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Significant Tree Nomination Form

Tree Details

Is the tree:

Publicly Accessible? (Y/N)

Y

On Private Property? (Y/N)

N

Address/Location of Tree:

Tannery Road South - East side inside fence line

Common Name:

47 trees - English Oak, Common Maple, Golden Ash, Silver Bir

Botanical Name (if known):

Quercus robur, Acer campestre, Fraxinus excelsior, Betula pen

Local Name (if applicable):

Property Owner's Details

Same as above:

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Owner is aware of nomination (Y/N):

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Name:

Public Land

Postal Address:

Phone Number/s:

Email:

Nominator's Details

Name:

Longford - Norfolk Plains History Society

Postal Address:

Phone Number/s:

Email:

Significant Tree Nomination Form (cont.)

Significant Tree Assessment Categories

tick all categories that apply

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| ☒ | 1. Trees of outstanding aesthetic significance. | Trees whose form, seasonal beauty and/or placement is such that are magnificent examples of their species and/or a significant aesthetic component of the streetscape, park, garden or natural landscape in which they grow. |
| ☒ | 2. Trees of outstanding dimensions. | Trees with outstanding height, width or canopy spread. |
| ☐ | 3. Trees that are very old or venerable. | The age of these trees and associated links to the past makes them significant to the community. For example trees which reveal previous landscapes or land use such as estate boundaries or orchards. |
| ☒ | 4. Trees that commemorate, or are reminders of, cultural practices, historic events or famous people. | <p>These trees have cultural significance through association with a significant person or event. This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees that have strong associations with specific community or cultural groups for spiritual, cultural, religious or other associated reasons. • Trees planted by royalty, political figures or community leaders or groups or to commemorate significant local or wider events. • Trees that have a recognised association with aboriginal culture or heritage or are valued for continuing and developing cultural traditions. |
| ☒ | 5. Trees that are a significant part of a natural landscape, historic site, town, park or garden. | These are trees enhance the character of a natural landscape, streetscape, park or town and whose loss would fundamentally alter that character. These trees also contribute to the local or state significance of a historic site, private garden or estate. |
| ☒ | 6. Trees that have local significance. | These trees, as a component of a streetscape, park or garden, are important to the local community and are recognised as features of the immediate landscape or provide a sense of place. |
| ☐ | 7. Trees of a species or variety that is rare or very localized distribution | These trees have important scientific, ecological or horticultural significance. For example, trees that are endangered as a species or unique in distribution or position in the natural landscape. This can include remnant native vegetation that indicates the former extent of the species, rare/threatened species or those at the edge of their natural range, or locally uncommon species |
| ☐ | 8. Trees that are of horticultural or genetic value. | <p>These trees could provide important and valuable propagating stock for scientific research, forestry or horticulture industries because their genetic characteristics differ from the type. For example, trees that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are a source of seed from a local gene pool • Are particularly resistant to disease or climate extremes • Have a particular growth form • Have tolerance to pests or disease |
| ☒ | 9. Trees that have a significant contribution to the integrity of an ecological community. | These trees are remnant native species which provide significant habitat for rare, threatened or locally uncommon or common native species. For example, trees that provide breeding and foraging habitat, roosting sites and refuge. |
| ☐ | 10. Trees that are significant for reasons that are difficult to categorise. | <p>Very simply, these trees are significant because they are interesting! Whether they are examples of the art of topiary or simply growing in extraordinary circumstances, they immediately catch the attention of the passer by. For example, interesting growth forms, outgrowths, branch fusion or pruning.</p> |

Significant Tree Nomination Form (cont.)

Where possible, please answer the below questions.

Describe where on the property the tree is located (please provide enough details for council to find the exact location):

Tannery Road South Longford, between Illawarra Road and railway line.
East side inside fenceline at entry/exit to Mill Dam Heritage Walk.

Describe how this tree compares to others of the same species:

Large Group of mixed planting in prominent location - 47 trees in total.
8 x English Oak
22 x Golden Ash
15 x common Maple
2 x Silver Birch

Describe known threats to this tree:

Future road widening and associated works.

Describe why the tree is significant, including an explanation to support each category you have selected above:

See attached paper

Significant Tree Nomination Form (cont.)

Provide any other reasons for your tree's nomination that may place its significance beyond doubt:

Refer to supporting documents Longford Heritage Avenue Bicentennial commemoration.

Image of Nominated Tree/s

You must include at least one photograph of the tree to be submitted with and included in the nomination. It will be helpful to also include:

- close-ups of the trunk and any fruits, flowers, leaves and interesting branches;
- an overall view of the tree;
- an overall view with a nearby structure or person for size reference; and
- photographs of the tree in different seasons.

Submission

Applications can be submitted as follows:

- Email to council@nmc.tas.gov.au and label the subject of your email "Significant Tree Nomination"; or
- Mail to PO Box 156, Longford, TAS 7301
- Delivered by hand to 13 Smith St Longford

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Personal information is managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates, on request to Council.

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Failure to provide all required information may result in your application not being able to be accepted or processed.

Describe why the tree is significant:

1. Prominent location and feature in the entrance to Longford.

2. Significant size.

English Oak - 17m - 22m height, 70cm - 80cm DBR

Golden Ash - 15m - 18.5m height, 40cm - 60cm DBR

Common Maple - 15m - 21m height, 40cm - 70cm DBR

Silver Birch - 13m height, 35cm DBR

4. This group of trees were the first planted between 1984 & 1988, as part of the Longford Heritage Avenue for the Australian Bicentenary - see attached plan sketch by the Heritage Avenue Committee and supporting documents.

5. The trees as a group significantly enhance the entrance to Longford. Their loss would fundamentally change the entrance and streetscape. Extremely important to the Longford community.

6. They form a significant part of the entrance and streetscape of Longford.

9. Whilst not native species, as a large dense planting, they provide significant habitat for nesting birds, native animals, and insects.



Tannery Road South – East side inside fence line #1



Tannery Road South East side inside fence line #2



Tannery Road South - East side inside fence line #3



Tannery Road South – east side inside fence line #4



Tannery Road South – east side inside fence line #5



Tannery Road South – east side inside fence line #6

Longford Heritage Avenue Committee

Longford

PERTH - LONGFORD - CRESSY

TASMANIA

HERITAGE AVENUE PROJECT

AWARD APPLICATION

PREPARED FOR:

- A.B.C. COUNTRYWIDE
- NATIONAL TREE CARE
- AWARD 1986

PREPARED BY:

- LONGFORD HERITAGE AVENUE
COMMITTEE

1. NAME OF GROUP

Longford Heritage Avenue Committee

2. POSTAL ADDRESS

2 Anstey Street, Longford, Tasmania, 7301

3. CONTACT NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

Either: G.L. Hudson (003) 911454
H.C. Mackinnon (003) 911832

4. PROJECT TITLE

Longford Heritage Avenue Committee

5. LONGFORD GOVERNMENT AREA AND PROJECT LOCATION

Longford Municipality (see map attached)

The project starts at the eastern end of Illawarra Road (B52) at Perth and turns off that road to the northern town boundary of Longford township (a distance of 5 km). It recommences at the southern town boundary of Longford along Cressy Road (B51) to the northern boundary of Cressy township (a distance of 11 km).

The town at the centre of the project is Longford from which the project radiates.

6. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The idea was first put forward by the local branch of the National Trust. It was taken up by private citizens who formed themselves into a Committee. Members of the Committee approached members of the community and business and service organisations for donations to fund the project and request their participation.

Participants are and were apart from a central committee of seven:-

Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies who planted trees and mulched them.

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Gilbertsons Pty. Ltd. & Koppers Pty. Ltd. provided fencing materials and labour and erected fences.
Longford Garden Club - planting of trees.
Rural Youth - provision of mulching.
Perth, Longford and Cressy sub-committees - fund raising and tree maintenance.
Longford school children - planting of trees.
Longford Municipal Council - collection and distribution of mulching, watering facilities and drainage.
Greening Australia (Tas) - funds and conducting a statewide workshop on the project site.
J.R. Stephenson Pty. Ltd. - donation of irrigation equipment.
Others involved - Womens League of Remembrance and Maree Barnes - providing refreshments for working parties; James Cox, labour and equipment for deep ripping and many others in small ways.

7. PROJECT OUTLINE

The aims of the project are:-

- (i) To help arrest tree decline in rural areas.
- (ii) To beautify the landscape by providing scenic vistas in natural surroundings.
- (iii) To make the community aware of the value of trees in our landscape.
- (iv) To provide an identity within the community and in which everyone may participate.
- (v) To complete the project for our bi-centennial year in 1988 as a reminder to all of our heritage. A commemorative roll is to be established.
- (vii) To preserve and regenerate a portion of the only remaining indigenous bushland. The species concerned is *Eucalyptus pauciflora*.

The procedures used:-

- (i) Preparation of overall plan by a landscape architect.
- (ii) To approach landowners seeking approval and co-operation for planting trees in their property.
- (iii) Gaining the backing of the Longford Council for implementation of the project.

- (iv) Raising the necessary funds.
- (v) Fencing the designated areas.
- (vi) Ground preparation.
- (vii) Planting of trees by individuals and community groups and organisations.
- (viii) Irrigation, mulching and maintenance.

Species selections, in rural areas we have selected predominantly native species.

At the approaches to the townships we have planted selected exotic deciduous and evergreens to complement the existing townships landscape.

8. SITE DESCRIPTION

Roadside planting between Perth, Longford and Cressy. Visual appearance of project prior to commencement was one of ageing and receding rural vegetation and the ageing of exotic trees planted by the early pioneer.

The problems to be overcome were an imbalance of present plantings in rural areas and the existing stark and unsightly entrances to the three townships concerned.

The possibilities were to the aesthetics of the project site with the object of improving the visual effect in the countryside and the old world township entrances for both residents and tourists.

The climate has a mean winter temperature of 10°C and a mean summer temperature of 23°C. The annual rainfall of 960 mm with a winter incidence, heaviest average rainfall occurs in October.

9. PROJECT PLANNING (see sheets, 1,2,3 and 4)

The project was put to Andras Kelly, a lecturer in landscaping at the Tasmanian School and Institute of Technology. Under his direction, he and his class drew up the initial plan which called for an estimated cost of \$20,000, and the planting of between 4000-5000 trees.

This plan was referred to Mr Neil Parker for advice as to its practicality. Mr Parker is a trained silviculturist with the Tasmanian Forestry Commission (Private Forestry Division). He endorsed the plan as practical and also the species selected.

10. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The tasks were performed by joint effort of the landowner on whose land the trees have been planted, the local Council, interested community groups and individual people. Supervision was carried out by the central committee in liaison with the local sub-committee.

11. PUBLICITY

Publicity has been maintained throughout the project. Forms of publicity have been:-

Press reports.

Notice boards in the three township libraries.

Radio interview conducted by the A.B.C. rural radio department.

Exhibition of posters.

Plastic board notices in each planted area carrying the words, "This is a Heritage Avenue Project."

Display at the local Longford Agricultural Show.

Workshop conducted by Greening Australia (Tas) at Coronation Park in our project area.

Invitation to local prominent people to attend the opening of our initial planting.

12. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance has been continuous:-

Fencing against stock.

Watering by irrigation.

Weed control by mulching (pea straw and woodchips)

Weed control by weedkiller spray.

Mowing where necessary for fire and weed control.

Bagging of tree guards against wind and frost during establishment phase.

Replacement of trees.

13. BENEFITS TO WIDER COMMUNITY

(i) A better living environment.

(ii) A more attractive landscape.

(iii) An economic benefit by saving the soil from loss by rain and wind and the giving of richness and life to the soil for the benefit of all.

(iv) A sense of community by working on a common project for the benefit of all.

(v) A barbecue area being made available for residents and tourists.

14. BENEFITS TO THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

- (i) Participants have worked with and become acquainted with all stratas of socieity.
- (ii) The pleasure of working with people who have a common purpose which is not material gain.
- (iii) The warmth of giving back something to the community in return for the benefits the community have given the participants as individuals.
- (iv) The friendship generated within a close-knit committee of men and women who have diverse characters and all of whom have a sense of humour.

15. MAIN LESSONS

- (i) The value of community participation in any enterprise.
- (ii) A community given an objective and leadership will work together to achieve a goal.
- (iii) Small groups are capable of big things.
- (iv) Ideas can be translated into action with applied determinations.
- (v) There are people within any community who have imagination and/or leadership capacity.
- (vi) People are becoming more aware of their living environment.
- (vii) That discipline, commitment and responsibility bring out the best in people and their environment.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Frank L. Rigney - Chairman

Mr Dennis C. Mann - Secretary

Mr Geoff L. Hudson OBE - Treasurer

Ms Irene Mews

Mr Hugh C. Mackinnon

Mr Andras Kelly

Mr Garry Potter

Mr Colin Fleming

* More Information - Donations *

* If you require more information about
* this community project or wish to make
* a donation contact any member of the
* Committee or the Secretary, 4 William
* Street, Longford - (003) 911326

THE HERITAGE AVENUE COMMITTEE

requests the pleasure of

at the Inaugural Planting of the "Perth,
Longford, Cressy, Heritage Avenue" to take
place on Tannery Road, Longford (opposite the
Longford Meat Works and Koppers Pty. Ltd.), on
Saturday 15th September, 1984 at 10.30 am.

Your presence would be greatly appreciated as
this would lend support to this community
Bi-Centenary Project.

Frank Rigney
Chairman
c/ 47 Malcombe St.
LONGFORD 7301

Parking: Gilbertsons

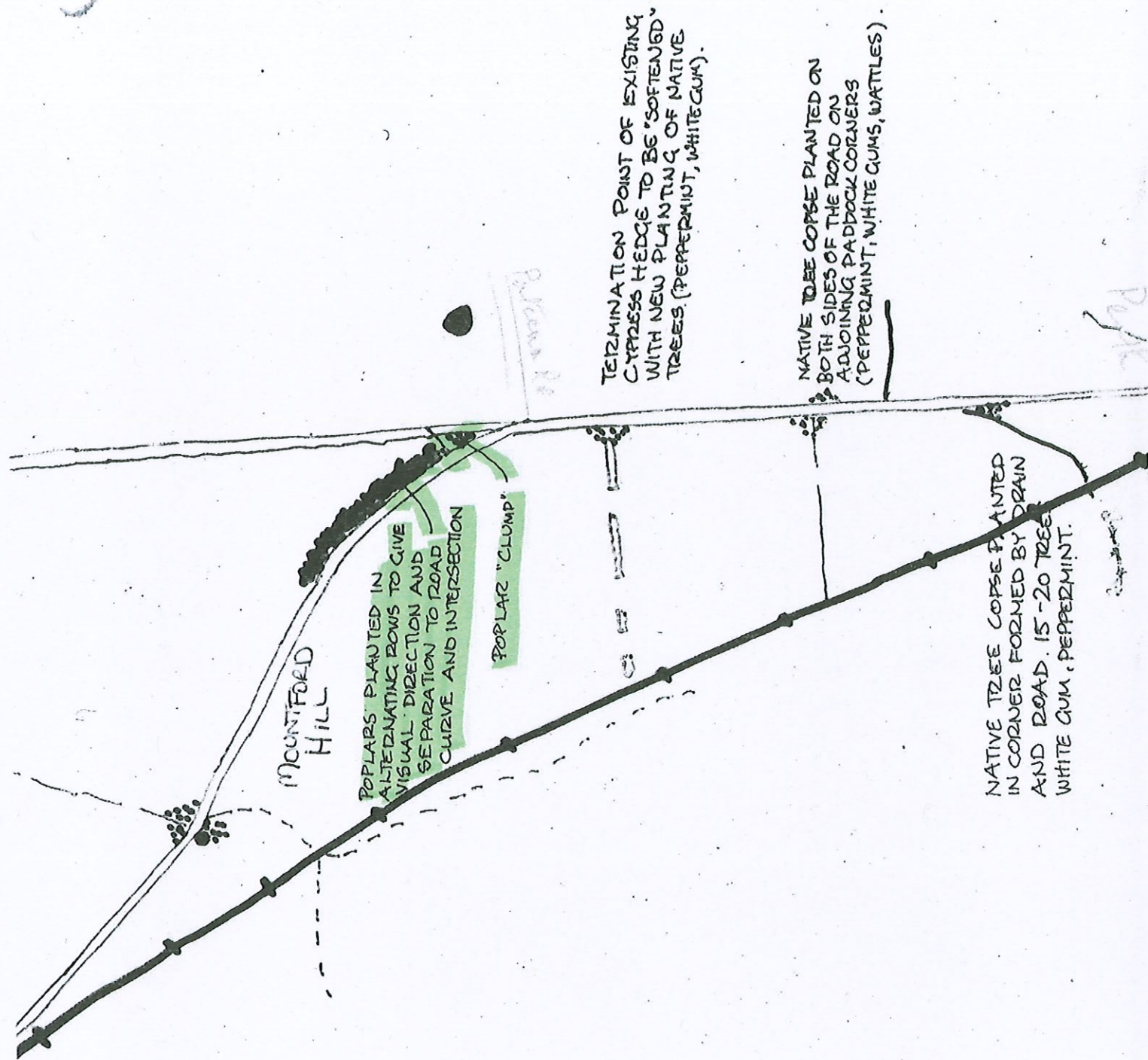
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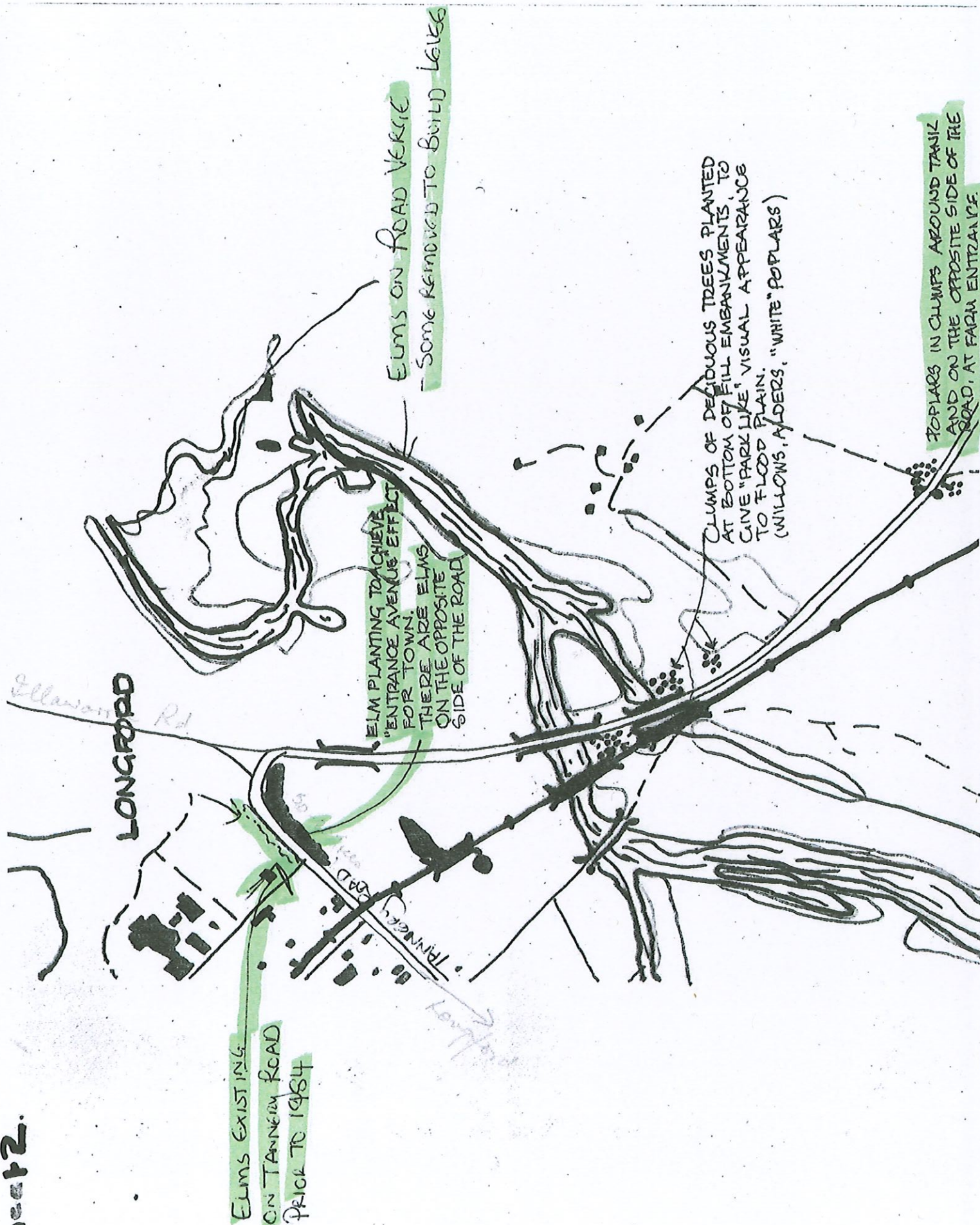
- District Map - PROJECT LOCATION
- Sheet One - see district map
- Sheet Two - see district map
- Sheet Three - see district map
- Sheet Four - see district map

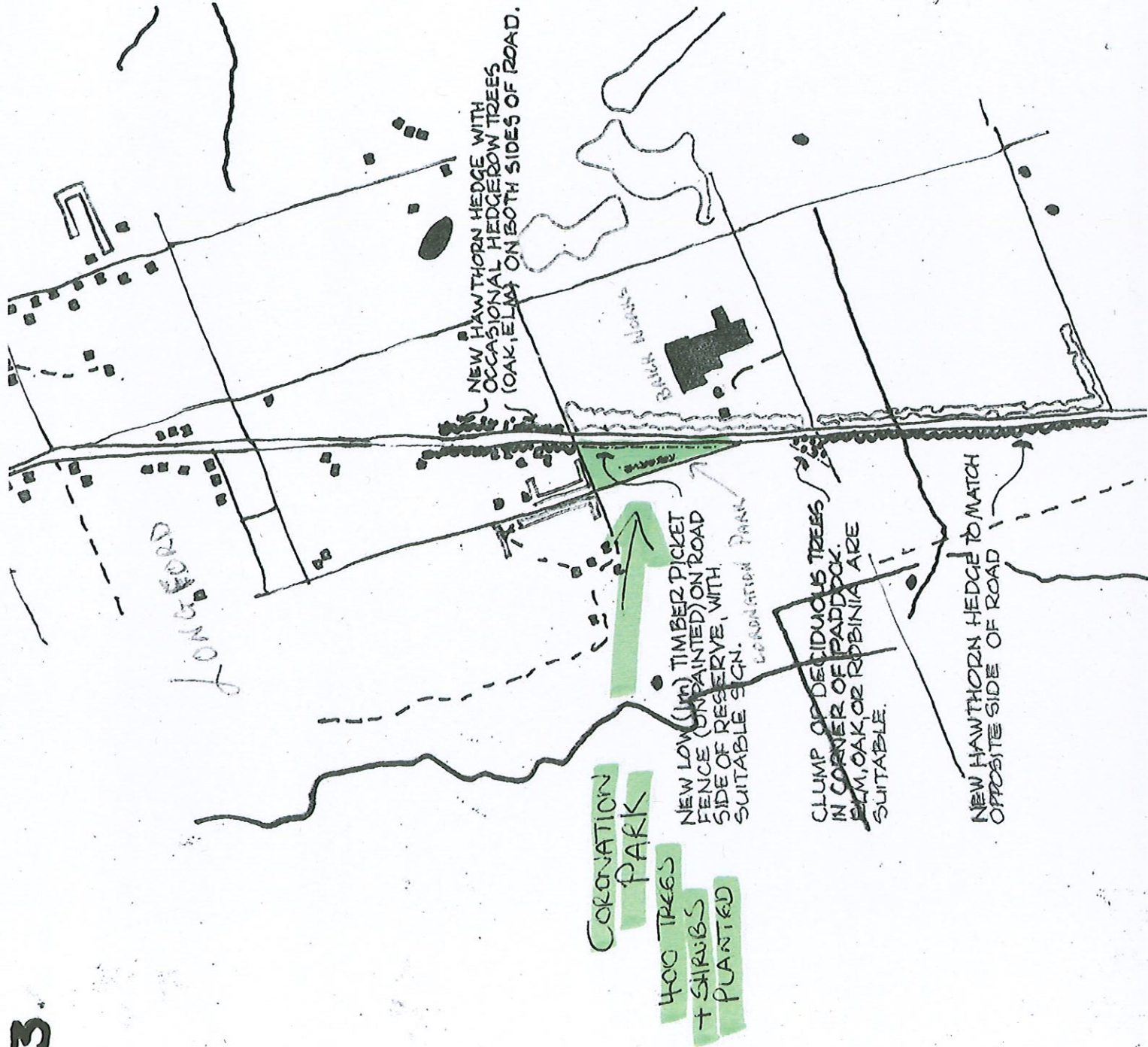
APPENDIX 2

PUBLICITY

- The Heritage Avenue Project - 'A Public Field Day'
- Heritage Avenue - Aim - Where - History - Donations - Committee
- The Heritage Avenue Committee - Invitation
- Longford Municipality - Collection Authority
- Heritage Avenue
- Heritage Avenue Project - 'A Public Field Day'
- Heritage Avenue - Perth, Longford, Cressy
- All Ages Help in tree Project - 'The Examiner' Newspaper June 12, 1986









National Tree Care Award 1986

LONGFORD HERITAGE AVENUE COMMITTEE

Commended for their Tree Project
in the

AREA
IMPROVEMENT (COMMUNITY)



ABC-TV Countrywide

Category



National Tree Program



Longford Heritage Avenue Committee

Longford

2 Anstey Street
LONGFORD
Tas 7301

27 June 1986

The Director
National Tree Program
G.P.O.Box 1252
CANBERRA
ACT 2601

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find our entry for the ABC Countrywide National Tree Care Award 1986 - Group Tree Project.

In the event that you may need to make contact and cannot reach either of those listed in our application, the following two phone numbers are included

Mr Frank L. Rigney - 003-445923
Mr Colin P. Fleming - 003-911719

Yours faithfully,

F. L. Rigney

(F.L. Rigney)
CHAIRMAN

per C.P.F.

THE LONGFORD HERITAGE AVENUE

At a meeting of the Norfolk Plains Group of the National Trust, early in 1984, the idea of planting an Avenue of Trees between the main town of the Municipality, Perth, Longford and Cressy was proposed. This Avenue to be known as 'The Heritage Avenue', would be a token of recognition and appreciation to the Heritage Group for the donation by the Municipality of the District. It was also considered, that this proposal would complement other schemes undertaken since by the Municipality for the planned 1988 Australia with the centennial celebrations. The suggestion was fully approved and the meeting decided to proceed with the project.

Approval of the Avenue concept was sought and obtained from the North Regional Committee of the National Trust. A delegation from the Norfolk Plains Group attended a Longford Council meeting, and received support in principle, subject to the preparation of a plan, which would comply with Municipal requirements. All landowners who occupied land upon which the proposed plantings were to be made, were visited, and without exception offered their cooperation and support, pending of course, the production of a plan showing the actual planting sites upon their properties.

The work was now set, to compile and produce a plan for the entire scheme. Mr. Andrew Kelly, a Lecturer in Environmental Design and Landscaping at the Lancaster T.C.A.L. was approached for advice, and he kindly consented to help us. He drew up a complete detailed plan of the proposed Avenue. He estimated the cost to be in the vicinity of \$100,000. This cost would include, fencing, ground preparation, purchase and protection of trees, weed control and general maintenance.

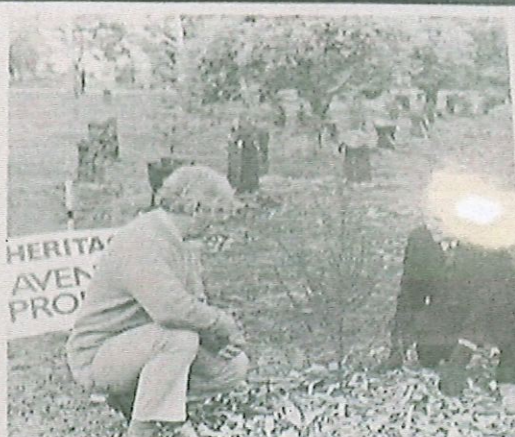
A Public meeting was held at the Longford Council Chambers, on Tuesday 4th March, 1984. Mr. Kelly's plan was presented to the meeting, and received approval and support. From those present at the meeting a committee was elected to proceed with the creation of the Avenue. Mr. Frank Rigby was elected Chairman, Mr. Dennis Mann as Secretary, with Committee members: Mrs. Irene Moss, Murray Andrew Kelly, Geoff Cunningham, David Mackinnon and Gary Foster. Later Mr. Geoff Hudson accepted the position as Treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Wallace joined the committee.

Within six months of the Public Meeting, the Committee had raised \$2,000, due entirely to the magnificent support of the Local Business Houses and the General Public. This Public approval of the Project, was most encouraging, as the Committee had no funds when formed.

Because of our financial position and the support shown by the Public, it was decided that the first plantings of the Avenue be made on 15th September, 1984, on the Northern approach to Longford, opposite the Abattoirs. Quins were invited and those who accepted were: Mr. Dennis Mann, members of the Environmental Authority, members of the Midland Gender Committee, organisations like Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Rural Youth and Garden Club, as well as many members of the Public, made up a large gathering. The League of Remembrance provided a much appreciated welcome tea. An interesting display was provided by the Forestry Research Group. Various other officers gave information on tree culture and donated seedling trees to any who were interested.

After a simple opening ceremony, the first tree was planted by a pupil of the Longford Primary School. The Longford Council provided water and tools to those who wished to plant trees. About 100 trees of assorted varieties, chosen for foliage contrast and size of growth were planted.

The Longford Abattoir Co. - Gilbertsons, and Koppers Treated Posts, between them, donated all the materials for, and erected the



Heritage Avenue Committee Members. Mrs. Charles Wallace and Mr. Colin Fleming examine trees planted at Coronation Park, Longford.

fencing, for the protection of the first planting. This was a splendid gesture and very greatly appreciated by the committee. It is more than pleasing to report that these trees have received drip irrigation, where required, and are now growing very well. They should in time make a very attractive entrance to Longford.

The committee has held regular monthly meetings, mostly at the Longford Primary School, we are very appreciative of this privilege. Other meetings have been held at Committee members' homes, also of late we have met at the Leather Butchery Inn at Perth.

On the 16th September, 1985, the Greening of Australia Organisation arranged a workshop at the Longford S.S.I. Conference, catered for by the League of Remembrance. This interesting and educational function was well attended. After an excellent free lunch, delegates were taken by bus and shown our 1984 plantings, as well as the prepared sites for the 1985 plantings. While on the bus a member of the Norfolk Plains Group gave an outline of the early history of the area through which they were travelling.

The bus returned to Coronation Park (on the southern end of Longford on the Cressy Road), and dropped the passengers, who then helped plant about 400 trees and shrubs. Further plantings between Longford and Cressy were made on the 28th September with the assistance of members of the Cressy Progress Association. Altogether about 700 trees were planted in 1985.

In practice, by consultation with the farmers concerned, the overall plantings have varied slightly from the plan. These variations have made it more convenient and economical for the farmers to work their paddocks and should not in any way affect the overall concept of the Avenue.

In May of 1986, our very able Secretary Dennis Mann, notified the committee that he had accepted a teaching position in Bristol, North Devon. He gave a great input to our committee, with his flair for publicity, posters as well as the numerous items of work a good secretary manages to accomplish. We sincerely thank him and wish him well in his new position. At the moment we do not have a secretary -

minutes are taken by a member of committee and Mrs. Murray Cox of Cressy very kindly types them for us.

In 1986, areas on Mr. Mackinnon's property 'Mountford', along what is known as 'The Flying Mile', were fenced off, ripped and prepared for planting. On 6th September about 40 members of the Public helped with the planting of about 500 trees and shrubs. On the same day a group from Cressy completed two further plantings on the Cressy Road of some 50 trees. The wet conditions in the late winter prevented two further sites on 'Mountford' being prepared and planted, these shall be dealt with next year.

It is proposed that in the vicinity of what used to be the 'Fit area' on the old Longford Grand Prix Motor Racing Circuit, that the National Tree of each International driver who competed in the racing be planted. A plaque will be erected to commemorate the excitement and thrill of those days, on a circuit that was consolidated by the drivers, as one of the World's best Grand Prix Venues.

It is also proposed that on the Perth or Eastern end of the new high level bridge at Longford, that a bank facing the road be planted with 14 hectares of Daffodils. Approaches have been made to the Difford Society of Tasmania, and it is hoped that they will help us with this project.

The achievements of the Committee to date have been made possible by the generous support given by the General Public, Business Houses and other Organizations. This help has been in the form of money, merchandise and labour. Very considerable financial help has also been provided by the Greening of Australia Organisation.

This year with the necessity of further funds being required, small active committees were formed in Longford and Cressy.

Representatives of these Committees, Mr. Peter Cook of Longford and Mr. Murray Cox of Cressy now attend our meetings. We still require further funds to complete the final plantings of the whole Avenue concept by the Spring of 1987.

Donations may be sent to our Treasurer, Mr. Geoff Hudson, 2 Anster Street, Longford.

Newsletter No. 104

Heritage Avenue plantings

12/9/84

The first tree will be planted in Longford's Heritage Avenue on Saturday.

A large crowd is expected to watch Mr Page, MHA (Lib., Wilmet), representing the Premier, Mr Gray, plant the first tree opposite Gilbertson's at the new approach road to Longford at 10.30 am.

Eighty trees will be planted including golden ash, maples and oaks.

Heritage Avenue is part of Longford Municipality's Bi-Centenary celebrations and was established earlier this year.

The Avenue will run from Perth to Longford and from Longford to Cres-

sy although it will not be in the strict sense of an avenue as it is not proposed to plant a continuous line of trees but rather clusters of trees at irregular intervals.

The trees to be planted include a mixture of European varieties to complement the trees already in existence.

The Avenue will involve everyone in the Municipality and it is hoped that individuals and families will donate trees.

Local business houses in Longford have been very generous in their donations of help and money.



• Mr Page



Longford Municipal School Newsletter