

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** AVENUE OF GOLDEN CYPRESS

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Thompson Avenue COWES

**STUDY NUMBER:** 79

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO57

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND



Avenue of Golden Cypress, Thompson Avenue, Cowes

**Image Date:** March 2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

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Location **Thompson Avenue COWES**

PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

COWES (T)

Planning Authority

Ward **Thompson**

Access Description

Map Number

**0**

Map Scale **1:100000**

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

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The whole Avenue and a nominal curtilage of 2 metres beyond the canopy/drip line..

Published Extent of Listing

Significance

Statement of Significance

The Avenue of Golden Cypresses in Thompson Avenue, Cowes, is of historic significance. As a memorial to W E Thompson, whose long-term work in the community is recognised, they remain as a lasting reminder of the man who was valued highly within the community and to whom he devoted much time. The trees are of some local aesthetic significance in the streetscape..

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A4: Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community. AHC E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community. AHC C.2 Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia.

Assessed **04/08/2004** Assessed By **F Woodhouse**

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme   No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Title Details

Physical Description

An avenue of mature Golden Cypress trees (Cupressus Macrocarpa 'Aurea') extending along Thompson Avenue between the Rhyll-Ventnor Road intersection and The Esplanade. Extensive removal of trees has occurred between The Esplanade and Chapel Street, with only six mature cypresses remaining. Between Settlement Road and Church Street, a large number of original trees on the western side of Thompson Street were removed, although replacement specimens have recently been planted. Trees on the western side of the street have also been pollarded to accommodate overhead power lines.

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## Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

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Usage Memorial

### Associated People

W E Thompson

### Historical Notes

Originally known as Mussel Rock, Cowes was renamed in 1865 by Henry Fox, the Government Surveyor, when surveying Western Port, who named the township after the holiday resort, Cowes, on the Isle of Wight.

Work began on planting the Avenue of Cypress Pines in Thompson Avenue in 1912 at the initiative of the President of the Cowes Progress Association, Mr W E Thompson. As a long term visitor to the island, he moved there permanently in 1912, and was noted for his many years of service to community activities. The first public planting day was well attended by many school children, with trees being dedicated to those who planted them. Planting began at the corner of the Esplanade and Thompson Avenue, and gradually proceeded in the years afterward to reach the Rhyll-Ventnor Road intersection by 1935. School children and residents have planted about one mile (1.6 km) of trees on both sides of the thoroughfare.

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### Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

15.2 Memorials: Early pioneers, influential residents, war heroes and other significant people and events are commemorated within the Bass Coast Shire. While there remain several examples of war memorials (Cowes and Bass) and cemeteries (Corinella, Cowes, Grantville, Kilcunda and San Remo), the avenue of cypresses is the only one planted on Phillip Island to commemorate a local resident.

### Listings

### References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
David Williams	Memories, Moonahs & Marine Marvels	1999		
Jean Edgcombe	Phillip Island and Western Port	1989		
Michael Rogers & Peter Reynolds	Maintenance & Replacement Strategy, Golden Cypress, Thompson Avenue, Cowes	1998		

### Conservation Plans

Owner Type

### Section 32 Recommendation

### Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

### Application Detail

**Adviser Comments** No 10m curtilage radius for tree control. This is intended to include the whole of the road zone. Replace any missing trees with Golden Cypress. Ensure that trees are maintained and receive adequate moisture. Ensure that road zones are protected. Avoid unsympathetic excessive pruning to accommodate overhead cables to retain shape. Ensure that all pruning, lopping etc is supervised by a qualified arborist.

### Planning Scheme Amendments

### Overlay Controls

### Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls?	No	Included in Vic Heritage Register?	No
Internal Alteration Controls?	No	Prohibited uses may be permitted?	No
Tree Controls?	Yes	Name of incorporated plan	No

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Outbuildings/fences not exempt? **No**

Aboriginal Heritage Place? **No**