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## Location

Thompson Avenue,, COWES VIC 3922 - Property No T12060

## Municipality

BASS COAST SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 16, 2008

Horticultural value  
Contribution to landscape

This avenue of 119 trees is outstanding for the number of specimens of the one species. They make a significant contribution as the signature trees for this town and region of Victoria, and as such make a significant contribution to the landscape.

In 1912 W.E. Thompson, President of the Cowes Progress Association, suggested an avenue of trees be planted down the main street of Cowes. Thompson supplied the Golden Cypress trees and tree guards. School children and local residents took part in the planting beginning at the Esplanade. Over the years planting continued and in 1935 the Avenue was completed on both sides of the Rhyll/Ventnor Road. The Avenue is a mile long and is

considered to be a fine example of a Golden Cypress avenue. The road was named Thompson Avenue in recognition of the contribution made to the progress of Phillip Island by Mr and Mrs Thompson. The Friends of the Golden Cypress played a major part in saving the Avenue from being removed to make way for parking.

Measurements: 07/04/2001  
Spread (m): E-W 18.4; N-S 16  
Girth (m): 3.8  
Height (m): 12.75  
Estimated Age (yrs): 80  
Condition: Good

Measurements (average): 03/08/2010  
Spread (m): 15  
Girth (m): 4  
Height (m): 13  
Condition: Good

Access: Unrestricted  
Classified: 12/01/2004

Other Names Golden Monterey Cypress, Golden Horizontal Monterey Cypress,

Hermes Number 71558

Property Number

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