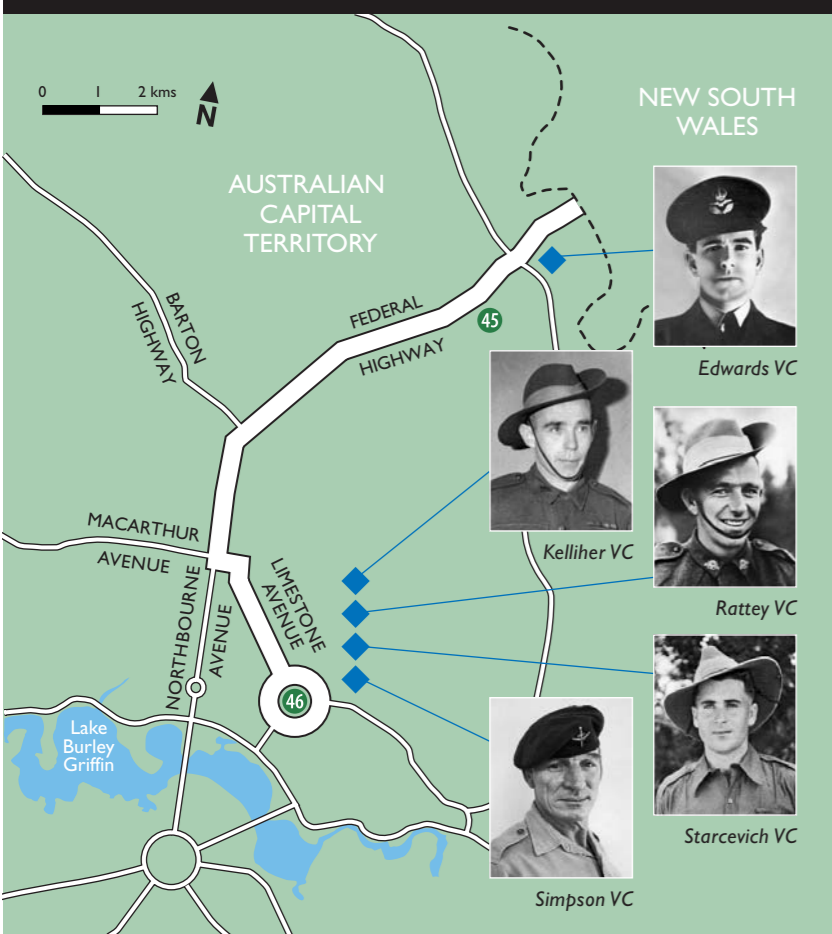


CANBERRA ROUTE MAP



45 Canberra District: Five plantations along the Federal Highway in the ACT including gums, pines, oaks, elms, poplars, willows and wattles. Planted from 1955 onwards.

46 Australian War Memorial and Remembrance Park: Three snow gums planted in 2002 to mark the Canberra end of the driveway. A grove of allepo pines planted in Limestone Avenue in 1990.

SYDNEY ROUTE MAP



1 Macquarie Place: Two plane trees planted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in 1954 to mark the Sydney end of the Driveway.

2 South Strathfield: Landscaped plantations of 5000 eucalypts, acacias, casuarinas and grevilleas. Planted by Strathfield Council in 1990.

3 Chullora: An established avenue of trees and grevilleas on the north side of the Hume Highway.

4 Winsor Park: A small park planted by State Rail with eucalypts and kaffir plums in 1955, upgraded with 150 eucalypts and ficus in 1995.

5 Bass Hill: Lemon-scented gums planted in 1957 by Qantas. Upgraded in 1993 with 166 lemon-scented gums, tallowwood and plane trees.

6 Bass Hill: Figtrees and poplars planted in 1962 and lemon-scented gums planted by the BCOF Veterans Association in 1992.

7 Bass Hill, Gregory Street: Lemon-scented gums planted in 1993 and dedicated as 18 Brigade Memorial Park.

8 Bass Hill, Hector Street: Sydney red gums planted by Leyland Australia in 1962.

9 Bass Hill, Johnston Road: On the south side of the Hume Highway a plantation of melaleuca established in 1965 and upgraded with 500 new trees in 1994-95.

10 Bass Hill Plaza: Memorial Garden established in 1996 with additional trees planted to Arundle Road.

11 Bass Hill, Arundle Road: A small plantation of eucalypts and casuarinas.

12 Bass Hill, Berridale Estate: Eucalypts planted in 1967 were virtually destroyed by building operations, but replanted with melaleuca, spotted gums and turpentine in 1970.

13 Villawood: From Miller Road to Woodville Road a long avenue of spotted gums with mixed species at each end planted in 1962. Includes 504 spotted gums and grey box planted in 1992 as Vietnam Veterans Memorial plantation.

14 Villawood, Burke Square: A plantation of 450 eucalypts, Australian figs and some exotic species established in 1957.

15 Lansdowne Bridge, Centre Islands: A fine stand of spotted gums and red flowering ironbarks planted in 1958.

16 Lansdowne Bridge, Eastern Side: A large park of eucalypts, pines and deciduous and evergreen trees planted in 1962.

17 Lennox Reserve: A landscaped park of pines, poplars and paperbarks established in 1960.

18 Cabramatta, Huntingdale Avenue: A small park of mugga ironbark established in 1973.

19 Cabramatta: A park of Chinese elms, liquidambars and bunya pines planted by the Garden Club of Australia in 1955.

20 Cabramatta: A small park between Old Liverpool Road and the Highway planted with eucalypts and casuarinas in 1979.

21 Warwick Farm: Landscaped gardens and plantations tended by Peter Warren Motors and Masterton Homes.

22 Liverpool, Berryman Reserve: A plantation of eucalypts, turpentines, pines and poplars at Warwick Farm Railway Station established in 1956.

23 Casula: Two plantations of 400 eucalypts established in 1991 by Liverpool City Council.

About this oral history...

Oral history has been described as 'a picture of the past in people's own words'. It is based on stories by people who were involved in life's events, told in their own, passionate words. It adds to the official written record and gives us a more intimate and personal perspective on how, when and why things happened. Oral history is a means of communicating how individuals perceived and dealt with challenge, achievement and failure. It often reveals the unsung heroes, those actually responsible for innovations and important changes, and provides them with an opportunity to evaluate their actions in a wider occupational, social and political context.

The RTA established its Oral History Program in 1997 to investigate various topics of historical interest. *The Remembrance Driveway and VC Rest Areas* is the 12th thematic oral history to be undertaken as part of the program. It is based on 38 hours of digitally recorded interviews with 19 individuals – current and former members of the Remembrance Driveway Committee, local historians, landscape designers and an eminent military historian. It discusses how the concept of a Remembrance Driveway developed out of a desire to create a living memorial of trees to those who had served in World War II, rather than construct more built monuments. The oral history also provides background information on each of the VC recipients featured in the Rest Areas along the Hume and Federal Highways between Sydney and Canberra.

The Remembrance Driveway commemorates all those who served in the Australian Defence Forces during World War II, subsequent conflicts and peace keeping missions, and those who currently serve in operational theatres around the world. It is a tribute from those who remember yesterday and who have faith in tomorrow.

Compiled excerpts from the original interviews may also be accessed on the RTA website. Go to www.rta.nsw.gov.au/oralhistory and follow the links to "The Remembrance Driveway and VC Rest Areas". Further information on Remembrance Driveway can be found in the brochure **Remembrance Driveway – a living memorial**, available at www.remembrancedriveway.org.au

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