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Wooden statue reinvigorated

Corryong residents will have noticed the reappearance of the wooden statue on the Donaldson Street corner in recent weeks as part of a recent Council landscaping project to improve the amenity of the area.

"The statue is very much part of the Corryong streetscape and Council is keen to ensure its longevity," said Cr Mary Fraser OAM, Mayor of Towong Shire Council.

"It was carved out of a cypress pine that was located on the corner and formed part of an avenue of honour commemorating the First World War."

The statue was dismantled in late March and taken to Albury restoration company, Inwood Restoration. It was thoroughly cleaned, had protective coatings replaced and a treatment performed with an ultraviolet oil to restore the natural timber and provide protection against mould, algae and fungal attack.

"The statue was remounted to a more secure cement plinth to minimise any future risk of deterioration. The statue now faces the RSL Hall; quite appropriate given that he is thought to be singing out the call-to-arms," said Cr Fraser.

Council has also completed drainage works and replaced a section of the footpath near the statue, levelling it out and finishing the surface with exposed aggregate. The school crossing is more defined within this area providing greater visibility. Final landscaping will include native grasses and other vegetation to be completed in the coming weeks.