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# WEATHERBOARD RESIDENCE AND MATURE EXOTIC PLANTING - THE CREST



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## Location

555 KANGAROO GROUND-ST. ANDREWS ROAD PANTON HILL, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO95

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### ***What is significant?***

The 1900 house, the c1929 boarding school additions, the c1930s additions and the entire site to a radius of 50 metres.

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

The house is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

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

The house is historically significant because it is associated with the prominent businessman, and former Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir Stephen Morrell (1869-1944) and because in the 1920s it was used as a boarding school; boarding schools were rare in the Shire (Criteria B & H). The house is also significant as a rare example of a large weatherboard residence constructed prior to 1940 in the Shire and because the evolved form of the building reflects its use first as a residence and then as a private boarding school (Criteria A & B). The house is aesthetically significant because of its size, prominent location (on top of a ridge) and its overall degree of intactness (Criterion E).

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

Construction dates 1900, 1910, 1929, 1930, 1962,

Other Names The Crest,

Hermes Number 63455

Property Number

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## **Historical Australian Themes**

PROMINENT RESIDENTS?

TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

FARMING?

6.2 Establishing schools

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **Physical Description 1**

Style Late Victorian.

Design evolved.

Plan L-shaped.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roofs hipped and, gabled, pre 1930 sections have no eaves, corrugated iron clad; later sections have eaves.

Features are-the size of the building, its evolved form, and the different stages of the building's history that they " illustrate, the dining room, the degree of intactness, the water tank and cellar, the mature exotic planting,

particularly the Radiata Pine trees and the ridge-top site.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Continuing Use: Residence

Later Owners: Early 20th century Major Johnson, By 1922 Sir Stephen Joseph Morell, 1929 - Roche-Pearsons boarding school, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Marshall

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