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# ST. MATTHEW'S 1) CHURCH, 2) HALL, 3) WAR MEMORIAL CROSS AND 4) MATURE EXOTIC PLANTING, N.W. CNR CHURCH-ROAD, KANGAROO GROUND-ST. ANDREWS ROAD



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## Location

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

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO96

## 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 early 20th century church and the war memorial cross and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

**How is it significant?**

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

The war memorial cross is historically, socially and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The church is historically, socially and spiritually significant because it has been a focus for the community since its construction in the early 20th century (Criterion G). The church is aesthetically significant as a good example of a standard design early 20th century church and an important streetscape element (Criterion E). The grouping of church, memorial cross, school, store and post office, that occurs within the centre of Pantom Hill, is typical of the pattern of development in country towns throughout Victoria (Criteria A & E).

The war memorial cross is historically and socially significant as the area's monument to the 20th century wars (Criterion G) and because its modest scale is a reminder of the lack of affluence in the town and surrounding area (Criterion A).

**BICK STUDY, 1992**

St. Matthew's Church has historic significance as the town's church and physical and social foci for the community. The standard design buildings are good examples and important streetscape elements. The war memorial cross is the area's monument to the 20th century wars and its modest scale in comparison with the granite Eltham and towered Kangaroo Ground memorials illustrates the lack of affluence in the town and surrounding area. The grouping of church, school, store and post office is typical of country villages throughout Victoria. The Radiata Pine plantings are significant as an intact line of shelterbelt planting typical of the early 20th century.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

STREETSCAPE

RARITY

SOCIAL

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ALL OF BOTH BUILDINGS, WAR MEMORIAL, MATURE EXOTIC SITE PLANTING AND SITE

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

Construction dates 1900, 1920, 1925,

Other Names MONTEREY PINE TREES - Pinus radiata,

Hermes Number 63456

Property Number

## Historical Australian Themes

TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

PRIVATE PLANTING

8.6 Worshipping

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.8 Remembering the fallen

## Physical Description 1

Buildings

Style church Victorian, hall Edwardian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud" construction, weatherboard clad.

Roofs gabled, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the modest scale and detailing of both buildings.

War Memorial Cross

Pre-cast? concrete cross with decorative mouldings.

Monterey Cypress trees

The two largest trees are in the North-East corner of the site and are over 20 Metres in height and have a trunk diameter of 700- 800MM. The other trees are slightly smaller and probably younger. All of these trees are in fairly good health.

## Usage/Former Usage

Buildings

Original and Continuing Use: Church and hall

War Memorial

Original and Continuing Use: War Memorial

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