

14. PAPANUI WAR MEMORIAL STREETS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board that the missing street plaques which form part of the tree lined WWII memorial in the Papanui area have now been replaced.

In 1947 Harry Tillman, a member of both the Papanui and Christchurch Beautifying Associations, arranged for service groups, including the Returned Services Association, to establish trees in certain streets in the Papanui area and for plaques to be erected, as a memorial to those who served in World War II.

Plaques were erected in these tree-lined streets: Alpha Avenue, Claremont Avenue, Condell Avenue, Dormer Street, Gambia Street, Halton Street, Kenwyn Avenue, Lansbury Avenue, Norfolk Street, Perry Street, Scotston Avenue, Tomes Road, Windermere Road, Tillman Avenue, St. James Avenue, Hartley Avenue.

Over the years a number of these plaques had gone missing, or were unsuitably placed. In the past month these have been replaced and existing signs re-situated in a uniform manner to ensure this war memorial is easily recognised.

It is important that the plaques and the trees are well maintained and looked after in a manner appropriate for a War Memorial. It is particularly important that the trees are maintained and renewed and gaps filled in as appropriate, to ensure the avenue effects are retained. To this end the Parks and Waterways and City Streets Managers have been made aware of the situation. The Board might like to monitor the matter from time to time.

Recommendation: That the information be received and that Papanui Advocacy staff monitor the plaques at least once each year on behalf of the Board.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.