

# *Invitation*



*The Southern Midlands Memorial Trees Committee*

*invites*

*Members of the Kempton Community*

*To the Centenary Commemoration of the  
Planting of the Memorial Avenue Trees at Kempton*

*with a speech by*

*Colonel RA Simpson (ret) AM*

*Music by the Australian Army Band Tasmania*

*with*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Regiment Re-enactment Troop*

*in attendance at Memorial Avenue, Kempton*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 11.00 am*

*Medals will be worn*

*Following the close, the Army Band, will lead the Light Horse and guests in a parade down the road to the RSL.  
Light lunch and refreshments will be provided by the Brighton & Green Ponds RSL Sub Branch in the  
Kempton RSL Memorial Hall.*

*Parking will be available in the streets at Kempton*

*RSVP by 15<sup>th</sup> August to Wendy: email [wyoung@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:wyoung@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au) or (03)6259 3011*

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*Lest We Forget*

*Please see overleaf for more details*

**Join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018** when we will be commemorating the centenary of the planting of the Memorial Avenue trees by the Community at Kempton in the Southern Midlands. We are seeking to involve the whole Community, including the Mayor and Councillors of Southern Midlands Council, RSL Sub Branch Presidents & Members from the Southern Midlands, the Green Ponds Progress Association, SM Memorial Trees Committee, the Kempton Primary School and as many Community members as possible.

As a reflection, many residents would be aware that the Macrocarpa Pine trees in Memorial Avenue at Kempton as well as other Avenues across Tasmania were planted in 1918, just prior to the end of World War 1. They were a place that the families could grieve, pay their respects and mourn the loss of their loved ones. These places remain a significant memorial today, one hundred years on.

Council and the Memorial Trees Committee have undertaken some development of the precinct, namely,

- Stage 1 is the shaping up of the entrance to Memorial Ave from Main Street Kempton. This will include the planting of traditional Rosemary plants by the Kempton Primary School students to skirt the kerbing as a visual cue to the entrance of the Memorial space. At the entrance to the Memorial space will be a commemorative plaque mounted on a sandstone block which will be unveiled during the ceremony. The new signage articulating the narrative of the trees and their linkage to the WW I Memorial Clock Tower in front of the Council Chambers was made possible by a very generous donation from a member of the Kempton Community. A flag pole will also be installed at this site.
- Stage 2 (Work in Progress) is the development of Memorial Park into a reflective and functional space for the Community to welcome visitors, family and friends to Kempton and keep alive this very important site at Memorial Avenue. This land, adjacent to Memorial Avenue, was kindly donated to the project by Tim & Tania Hoskinson. A reflective shelter has just been erected in the Park and this was funded by the State Government through the Community Infrastructure Program. A silhouette sculpture created by Folko & Maureen Kooper (also the creators of the Shadows of the Past sculptures along the Midland Highway) representing a Light Horseman and his horse will be erected shortly in Memorial Park. This is being funded by the Department of Veteran's Affairs through the Armistice Centenary Grants Program. A garden will be created around the sculpture which will be a collaborative effort by Council and the Community. Later this year some interpretative panels will be created in the Park and also a formal entrance to the park from Memorial Avenue.

The financial contribution that Council, as well as other funding bodies, along with the design and effort that the Memorial Trees Committee have put into this precinct is fitting, as it is in memory of the sacrifice of our original ANZACs and the generations of Australian servicemen & women who have defended our values and freedoms in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.



Clr Edwin Batt, Chairman, SMC Memorial Trees Committee