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# MONTEREY CYPRESS TREE "FERGUSON'S Paddock", HURSTBRIDGE-ARTHURS CREEK RD



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## Location

12 HURSTBRIDGE-ARTHURS CREEK RD HURSTBRIDGE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO214

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1992

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a tree of substantial size and age, certainly one of the oldest of this species in the district and would date from the early settlement of the area.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria) 2001:

MONTEREY CYPRESS TREE - FERGUSON'S Paddock is significant to the locality of Hurstbridge:

- for its historical link with the Grey family and in turn to the Hursts, pioneers of the area, as expressed by its size and maturity (Criterion H1) ;
- for the association with the nearby Allwood house as part of its early landscape setting (Criterion A4).

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BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HORTICULTURE

STREETSCAPE

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ENTIRE TREE AND SITE TO A RADIUS OF 10 METRES

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992; Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Cupressus macrocarpa,
Hermes Number	63376
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

EARLY SETTLEMENT

PRIVATE PLANTING

This is a very large tree located by the edge of the road at the entry to Ferguson's Paddock. It is showing some signs of aging and wind image with a large broken limb.

### REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:

This example is assumed to be the largest of a group of Monterey cypress located at the current, entry to Ferguson's Paddock (340423E, 5832721 N). It is about 35m high and 2m diameter.

'Cupressus macrocarpa' 'Endemic to a very short stretch of the central Californian coast near Monterey, this grows into one of the largest of all cypresses, reaching 120 ft (36 m) tall with a trunk diameter of 8 ft (2.4 m). When planted in a grove it forms a tall, straight trunk, but in the open in good soil it branches low with massive,

spreading limbs, producing abroad, dense crown of deep green with a rather spiky outline. Close up, the foliage is rather coarse, and it has a slightly sour smell when bruised. The cones are large and wrinkled..

It thrives best in cool but mild climates with winter rainfall and takes only 10 years or so to form a dense 30-40 ft (9-12 m) tree. Golden cultivars include 'Brunniana', somewhat columnar; the foliage ageing almost green; the vigorous 'Aurea', with long, golden spikes of foliage spreading 'almost horizontally; and 'Aurea Saligna' with remarkable weeping, gold-tipped branchlets and elongated scale leaves. A lower-growing cultivar to 4 ft (1.2 m) is 'Greenstead Magnificent', which spreads to form a flat-topped, dense mat of pale green-green foliage, drooping around the edges; as the plant ages the whole becomes raised above the ground on a short trunk. 'Goldcrest' is a small conical form with golden foliage {Botanica}.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

## **Integrity**

Substantially intact/some intrusions

## **Historical Australian Themes**

EARLYSETTLEMENT, PRIVATE PLANTING

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