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Avenue of Honour

Rededicated 15 November 2020



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- Sunday 15 November 2020, the new Avenue of Honour was officially rededicated by the Governor of South Australia His Excellency, The Honourable Mr Hieu Van Le, AC. The Mount Barker Returned & Service League arranged the rededication and official opening ceremony which was attended and carried out by many military officials.





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- The new avenue of 76 Magnolia grandiflora (Bull Bay Magnolia) trees have very attractive evergreen foliage and majestic white flowers symbolic of a celebrated life. Located in the heart of Mount Barker along the linear trail through Keith Stephenson Park, each tree is marked with a bollard and plaque.





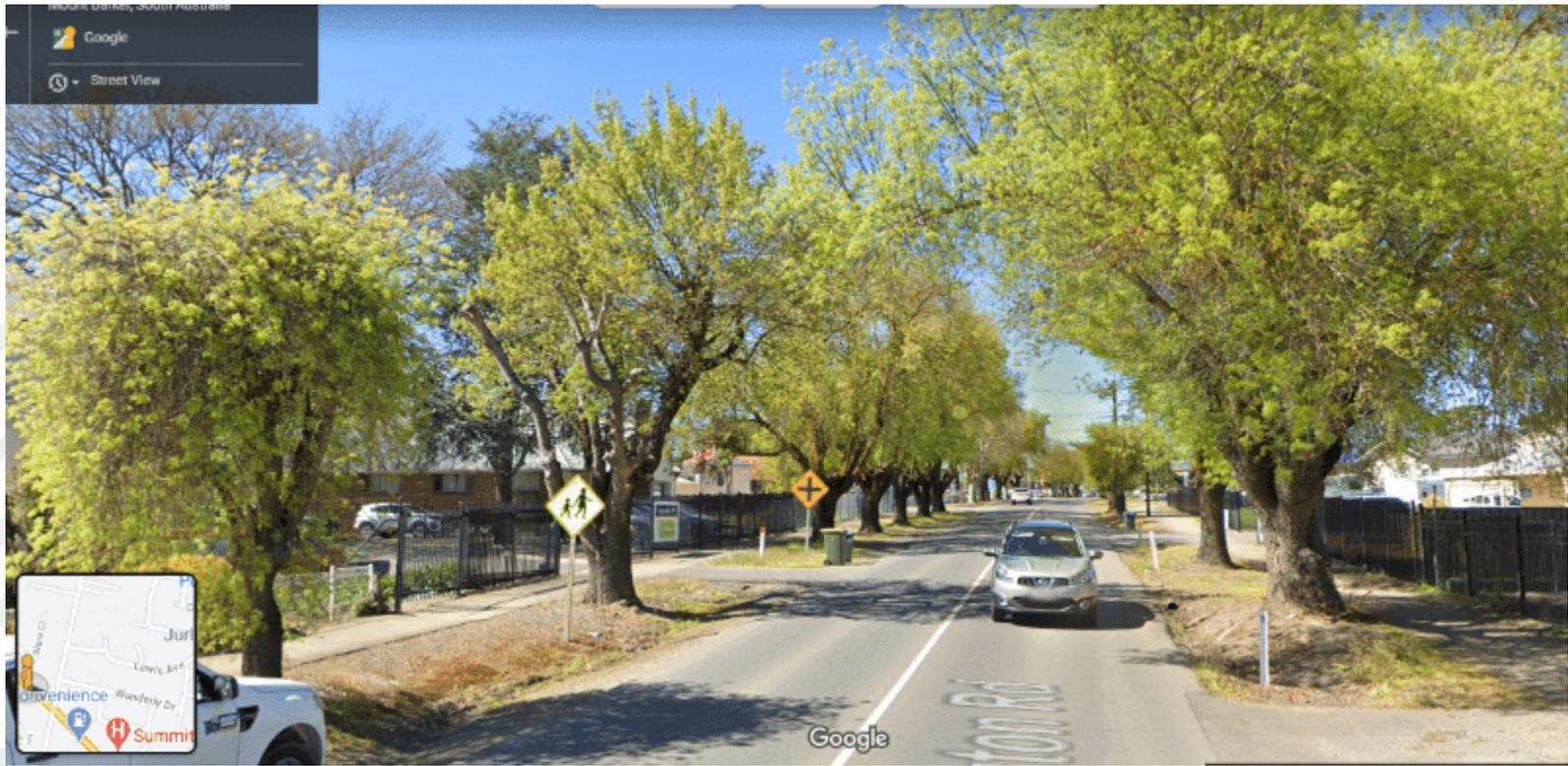
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- Each of the trees represents a soldier or air force crewman from Mount Barker who served and did not return home, mostly from World War One and Two but also the Korean and Vietnam wars.
- There are three additional trees, one to recognise the medical personnel, a tree for the animals which were sent into military service from Mount Barker and a tree for the dedication of the avenue.
- The RSL arranged the new plaques with a Centenary of ANZAC monument grant from the Federal Government.



- The Mount Barker Soldiers Memorial Avenue was established on the 1st of July 1920 to commemorate the local people who served in World War One.
- The original avenue located along Wellington Road Mount Barker, was officially decommissioned in 2013.
- These trees suffered from gradual erosion over the years due to overhead powerlines, redevelopment of the road and work to improve local business access.





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- The Avenue of Honour renewal strategy was developed by Mount Barker District Council and constructed over a period of time with funds from council budgets, community donations and developer obligation contributions. The first new trees were planted in 2014 and the last in 2020.

