

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: MEMORIAL PLANTING

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Hamilton - Port Fairy Road BYADUK

STUDY NUMBER: 190

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Byaduk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF BYADUK

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473K C2; VicRoads 72 H9. Located on the south side of the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, approximately 1 kilometer east of the township of Byaduk.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



World War II Memorial Planting, Hamilton - Port Fairy Road, Byaduk

Image Date: 26/01/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the trees in the avenue, and all of the land of the reserve.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Memorial Planting to those who served in the Second World War is located on a rise to the south of the township of Byaduk some distance from the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road. There are four rows of roughly twenty trees in this plantation, two rows of *Fraxinus excelsior* (golden ash) and two rows of *Eucalyptus* species. The *Fraxinus* have spread throughout the plantation, and are beginning to dominate other original plantings. A wooden memorial board which stated that this was a Memorial Plantation to those who served in World War Two 1939 - 1945 has now been removed. The plantation is in extremely poor condition, and has been poorly maintained. The majority of the *Fraxinus excelsior* are very poor specimens in poor condition, many of the *Eucalyptus* specimens are also in fair to poor condition.

HISTORY:

There is very little information recorded or available regarding the World War Two Memorial Plantation. There were several men from Byaduk and district who served in World War Two, including the local head teacher, Mr. J. E. Hillier. Only two men from Byaduk died in this conflict, A. R. McNair and L.R. Harman.

Following the end of the war in 1945, the current memorial plantation was made on the top of the hill overlooking Byaduk. It is not known who organised this planting or what was originally intended to be planted. An Honour Board which bears the names of the men who enlisted to serve in World War Two also hangs in the Byaduk Mechanics Institute Hall.

The memorial planting has deteriorated to an unrecognisable plantation of trees, which few people are aware. The removal of the wooden sign and the neglect to maintain the planting has meant that the plantation is in very poor condition. This has resulted in much of the significance and integrity being lost.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life
8.8 Remembering the fallen

Theme 9 - Marking the phases of life
9.7 Dying
9.7.3 Remembering the dead

CONDITION:

Poor to Very Poor

INTEGRITY:

Low degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Memorial Planting, located on the hill to the south of Byaduk on the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road is an important reminder of those who served in World War Two from Byaduk and district. The memorial planting consists of four rows of twenty trees. The two rows closest to the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road are *Fraxinus excelsior* (Golden Ash), behind this are planted two rows of *Eucalyptus* species. The memorial planting was made at the end of the war in 1945 to honour those who served in the Second World War 1939 - 1945.

How is it significant?

The *Fraxinus excelsior* Avenue of Honour is social and historical significance to the township of Byaduk.

Why is it significant?

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The Memorial planting in Byaduk is of social significance to the township of Byaduk as a living memorial to all who served in World War Two from Byaduk and district. Historically it represents the attitude to war, and the attitude of the community to those who served. It is also an important historical reminder to future generations of the sacrifice that those who served made, and of the human loss sustained in this conflict.

COMPARISON:

056 Avenue of Honour, Glenelg Highway, Coleraine
0261 Avenue of Honour, Penshurst - Byaduk Road, Byaduk
0271 Avenue of Honour, Hamilton Highway, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: mgt

ASSESSMENT DATE:

30-Jan-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Gordon Rentsch	Back to Byaduk School Centenary 1872-1972	1972	