

# Snug's Aleppo Pine



In 1915 the famous Lone Pine at Gallipoli was shelled before the Australian and New Zealand forces reached it. The pine's branches were used as overhead cover by the Turkish soldiers. When Lance Corporal Benjamin Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion) reached this position he took a pine cone from the branches and sent it home to his mother. She kept it in a drawer until 1928 when she successfully propagated two of the seeds. One of these was planted at the Australian War Memorial in 1934.

In 1981 Mr. Stephan Mucha decided to pursue further propagation of the pine so as not to lose the tangible connection to one of Australia's most revered historical events.

Snug's Aleppo Pine, planted in 1987 at the request of the local RSL is one of those Mr. Mucha succeeded in propagating from the original tree grown by L. Cpl. Smith's mother.

It is the 'grandchild' of the famous Lone Pine, a symbol of the ANZACs.

We are honoured by its presence.