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# SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR ARTEFACT SCATTER 2

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## Location

40 SIMPSON ROAD CHRISTMAS HILLS, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0456

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The site is of local archaeological and historical significance. It is historically important for its relationship to the first pastoral settlement in the area and has high archaeological potential.

Interpretation of Site    Historical artefact scatter.

Other Names                Sugarloaf Rifle Range,    Sugarloaf Sailing and Boat Club,    Christmas Hills,

Hermes Number            44018

Property Number

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## History

Christmas Hill is named after David Christmas, a lone shepherd who lost his way en route to Joseph Stevenson's run in 1842. In 1851 Henry Dendy and James McPherson held between them all of the land that now forms the

Christmas Hills area. The boundary was established by a row of blazed trees running northward from Yerin gorge to Mount Graham and on to Watson Creek, it was later demarcated by a dirt track (Pretty Sally Track, 1863) and then renamed Ashmore Road.

In 1865, Robert Lorimer secured the first land title and established the Flying Squirrel Hotel on the property as well as operating the first unofficial post office in the area. The property was sold to the Conolly family following Lorimer's death. Hamilton Sloan, a successful gold miner at One Tree Hill selected land adjoining Lorimer's at the south and extending east with the northern party of Pretty Sally Track dividing the portions.

Several civic services were established in the late nineteenth century...(for full report see site card).

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