



**THE CENTENARY OF THE PLANTING
OF THE
MEMORIAL AVENUE TREES**

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

**MEMORIAL AVENUE
KEMPTON**

Sunday 19th August 2018

10.45 for 11.00 am



Master of Ceremonies

Andrew Benson
Deputy General Manager, Southern Midlands Council

Introduction to the Site

WELCOME

Mayor Tony Bisdee OAM

THE LOYAL HYMN

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save our Queen:

Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chaplain Rev Jim Colville AM JP

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

All: *Amen*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Chaplain Rev Jim Colville AM JP

PRESENTATION

Col. RA Simpson (ret) AM

HYMN – THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me,

And in God's house forevermore

My dwelling-place shall be.

**INTRODUCING THE SCULPTURE
CREATED BY FOLKO KOOPER & MAUREEN CRAIG
AND
A BRIEF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
THE ROLE OF THE HORSE IN THE GREAT WAR**

Clr Edwin Batt – Chairman SMC Memorial Trees Committee

***‘Another Blessed Horse Fell Down’
Poem by Andrew Barton (Banjo) Paterson***

(A brief reminder that we should not allow the witnessing of much suffering to make us callous)

When you're lying in your hammock, sleeping soft and sleeping sound,
Without a care or trouble on your mind,
And there's nothing to disturb you but the engines going round,
And you're dreaming of the girl you left behind;
In the middle of your joys you'll be wakened by a noise
And a clatter on the deck above your crown,
And you'll head the corporal shout as he turns the picket out,
"There's another blessed horse fell down."

You can see 'em in the morning, when you're cleaning out the stall,
A-leaning on the railings nearly dead,
And you reckon by the evening they'll be pretty sure to fall;
And you curse them as you tumble into bed.
Oh, you'll hear it pretty soon, "Pass the word for Denny Moon,
There's a horse here throwing handsprings like a clown;"
And it's shove the others back, or he'll cripple half the pack;
"There's another blessed horse fell down."

And when the war is over and the fighting is all done,
And you're all at home with medals on your chest,
And you've learnt to sleep so soundly that the firing of a gun
At your bedside wouldn't rob you of your rest;
As you lay in slumber deep, if your wife walks in her sleep,
And tumbles down the stairs and breaks her crown,
Oh, it won't awaken you, for you'll say, "It's nothing new,
It's another blessed horse fell down."

A B (Banjo) Paterson

POETRY READING

Mia Leaman

Kempton Primary School

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, May 1915

HYMN - RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers known of old
Lord of our far flung battle line
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine -
Lord God of hosts be with us yet
Lest we forget - lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies
The captains and the kings depart
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice
A humble and a contrite heart
Lord God of hosts be with us yet
Lest we forget - lest we forget.

PLANTING OF ROSEMARY

WO1 Garry Francis (ret)

The following representatives are invited to come forward and plant a sprig of Rosemary that will add to the Rosemary planted by the students of the Kempton Primary School around this entrance to Memorial Avenue

Southern Midlands Council

Mayor Tony Bisdee OAM

Brighton & Green Ponds RSL Sub Branch

President John Rhyan

Oatlands RSL Sub Branch

President Tony Collis

Green Ponds Progress Association

President John Hay

Kempton Primary School

Student Mia Leaman

READING OF THE NAMES

John Rhyan

President Brighton & Green Ponds RSL Sub Branch

These are the names of those who enlisted from the Green Ponds district and who are listed on the Memorial Clock in front of the Council Chambers and which are now on this sign at the entrance to Memorial Avenue.

1914 - 1918 WAR

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

W. BANNISTER	C.R. PORTER
A.T. ELLIS	L. READING
J. FAHEY	R. ROSE
M. GOODWIN	H. ROGERS
C.A. GORRINGE	M SHEARING
J. HOUCH	H. SHEARING
H. HORSEY	J.H. SOUTHWOOD
C. JOHNSON	ALF WATLING
T. LAHEY	A. WATLING
C. MOORE	C. WHEATLEY
L. PAGE	C. WATSON

***'FOR THESE WERE GREAT MEN, AND THEIR MEMORY LIVETH FOR
EVERMORE'
LEST WE FORGET***

UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE

**Colonel R A Simpson (ret) AM to unveil the commemorative plaque
acknowledging this event**

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

Col. RA Simpson (ret) AM

They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them

Response: *We will remember them*

Lest We Forget

‘LAST POST’

1 Minutes of Reflective Silence

‘ROUSE’

FLAG RAISED

Mr Wayne Smith

BLESSING

Chaplain Rev Jim Colville AM JP

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea;

Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage,
Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

CLOSING ADDRESS

Clr Edwin Batt – Chairman SMC Memorial Trees Committee

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Andrew Benson

The President of the B&GP RSL Sub Branch invite everyone to join them for light refreshments at the RSL

Please join in the parade with the Army Band Tasmania, the Light Horse Regiment and the Pony Club down to the RSL for lunch



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE



COMMEMORATIVE SIGN

Welcome to KEMPTON
MEMORIAL AVENUE



IN THE CLOSING YEARS of World War I, people in towns and cities across Australia sought ways to honour the service and sacrifice of those who volunteered to fight for King and Country in a far away war. In Kempton, the community came together to plant an avenue of trees; one for every soldier who had left the town to enlist. Some of these soldiers came home damaged; others never came home at all. These trees are a standing memorial to those men.

Memorial Avenue was created by the people of Kempton in August 1918. Men, women and children gathered here to plant trees on what was then the entrance to Kempton. Each tree represented an individual soldier, identified by a bronze name plate. Over the course of a century, the name plates have been lost, however, it is known that the first two trees were planted for the Watling brothers, and the second tree on the western side was planted for Cyril Wheatley.

Soldiers who died in the fighting were buried overseas; some have no known graves. For their families back home, these trees became a place where they could honour and mourn their loved ones. The upkeep of this avenue is a mark of the lasting respect our community has for those soldiers.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.
TREE PLANTING AT KEMPTON.

The residents of Kempton gathered together last week to plant an avenue of trees along the principal street in the town to the memory of the soldiers who have gone from there. A busy scene was enacted, when men, women, and children engaged in the work.

Above: The Mercury, 22 August 1918, p. 6



Above: Kempton World War I clock tower and memorial, erected in honour of those who served, unveiled on 9 November 1922 (Australian War Memorial)



Above: Australian Army camp in sight of the Pyramids (Series 01, Part 03-04, Irene Victoria Road pictorial material and notes, 1909-1951, Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales)



Left: Lines of the Australian 9th and 10th Battalions at Mena Camp (Australian War Memorial)

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STAGE 1 - BEFORE



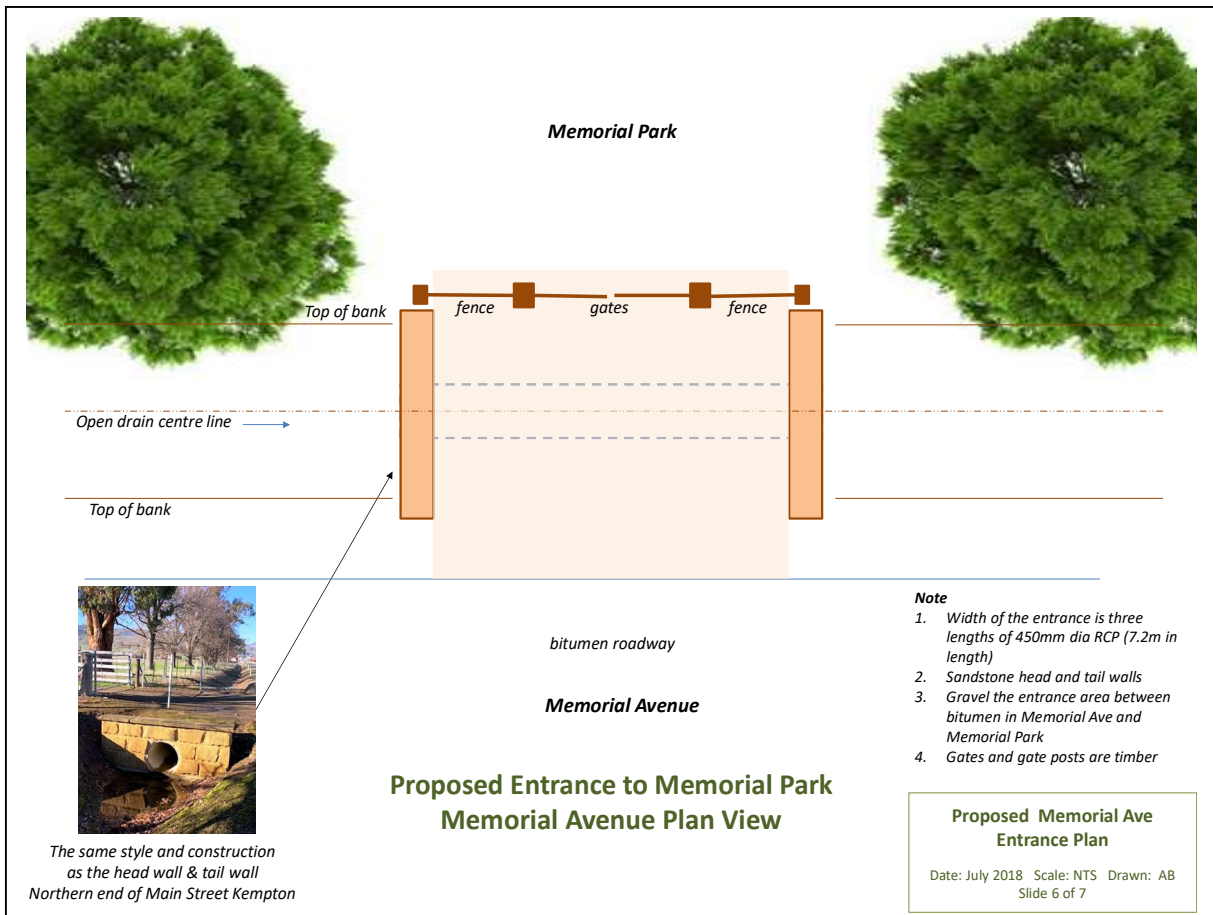
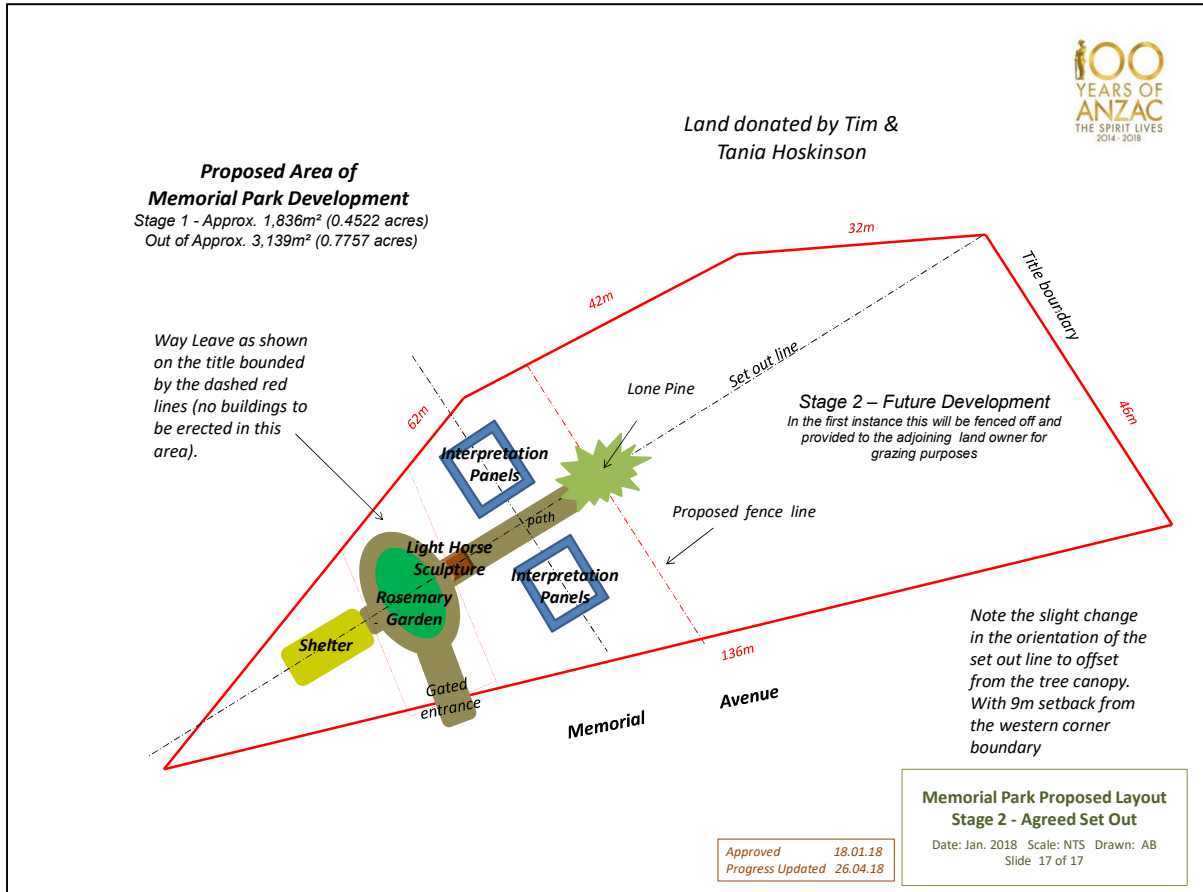
STAGE 1 - AFTER



**KEMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PLANTING ROSEMARY
AT THE ENTRANCE TO MEMORIAL AVENUE – STAGE 1**



STAGE 2 SITE PLAN – MEMORIAL PARK



REFLECTIVE SHELTER – MEMORIAL PARK



LIGHT HORSE SCULPTURE BY FOLKO KOOPER & MAUREEN CRAIG

