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# HURSTBRIDGE POST OFFICE (FORMER EVELYN OBSERVER OFFICE)



Hurstbridge Post Office 794  
Heid King Rd Colour 4 - Shire  
of Eltham Heritage Study  
1992



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## Location

794 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE ROAD HURSTBRIDGE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO68

## 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 1918 *Evelyn Observer* office and the 1930s additions (when it was converted to a post office) and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

### ***How is it significant?***

The office is historically, aesthetically and socially significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

### ***Why is it significant?***

The office is historically significant because it was constructed for the local newspaper, the *Evelyn Observer* and is associated with Robert Harris and Decimus Mott, both prominent members of the local community and important figures in the establishment and maintenance of the local press. The size and prominence of the office illustrates the important role that the newspaper played in the town's life prior to the development of radio and television (Criteria A & H). The office is also historically significant because it was constructed in 1918, shortly after the arrival of the railway (1912) and is a reminder of the way in which the railway acted as a catalyst to the development of the town (Criterion A). The office is historically and socially significant because it has served as a post office since 1930, has been a centre for community life for over 70 years and is now partly occupied by a cafe (Criterion G). The office is historically and aesthetically significant as a good example of late Edwardian design and an important component of a group of pre-1950s structures in this part of the town (Criteria D & E).

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

Construction dates 1918, 1930,

Other Names Evelyn Observer Office (former),

Hermes Number 55980

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

## TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### PROMINENT RESIDENTS (ROBERT HARRIS AND DECIMUS MOTT)

3.7.1 Establishing postal services

3.20.1 Making, printing and distributing newspapers

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

### **Physical Description 1**

Style Edwardian.

Design basically standard, combined shop and dwelling.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.?

Roof gabled with eaves, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the projecting shop section with original shop window and the decorative gable above, the setback residence section with its timber verandah across the flat facade and the size of the building.

### **Usage/Former Usage**

Original Use: Printing Office

Later Use: Post Office and Residence

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