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Location

Ballarat Avenue of Honour, Western Highway,, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No T11335

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2089

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 6, 2011

Contribution to the landscape

Aesthetic value

Historical value

At 22 km this World War 1 Avenue of Honour is far the longest and possibly the first commemorative planting in Victoria. The avenue was planted between 3 June 1917 and 16 August 1919 through the efforts of the three Lucas sisters from the Ballarat fashion house, E. Lucas and Co. The sisters wanted to create 'a living monument to all loyal citizens of Ballarat who volunteered for active service abroad'. Along a 22 kilometre stretch of the Western Highway, west of Ballarat, 3700 trees were planted, each displaying the name of a Ballarat volunteer. The best sections of the avenue - mixed species of mainly Elms, Ash and Poplars - occur along Learmonth Road and near the Arch of Victory.

August 2011:

"As the centenary of Anzac nears it was [a] recognized time to refurbish the living monument as many trees were missing or in poor health. An arborist assessed that the remaining would either be dead or in very poor condition by 2030. A project to replace every tree was undertaken - by August 2011 - 1550 trees have been replaced with work scheduled to continue in blocks until the entire avenue is renewed. Centenary celebrations will be held during 2015." (City of Ballarat Avenue of Honour and Arch of Victory Committee).

Measurements: 27/08/1992 average

Spread (m): 8 - 12.4

Girth (m): 1 - 2

Height (m): 9 -13

Estimated Age (yrs): 75

Condition: Good-Fair

Access: Unrestricted

Classified: 15/12/1988.

Other Names Elm & Poplar,

Hermes Number 70835

Property Number

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