

Item name: Pin Oak Avenue Plantings, Town Entries; Clarence and Cowper Streets**Location:** Clarence Street/Bruxner Highway Tenterfield 2372

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Address: Clarence Street/Bruxner Highway**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Tenterfield 2372**Local govt area:** Tenterfield**State:** NSW**Parish:****County:****Address:** Bruxner Highway**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Tenterfield 2372**Local govt area:** Tenterfield**State:** NSW**Parish:****County:****Address:** Cowper Street**Planning:** Northern**Suburb/nearest town:** Tenterfield 2372**Local govt area:** Tenterfield**State:** NSW**Parish:****County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:** Road Reserves**Item type:** Conservation Area**Group:** Parks, Gardens and Trees**Category:** Tree groups - avenue of**Owner:** Local Government**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Streetscape forming an avenue.**Former uses:** Streetscape forming an avenue.**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:** Local

Statement of significance: The Pin Oak avenues along Clarence and Cowper Streets create a inviting and highly aesthetic streetscapes and sense of arrival on the western and eastern entries to the township of Tenterfield. The Pin Oak avenues plantings and other avenues were historically associated with the initiatives of Robert Brush former Health Surveyor to Tenterfield Council during the 1930s who established important plantings in the township. The Pin Oak avenues are socially significant and highly valued by the Tenterfield community and visitors.

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Historical notes Local Historical Background

of provenance: A number of Aboriginal groups occupied the Tenterfield area at the time of European contact, including the Badjalang people (Bundjalung), from the headwaters of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers to Tabulam and Baryugil; Kitabal (Githabul, a dialect group of the Bundjalung) whose territory included Urbenville, Woodenbong and Tooloom, south to Tabulam and Drake; and the Ngarabal, people who traditionally occupied the land from Bolivia to Stonehenge. The Jukambal people were known for historic seasonal movement through the shire.

European exploration to the region started in the early 1800s dominated by major pastoralists with land controlled by Governor Macquarie. By 1836 the first squatting licences were issued and the 1862 Land Acts, then enabled the free selection of unalienated land by selectors. Early homesteads often included a complex of buildings with their own butchers, bakers and blacksmiths. Closer settlement occurred during the 19th century with the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act 1916 which allowed larger estates to be cut up for smaller family farms.

A network of crown villages and reserves was laid out by Government surveyors, although some never developed beyond early mining settlements. Evidence of the gold, silver, tin, silica and arsenic mining history of the region is evident in many locations. The completion of the railway line to Tenterfield in 1886 boosted the development of Tenterfield as a regional centre and the development of smaller villages on the route such as Bolivia and Sandy Flat.

Early industries were developed for processing of agricultural products for local use and economic gain. Meatworks, flour mills, and bakeries are still evident from these early days whilst other processes such as brickworks and timber mills may now yield only archaeological evidence.

The township of Tenterfield boomed between 1870s and 1930s, with the development of the School of Arts, several large hotels, banks and a majestic Post Office. A Victorian complex of police station, courthouse and gaol were added to the town. The town is well known for its association with Henry Parkes and the foundation of the Federation of Australia movement. The development of accommodation, commerce, education and health, religion, and leisure are all illustrated by a variety of original buildings and sites throughout the area. The impact of politics and economic tariffs by Queensland, triggered developments such as the tobacco industry from the 1930s.

Tenterfield has strong association with defence through early recruiting and cavalry training. During World War 11, Tenterfield was a location for large military encampments and evidence still exists of some significant structures such as the Tank Traps and several drill halls.

In terms of economy, traditional processing and local manufacturing has declined in recent decades due to centralisation. The Tenterfield area has developed an increasingly important economic role with more service industry, and as a tourist destination based on its high altitude location, abundant natural heritage in the varied national parks and reserves, and its appealing collection of well conserved historic buildings from the 19th and 20th centuries.

This Item

Pin Oak avenues were planted to the town entries initially as an the initiative of Robert Brush Health Surveyor to Tenterfield Council in the 1930s. The trees closer to the town appear to be older than those planted further along the Bruxner Highway which may have been a later extension to the avenue. The group on the western side of the town appear older. Robert Brush was well known for his influence in the development and plantings of Bruxner Park as the green town square. Another important avenue is listed in Logan Street in the township.

Themes: National theme

4. Settlement

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State theme

Towns, suburbs and villages

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Local theme

Parks and Gardens

Settling and Managing the Land

Designer:

Builder: Robert Brush

Year started: 1930

Year completed:

Circa: Yes

Physical description: Two stands of Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) trees, aligning both sides of Clarence Street /Bruxner Highway, forming a decorative and pleasing entrance into Tenterfield when approaching east along Bruxner Highway and a smaller avenue on Cowper Street/ New England Highway on the western and eastern entries to the township of Tenterfield.

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Physical condition Good
level:**Physical condition:** Mature, deciduous trees. Drought Conditions affected some trees and replacements have been made.**Archaeological** Not assessed**potential level:****Archaeological**
potential Detail:**Modification dates:** Replacement trees required in places due to drought conditions and general age decay of branches**Recommended** Carefully manage and replace as required. Any new driveways and hardstands and trenching must not impact
management: upon trees and root drip zones and avoid compaction. Minimising any new intrusions in the green verge is recommended.**Management:** **Management category****Management name****Further comments:** Carefully managed by Tenterfield Shire Council as these avenues are highly valued by the local community.**Criteria a):** The original parts of the avenues are linked to the initiatives of Robert Brush Councils Health Surveyor during
[Historical the 1930s and demonstrate the civic importance of landscaping and avenue plantings to the development and
significance] enhancement of an urban settlement.**Criteria b):** The plantings are linked to Robert Brush Health Surveyor to the Tenterfield Council in the 1930s.
[Historical
association
significance]**Criteria c):** High aesthetic given the scale of the planting and, character of the trees, particularly their seasonal colours.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**Criteria d):** The avenues are highly valued as an intrinsic part of the towns character by the local community.
[Social/Cultural
significance]**Criteria e):**
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):**
[Rarity]**Criteria g):** The Pin Oak trees are highly valued by the Tenterfield community.
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:** Intact**References:** **Author**
Stuart Read**Title**
Avenues of Honour, Memorial & other Avenues, Lone Pines"**Year**
2017

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	RPS	Tenterfield Heritage Inventory Review		2019

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Potential Heritage Item**Number****ListingDate****Data entry:** Data first entered: 24/09/2019

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Image:



Caption: Pin Oak avenue at town entry point in spring

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Caption: Pin Oak avenue on approach to town entry in autumn

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Caption: Pin Oaks on Cowper Street northern approach to Tenterfield

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