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SCHEDULE 11 TO THE SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO11**.

WORLD WAR 1 AVENUE OF HONOUR, NEWTOWN

1.0 Statement of nature and key elements of landscape

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A World War 1 Avenue of Honour, planted in 1918 comprising Quercus (Oaks), and mid twentieth century inter plantings of mixed exotic trees, signals the southern approach along the Pitfield – Scarsdale Road into Newtown. The avenue is in poor condition with severe pruning, trees missing and varied ages. The most intact cluster is situated in proximity to the Scarsdale State School.

The Scarsdale Avenue of Honour is of social and historical significance to the Golden Plains Shire as a site for community commemoration and a powerful landscape feature.

2.0 Landscape character objective to be achieved

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To recognise and protect the significant landscape values of the World War 1 Avenue of Honour as a dramatic entrance feature into the township.

To protect and maintain the Scarsdale Avenue of Honour as an important landscape feature.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is required to remove, prune or lop the Quercus (Oak) avenue and the inter plantings of mixed exotic trees on either side of the Pitfield – Scarsdale Road.

A planning permit is not required for works and maintenance of roads, railways and highways controlled by VicRoads or the Public Transport Corporation, where an agreed Vegetation Management Plan has been approved.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider:

- The preservation of the landscape values of the World War 1 Avenue of Honour;
- The conservation of significant stands of trees that provide dramatic entrance features into rural settlements;
- Whether the siting, bulk, form, design and use of materials of any proposed buildings or works will adversely impact the significance of the landscape values;
- Heritage Victoria’s Heritage Overlay Guideline 9 - Landscapes, Gardens and Trees.
- Australian Standard 4373 – 1996 “*Pruning of Amenity Trees*”

Figure 1: World War 1 Avenue of Honour Significant Landscape Overlay area

