

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## Location

265 ELTHAM-YARRA GLEN ROAD KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO46

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

**What is significant?**

The fabric associated with the c1878 polychrome brick church, attributed to architect C.W. Maplestone, and the c1892 weatherboard vestry addition at the rear of the church, and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

**How is it significant?**

The Presbyterian church is historically, architecturally, aesthetically, socially and spiritually significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The church is historically, socially and spiritually significant because it has served the local community for over 110 years and is associated with several prominent local families, including the Donaldsons, the Bells and the Camerons (Criteria G & H). The church is historically and aesthetically significant as one of a group of three well preserved public buildings in the Kangaroo Ground hamlet (see also HO47 and HO48) and as a major heritage component of Kangaroo Ground which was one of the earliest settled areas of the Shire and which has the character of an English village rather than an Australian settlement (Criteria A & E). The church is architecturally significant as one of only four 19th century brick churches in the Shire. Its simple design reflects its country location and Presbyterian congregation (Criteria H, E & B).

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;

Construction dates 1878,

Architect/Designer Maplestone, Charles W,

Hermes Number 55571

Property Number

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**Historical Australian Themes**

## TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EARLY SETTLEMENT

## 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## 8.6.1 Worshipping together

## 8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

## 8.6.4 Making places for worship

## 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

**Physical Description 1**

Style Victorian Gothic.

Design fairly standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls solid face brick.

Roof gabled, slate clad.

Features are the tiled central porch, now open though originally it probably had doors, the decorative window arches, paired lancet windows above the porch, buttresses, moulded parapet bricks and the gable cross. At the rear is the gabled weatherboard vestry with its corrugated iron roof, riveted iron water tank, 4-panel doors and corbelled brick chimney.

The National Trust of Australia citation for the church is:

'A small brick church consecrated in 1878 and attributed to the architect CW Mapleston which is of some interest for the banded bichrome voussoirs and more especially for its extremely close resemblance to Nathaniel Billing's St John's Cranbourne, of 1864-5. Apart from the addition of a vestry in 1892 the building is intact.' { 12}.

The church is one of four 19th century brick churches in the Shire: see St. Margaret's Church of England Church, 1861; former Wesleyan Church, 1880, both Eltham; St Johns Church of England, 1867, Diamond Creek.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Later Use: Presbyterian Church

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