
Belle Vue

Location

17-21 Livingstone Road ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO255

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 12, 2009

What is significant?

The 1914 house, the surrounding trees, the rock retaining wall, the early entry driveway and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?

The house is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

The surrounding garden is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The house is historically significant because it is associated with the pioneering Williams family and the earliest development of Eltham and is situated on land that has been farmed since 1852 (Criteria H & A). The house is also significant as a rare example of a twentieth century farm in the Eltham area and as a representative example of a well developed and prosperous mixed use farm and dairy in Eltham that operated in the nineteenth and early twentieth century (Criteria B & D). The house is aesthetically significant because its construction demonstrates typical Federation Arts and Crafts characteristics, particularly in the form, roof design, the galvanised iron

cladding, the splayed corbelled red brick chimney, the gable end decoration of roughcast plaster between timber strapping, and the timber weatherboard cladding). The interior of the house has also been well preserved: the windows are intact as is the front door and door furniture, the timber dado in the hall, the extensive plaster walls and ceilings and the fireplace mantels. The house also features several Art Nouveau decorations, including the letter slot in the door, the timber hall screen, the tiles and the fireplace surrounds (Criterion E).

The garden is historically and aesthetically significant because the landscaped setting features large mature exotic Oak, Bhutan, Cypress and Pine trees which are a reminder of patterns of planting at the time of the house's construction and which are now rare in the Shire (Criteria A, B & E).

Construction dates 1914,

Hermes Number 121694

Property Number

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