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## Euroa Memorial Trees



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### Location

Kirkland Avenue Euroa, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

### Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

### Level of significance

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### Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

Three trees in Binney Street for three VC winners. WW1 and 2.

## Historical Australian Themes

Remembering the fallen

## Usage/Formal Usage

Commemoration

## Veterans Description for Public

The Euroa Memorial Trees are located in the Memorial Garden beside the RSL on Kirkland Avenue, they were relocated from Binney Street. The trees commemorate three Victoria Cross winners who served in the Boer War and the First World War. Lieutenant Fredrick Harold Tubb, was awarded the VC with his mate from Euroa, Private Alexander Stewart Burton, for exceptional bravery at Lone Pine where Burton was killed. The third VC was awarded to Lieutenant Leslie Cecil 'Elsie' Maygar for bravery in the Boer War - Maygar died at Beersheba in 1917.

There are further memorials dedicated to the VC winners on the Hume Highway, with a plaque dedicated to Lieutenant Tubb and a place dedicated to Lieutenant Maygaras "Maygar's Hill."

Private Alexander Stewart Burton was born at Kyneton, Victoria. The family moved to Euroa and, after attending the state school, Burton followed his father into the firm of A. Miller & Co., working in the ironmongery department. He was a chorister in the Euroa Presbyterian Church, a member of the townband, and was active in sport.

On 18 August 1914, Burton enlisted in the 7th Battalion and embarked for Egypt in October. He landed at Gallipoli in early May. Burton was slightly wounded in action and in July was promoted to lance corporal for having volunteered for and taken part in a dangerous operation; he was later promoted to corporal. Burton was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in the trenches at Lone Pine on 9 August. He has no known grave, but his name is commemorated on the Lone Pine memorial.

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