
HURSTBRIDGE UNITING CHURCH AND HALL. ORIGINALLY METHODIST CHURCH, S.E.CNR. MELISSA COURT, HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE RD



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Location

1006 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE ROAD HURSTBRIDGE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO60

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1925 Uniting church with its c1949 vestry, and the Edwardian hall (originally located in Greensborough and moved to Plenty in 1965 and then to this site in 1985).

How is it significant?

The church is socially, spiritually and historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.
The Edwardian hall is historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik

Why is it significant?

The church is historically significant because its construction illustrates the growth of Hurstbridge following the arrival of the railway in 1912, when it was still a rural hamlet (Criterion A). It is socially and spiritually significant because it has served the community over a long period of time (Criterion G).

The Edwardian hall is historically significant because it illustrates the common practice of relocating timber buildings upon the basis of need and because its relocation shows how much the population of Hurstbridge and the surrounding districts has grown since the 1970s (Criterion A).

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

Construction dates 1925, 1949, 1950, 1985,

Hermes Number 63237

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes**TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT****8.6 Worshipping****8.6.1 Worshipping together****8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies****8.6.4 Making places for worship****Physical Description 1**

Style Victorian.

Design standard, hall Edwardian.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roofs gabled with eaves, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the front porch (disused), pointed head windows, simple typical form of both church and hall and the hall's projecting front window.

The Monterey Cypress trees have a maximum trunk diameter of 300mm and may have been part of a longer line of trees forming a hedge or windbreak.

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Methodist Church

Present Use: Uniting Church

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