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Location

80 Dodd Street ST ANDREWS, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO194

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is the best designed timber pole framed, all timber dwelling in the Shire of Eltham. The design is very creative and may well be found to have architectural importance beyond the Shire. It is an integral member of the group of innovative houses and residences constructed in this Municipality from the 1950s.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria) 2001:

The Richards house is significant to the Nillumbik Shire:

- as one of the best examples of a timber pole framed, all-timber dwelling in the Shire (Criterion 02);
- as a creative solution to the sloping terrain and timbered environs with high architectural importance for its type, as judged within the metropolitan area (Criterion F1);
- as an integral member of the group of innovative but rustic houses constructed in the former Eltham Municipality from the 1950s as part of an Eltham Style (Criterion A4, F1);

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001; |
| Hermes Number | 64114 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

Style Eltham style Design unique Plan polygonal Two storeyed mostly Walls timber stud-framed?; treated pine main posts Roof pitched with eaves, steel deck clad Features are the design, with its angled floor plan, vertical timber board walls, exposed pole frame, different floor levels and roofs and the natural bush setting

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:

And above but on three levels, with natural or stained timber external finishes.

The design is one of a group of often irregularly shaped houses built on sloping sites in the 1970s and 1980s, with angled walls and roof forms, a multiple levels. One example is the Cave House designed by Ken Robinson at Wye River 1975: like most other examples it uses more refined materials than the Richards House, with dressed exposed timbers and a concrete masonry drum motif. The same architect designed a house, also with an angle plan and attached drum form in Banoon Road, Eltham.1975.

Integrity

Externally intact/minimal intrusions

Physical Conditions

Externally excellent (undisturbed, well-preserved)

Historical Australian Themes

ELTHAM BUILDING STYLES, SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

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