

Plane Tree Avenue of Honour, Main Road Cont.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Shire of Eltham has virtually no other street tree avenues and certainly no other of this extent and type with single species deciduous planting. So whilst this is a generally common landscape treatment, it is rare within the Shire. This avenue also serves as a strong landscape indicator of the entrance into Eltham township and is important as an entrance feature. The avenue is also important as the commemorative avenue to honour Eltham residents who served in the wars, though these trees are not the post First World War memorial avenue, which was removed complete with the commemorative plaques.

HISTORY:

Original and Continuing Use: Avenue of Street Trees

The existing trees are too small in size and trunk diameter to be any older than 1950 and were possibly planted even later than that.

DESCRIPTION:

Avenue planting with Plane trees symmetrically arranged on either side of Main Road leading up the rise from Dalton to Brougham Streets. The trees are of moderate size and variable in health and appearance. They are in need of regular pruning and other management.

CONSERVATION GUIDELINES:

Protect from development such as road widening. Ensure trees receive pruning and tree surgery by qualified arboriculturalists. Inspect and assess their condition on an annual basis and develop a management program to ensure improvement in their condition.

Raise the profile as an Avenue of Honour.

Contact the R.S.L. and try to recover and re-attach the commemorative plaques or replicas of them, to the trees.