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Location

205 KANGAROO GROUND-WATTLE GLEN ROAD WATTLE GLEN, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO223

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Though altered, this building is one of the small number of surviving 19th century/1900s farm houses in the Shire that retains its originally detached kitchen and stable/barn and thus exemplifies, the home of the 'small settler' during the period in which it was built. The sizable weatherboard stable/barn with its brick lower section is a rare survivor and the two buildings illustrate the operation of a small farm/orchard. The surviving mature fruit trees

indicate that there was at least a domestic orchard on the property, if not a commercial one and may also indicate an earlier dwelling site.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria):

Jones orchard complex 'and trees are significant to the Nillumbik Shire:

- for the" house as one of the small number of surviving 19th century farm houses in the Shire, retaining its originally detached kitchen and farm outbuildings as a good example of the home of the small settler (Criterion 02, B2, A4);
- for the sizable weatherboard packing and cart sheds, one with its brick lower section, are rare survivors - illustrating the operation of a small farm/orchard (Criterion 02);
- for the surviving mature fruit trees (apple, pear) express the orchard function (Criterion A4); and
- for the close and long association with the pioneering Jones family in particular Albert Jones a prolific recorder of local life (Criterion H1).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Hermes Number	64155
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

House

Style Victorian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roof hipped, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the simple nature of the building, the verandah and the steep site.

Outbuilding

Style Victorian/Edwardian utilitarian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Basically single storeyed, though with lower storey in part due to the steeply sloping site.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad; solid face brick walls to the lower storey section.

Roof pitched, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the arrangement with part lower storey and the basic design of the building.

Fruit Trees

Apple - *Malus sylvestris*' var. *.mitis*' (syn.a *Malus domestica*)

This tree is about 4 - 5 Metres in height, has a trunk diameter of 200 - 250MM and has recently been heavily pruned by the owners of the property in an effort to 'revitalise' it. The Apple is in poor/fair condition, with a sparse canopy and is possibly suffering from root zone compaction from stock in the paddock in which it is located.

Pear: *.Pyrus communis*'

This tree is a significantly better specimen than the Apple. It is approximately 5 - 6 metres in height and has a trunk diameter of around 400mm and a fuller canopy than the apple. It has also been recently heavily pruned and has a good quantity of immature fruit.

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTION:

The house has a hipped corrugated iron roof, walls clad with weatherboard, a skillion form return verandah with timber stop-chamfered posts, multi-pane double hung windows, and the brick chimney has a dog-toothed string mould typical of the late to mid Victorian-era. The two joined out buildings have gabled corrugated iron roofs and are weatherboard clad, with adjoining skillion verandahs: they would have served as packing sheds in the orchard years.

Physical Conditions

Externally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Externally substantially intact/some intrusions

Historical Australian Themes

FARMING

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