

HOLY TRINITY *Anglican Cathedral*

The Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral was the first Anglican Church in Wangaratta, built in 1856.

The War Memorial Gardens, which were developed in 1904, are adjacent to the Cathedral.

The landscape has been simplified over time with a large number of trees being removed, although there are still a number of significant trees in the grounds.

Araucaria bidwillii Bunya Pine Tree: This is a female variety of tree. You can determine this by the shape of the cone, female varieties being round whereas male varieties are a long spike shape. Every 3 years it drops its cones and they can weigh up to 10kg!

This tree was important to our history as it provided a rich food source for aboriginals.

Another fine historical tree on the premises is *Ulmus procera* (English Elm) this remains beside the bell tower believed to be planted in 1900. It was once a part of a row of Elm trees along the entrance of the driveway.



BAKER & TEMPLETON *Streets*



Hidden away and mainly used for a shady car parking area are magnificent untouched specimens of *Platanus sp*, more commonly known as a Plane tree.

These trees are significant as they have never had to be pruned to reduce their height under powerlines. This leaves us with a true display of an avenue of Plane trees.

One of the large Plane trees on the east side of the car park is claimed to be one of the largest Plane trees in the state!

This area was originally used as a small private park with access to a mini golf course and swimming club facilities.



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KING GEORGE V *Gardens*



King George V Gardens was originally used as a Police paddock in 1850's for keeping their horses.

Then in 1864 the area was used as a market sales yard, and stockyards were built. So the large trees surrounding you know as: *Platanus sp* or Plane tree, were purposely planted for shade. It was suggested in 1938 when the gardens were formed that the trees be removed to incorporate a new design! Luckily they are still here for us to enjoy today.

Maintenance: Plane trees are quite resistant trees and not a lot of maintenance is required. Regular dead wooding is most important for the tree's health, and occasionally underpruning for pedestrian access.

Constant leaf drop creates fun for kids but is a headache for the gardeners when mowing. This is one area where leaves cannot be mulched and placed on streetscape gardens, as it takes many years for just on Plane tree leaf to break down.