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# Diamond Creek Cricket Reserve and tree rows



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## Location

28 Main Hurstbridge Road and 2 Diamond Street DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO168

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 8, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### What is significant?

The c1899 Diamond Creek Cricket Reserve and tree specimens including: Elms on the south side of the street, the Plane and Peppercorn trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*), the Canary Island Pines (*Pinus canariensis*), the Bunya Bunyas (*Araucaria bidwillii*), the eucalypts beside the creek and the remnant Hawthorn hedges.

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

The Diamond Creek cricket reserve and tree specimens are historically, socially and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

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

The reserve is historically and socially significant as it was home to notable Collingwood football stars Syd and Gordon Coventry and because it has been used by the local community for over 100 years (Criteria G & H). The reserve is historically significant for its association with the development of local horticulture and because it was the subject of promotional literature used to market the natural wonders of the district (Criterion A). The reserve is aesthetically significant for the range and maturity of its specimens of Canary island Pines, Bunya Bunyas and Elms, which date from the early 1900s, and because it is in a well preserved state (Criterion E).

### **BUTLER STUDY, 2001**

The Diamond Creek cricket reserve is of regional significance

- for its long use by the local community as a place of sport and recreation and its relatively well preserved state as a reflection of that period;
- for the range and maturity of its specimens of conifers and elms on the creek bank that date back to the early 1900s.
- for its association with the development of local horticulture
- as the subject of promotional literature, used to epitomise the natural wonders of the Diamond Creek district

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 1997;

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## **Physical Description 1**

Trees include elms on the south side of the street leading to the memorial (some badly lopped opposite Elizabeth Street, poor health); west and south side of reserve are plane and pepper trees ('Schinus molle' var. 'areira'), a large elm, Canary Island pines ('Pinus canariensis' - 3 needle 100mm, pink bark ?), Bunya Bunyas (3 'Araucaria bidwillii'), old gums at creek.

On the other side of the creek, near the toilets, is a remnant Hawthorn hedge row which may indicate a former track. Reserve purchased from Dr Phipps by the Heidelberg Shire c1899.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Haven and refuge- rural attractions for various groups

Community growth- local government

8. Developing Australia's cultural life

8.1 Organising recreation

8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens

8.1.4 Enjoying the natural environment

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