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## Location

KORUMBURRA-WONTHAGGI ROAD, KONGWAK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO50

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

### **What is significant?**

The Kongwak Avenue of Honour, planted on 15 August 1918, at Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road, Kongwak. The Kongwak Avenue of Honour comprises approximately 70 mature exotic trees planted on either side of the Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road. Originally extending from the Kongwak School and Foster Creek, it now extends to the west of the Creek beyond the Kongwak Store.

Unusually, the Avenue includes 6 different species, rather than one or two, which is generally typical of all other avenues in the Shire. The species are:

- Horse Chesnut (*Aesculus hippocastaneum*)
- Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*)
- Lombardy Poplar (*Populus nigra*)
- Turkey Oak (*Quercus cerris*)
- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
- English Elm (*Ulmus procera*)

The *South Gippsland Shire Significant Tree Study* has identified two outstanding specimens:

- A Bunya Pine with a height of 16.24m, circumference of 3m and spread of 12m; and
- A Turkey Oak with a height of 17.46m, circumference of 3.35m and a spread of 12m

### **How is it significant?**

The Kongwak Avenue of Honour is of local historic, social, aesthetic, and scientific (horticultural) significance to the district of Kongwak.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically and socially, the Avenue is important as the World War 1 memorial for Kongwak. One of a series established throughout South Gippsland, presumably in response to the initiative of the Victorian State Recruiting Committee, it demonstrates the significant impact of the war upon small rural communities. (Criterion A & G) Aesthetically, the Avenue is unique in the Shire for its mixed planting, which enhances the appearance and amenity of Kongwak and is an integral part of its identity. (Criterion D & E) Scientifically, the Bunya Pine and the Turkey Oak are outstanding examples of their type in terms of their age, condition and size. (Criterion D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1918, 1918, 1918,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30651
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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