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# Arthurs Creek Store and Post Office, 910 Arthurs Creek Road ARTHURS CREEK



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Arthurs Creek Store and Post Office - Plan prepared from recent aerial image (Nillumbik Shire, NTS) contributory elements as shown

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## Location

910 Arthurs Creek Road ARTHURS CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO179

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 8, 2009

HERITAGE VALUE 2005: Local

## SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

What is significant?

Fabric associated with: . .

- the Victorian & Edwardian-eras
- William & George Murphy tenure

How is it significant?

The former Arthurs Creek Store and Post Office is historically significant to the Nillumbik Shire and Arthurs Creek:

Why is it significant?

The former Arthurs Creek Store and Post Office is significant:

,.as a well preserved public building in the area for over 100 years (Criterion 4)

- for the close association with the pioneering Murphy family and proximity to other public buildings facilitated by the family's land gifts (Criterion H1)
- for the rare shopfront details and siting (Criterion B2).
- for strong evocation of the traditional store and post office building type within the Shire (Criterion D1)
- as a contributory part of a locally significant historic landscape and building group (Criterion A4)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - C13 Heritage Stage 2 Final Report Revised Citation, Graeme Butler and Assoc., 2001; Nillumbik - Whittlesea Heritage Study, M Gould, 1991;
Construction dates	1899,
Other Names	Old Store and Post Office,
Hermes Number	118962
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

This former shop, post office & residence is set on a L-shape rectilinear plan, with a splayed corner entry at the south-east. The walls are clad with square edge weatherboard and corrugated iron covers the hipped main roof and skillion form rear wings and verandahs. A deep timber-framed verandah runs across the rare 4-pane shopfront and a shallower verandah extends down the residential east side and south-west faces. Here the verandah post are square section with moulded capitals and cast-iron brackets but on the side the verandah posts are turned in the Edwardian-era manner but lack a decorative frieze. The two verandah forms mark the two stages of the building. The residential entry to the south has panelled joinery while the store entry has a vertical

boarded door with top light. Windows are typically double-hung timber sashes and chimneys are red brick with corbelled tops. An ornamental picket fence with shaped post closes off the residential verandah, with the name 'Murphy' stencilled on a panel just inside the gate. Joinery around openings has the typical Victorian-era moulded architraves and a metal postal slot with hood is set in the wall as a reminder of the building's former function, along with the more-recent telephone box to the east.

Meredith Gould, Conservation Consultants. 1991: .

'The design and siting contribute to the past use to make this building the focus of the Arthurs Creek township. Its straight forward late Victorian timber details are adapted to the sloping site and angled road to produce quirky integration of house and attached shop reminiscent of Unplanned gold mining settlements. Particularly unusual is the splayed door to the shop commonly only employed on corner sites throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, but here used to align with the road and mark the shop and Post Office. Reinforcing this peculiar placement is a veranda which partly occupies the public street land and partly the private land with a roof pitched with the hip at the splayed entrance.'

Other significant elements include an underground tank with corrugated iron roof at the rear.

## **Integrity**

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Although in only fair condition, the building is near externally original to the Edwardian-era development phase, with only details missing or changed such as the verandah posts across the shopfront, the roof guttering (now filled with grass) and the (assumed) verandah frieze the verandah floor on the southwest is part rotted away.

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