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WAR EXHIBITION HEADS TO FRANCE

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AN ARMADALE woman will travel to France this month to showcase her photographs of the tree-lined streets that honour war veterans.

For the past decade Sarah Wood has been busy commemorating our war men and women by photographing Avenues of Honour — tree-lined streets found mostly in regional towns that pay tribute to men and women who went to war.

This month she will showcase her exhibition, Avenues of Honour, at the Franco-Australian Museum in Villers-Bretonneux.

Wood said there were

about 700 avenues across the country and she struggled to think of a place to start when commencing her project.

But Heritage Victoria pointed her in the right direction when they suggested she start with the avenues that were heritage listed, of which there were only five at the time. Since then she has photographed 24 avenues across the country, an experience she said was moving.

"Each tree represents an Australian man or woman (who has served in a war). (And) each avenue is completely community oriented," Wood said.

"Each little community started it."



Photographer and Armadale resident Sarah Wood with her work. Picture: MARK DADSWELL