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# WEATHERBOARD HOUSE, 780 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE RD, Hurstbridge



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## Location

780 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE RD WATTLE GLEN, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO65

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

House demolished 2011

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

**What is significant?**

The c1915 house, which was formerly the Hurstbridge police station, the gabled outbuilding and the surrounding site to the extent of the title boundaries.

**How is it significant?**

The house and the associated gabled outbuilding are historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The house is historically significant as one of only three remaining pre-1920 houses that were built opposite the railway station, following the opening of the railway line in 1912, and because it is a reminder of the town's growth following the railway's completion (Criteria A & B). The house is historically significant for its connections to the pioneering orchardist George Apted and the Hurstbridge Cool Stores, and because it was later used as the Hurstbridge Police Station (c1935-1954), while the gabled outbuilding reputedly served as the police lock-up (Criteria A & H).

**BUTLER STUDY, 2001****Revised statement of significance**

Given its good state of external preservation as seen from the street (if not condition) the house is significant to the Nillumbik Shire:

- . For its close association with early police work in Hurstbridge;
- . For its association with early suburban land development arising from the advent of the railway;
- . As one of three surviving pre 1920 houses built opposite the new railway station; and
- . For its initial connection with the pioneering orchardist, Apted, and the Hurstbridge Cool Stores which was in turn associated with the major primary industry in the area at that time.

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**Bick Statement of significance**

Most probably constructed after the coming of the railway in 1912, this building is a significant streetscape element and one of just three surviving pre 1920 houses that were built opposite the Railway Station. The opening of the railway line had a major impact on the growth of Hurstbridge and this house is the southernmost of a very largely intact group of buildings from that period that still form the heart of the town. Only Allwood further north on the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road predates the coming of the railway.

**BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:****ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEME****STREETSCAPE****ARCHITECTURE****DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE****EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE BUILDING AND SITE**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992; Nillumbik - Nillumbik Heritage Investigation, Graeme Butler, 2000;
Construction dates	1910,
Hermes Number	55969
Property Number	

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## Historical Australian Themes

### TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

5.8 Working on the land

7.6.3 Policing Australia

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Physical Description 1

Style Edwardian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roof hipped with front gable, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the gabled projecting front room, front verandah, roof and early sleepout? addition.

## Usage/Former Usage

Original and Continuing Use: House

## Physical Conditions

### Description

This is a simple and typical weatherboard Federation Bungalow style house with a projecting gabled room bay and three-light casement windows, a Dutch'-hipped main roof and integral verandah with fretted brackets' arid slatted and scalloped frieze, and a red brick main chimney. There is a related hedge remnant at the front of the house. New windows have been placed in the sides and rear.

The house is in only fair condition with a need to:

- . Reblock, repair floor framing and rebuild the verandah,
- . attend to roof drainage;
- . resto're windows; and
- . restore and refix verandah elements such as the balustrade and frieze., Nearby is a simple gabled out-building which was reputedly used as a lockup. A detached laundry at the rear is in a ruinous state.

## Intactness

Mrs AM Burke's submission

Mrs Burke is unwilling to maintain' the house although it needs a lot of work because of its age;

She wishes to maintain the development potential of the land (units?).

She does not question its heritage worth.

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