

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Queen Victoria Jubilee Avenue



Location:

Maroondah Highway, Lilydale VIC 3140

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO77

Statement of Significance:

What is significant? The Queen's Jubilee Trees, specifically the extant mature English oak (*Quercus robur*) and English elm (*Ulmus procera*) street trees, are significant. Later replacement trees and other introduced tree species are not significant, along with the roads, pathways, kerbing and parking areas. How is it significant? The Queen's Jubilee Trees are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale and Yarra Ranges Council more broadly. Why is it significant? Not only a beautiful avenue of old

trees which gives Lilydale's Main Street much of its character, but a symbol of the co-operation and community spirit of the people of Lilydale in the late nineteenth century, and a living memory of a notable day and of many once prominent citizens of the Lillydale Shire. (Tansley, 1978) The Queen's Jubilee Trees are historically significant as an 1897 street tree planting scheme undertaken to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and to beautify the town. In addition, some of the trees were planted by citizens of Lilydale during the annual Abor Day which followed on from 1897 through to 1920. They are a symbol of the co-operation and community spirit of the people of Lilydale in the late 19th century, and a living memory of many once prominent citizens of the Lilydale Shire. (Criterion A) The Queen's Jubilee Trees are of aesthetic significance as a long avenue of trees, including mature English oak (*Quercus robur*), and English elm (*Ulmus procera*) street trees, which combine to give Main Street its green character. (Criterion E)

Description

This avenue comprises the beautiful and healthy old oak trees lining the Main Street of Lilydale township from Cave Hill Road to the railway line. (Tansley, 1978)

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Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115717
Property number	

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