The Story of Anzac Memorial Avenue

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Take a trip back in time and discover some of the earliest memorials featured on Anzac Avenue.

1. Anzac Avenue

In 1921 Thomas Rothwell, then President of the R.A.C.Q. proposed an “Avenue of Honour” to commemorate the soldiers of WWI. The road was funded chiefly by public funds supported by State and Federal government funding. Unemployed returned servicemen found relief in employment on the project.

2. North Pine School of Arts – Petrie

The first Anzac Memorial Avenue trees were planted outside the Petrie School of Arts by the Governor of Queensland Sir Matthew Nathan. 1800 trees were subsequently planted between Petrie and Redcliffe. Mrs Petrie was presented with the certificate for the first tree, which sadly did not survive, however some original plantings remain around the old School of Arts building.

3. Anzac Park

The cairn located in the park beside the Petrie railway commemorates the construction of the road and the tree planting program

4. Pine Rivers Memorial Gate

Sir Matthew Nathan unveiled the soldiers’ memorial gates at Lawnton, North Pine, on 28 July, 1923. Wives and mothers of the men who lost their lives in the Great War were presented with badges of life membership on behalf of the Pine Rivers Show Society. The gates were moved to the Pine Rivers R.S.L. Memorial Garden, Kallangur in 1986.

5. Strathpine Honour Board

The Honour Board was designed by a leading Brisbane metal worker, Ernest Gunderson, in 1921. It was commissioned by the Strathpine Patriotic League and hung in the Pine Rivers Shire Hall (Old Shire Hall) until 1980 when it was moved to the local Norths Leagues Club.