in South Africa. These plantings, however, rarely consisted of more than two or three trees in each town.

During and after the First World War avenues of honour consisting of trees lining significant streets became a popular form of commemoration. They represented a new egalitarian approach to the commemoration of soldiers where rank was not a consideration: each tree symbolises a person.

Avenues of honour are a uniquely Australian phenomenon. Australians, and in particular Victorians, embraced the idea of planting them more enthusiastically than any other country in the world. Dating from May 1916, the Eurack Avenue of Honour is the earliest known avenue of honour to be planted in Victoria.

By the time of the Second World War avenues of honour had declined in popularity as a means of commemoration. Today it is estimated that over 300 avenues of honour have been planted in Victoria to commemorate service personnel since 1901.

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