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## New plaque for blunder

Bernie Dowling

THE fate of the two 90-year-old memorial trees felled in error by Moreton Bay Regional Council should be etched in stone and metal. That is the view of North Pine Historical Society president Judy Dohle who wants a plaque explaining what happened to the two palms which were outside North Pine School of Arts near Petrie Roundabout. Mrs Dohle wants the plaque beside the present one which is just metres from the palm stumps. The two trees were first planted in 1925 on the then Anzac Memorial Avenue as commemorated by World War I Diggers, but were sliced to the ground when administrators failed to check registers of trees of historical significance. A council spokesman said the felled palms would be replaced with mature palms replanted as soon as possible. Mrs Dohle agrees with that general strategy. "But you can't pass them off as the same trees on the original plaque," she said. "It needs a new plaque to explain what happened." Acknowledging the mistake taken felling? Mrs Dohle, a member of Bat Conservation and Rescue Queensland, said: "I asked council and North Pine Historical Society members to consider replacing them with mature beautiful, self-fertilising native palms like foxtail or bangalow."



Judy Dohle and Brent Ledez by the palm stumps.

A spokeswoman for Bio Security Queensland said: "Seedlings from the original (destroyed Anzac Ave) palms will also be planted and protected at the site." A council spokesman said: "Requirements imposed by local governments," she said. A council website said: "A council spokeswoman for Bio Security Queensland said: "Seedlings from the original (destroyed Anzac Ave) palms will also be planted and protected at the site."

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