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Preserving Cudgewa's living WW1 memorial

Significant restoration works to Cudgewa's Avenue of Honour, made up of over 270 trees planted in 1920, as well as the town's War Memorial have been undertaken this year. The project, co-ordinated by Towong Shire Council with the support of the Corryong RSL sub-branch, was funded by the Victorian Government's Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grants Program.

"Council was pleased to be able to work with the local community to ensure that the Avenue of Honour and the War Memorial is preserved as a fitting and dignified remembrance to the local men as well as other Australian men and women who served during the First World War," explained Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor.

Works to rejuvenate the War Memorial were completed in early April; ready for the Anzac Day observance of the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Almost 100 trees from the Avenue of Honour in Cudgewa required substantial arboricultural treatment, which was carried out in August. The Avenue of Honour trees, many of which are mature Scotch and Dutch Elms, were planted in remembrance of the 65 local men who served during the First World War.