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## Nink farm and orchard complex



Nink Fark 265 Ninks Road St Andrews Colour 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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Ninks Farm

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### Location

265 NINKS ROAD ST ANDREWS, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO237

### Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 1, 2006

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria)

Nink farm and orchard complex is significant to St Andrews:

- for the close link with the locally prominent Nink family (Criterion H1);
- as an uncommon example late 19th century weatherboard farm house complex, with some major exotic plantings remaining of its once quite substantial ornamental garden which is also rare (Criterion B2);
- for the New Zealand cabbage tree palms as the largest examples of their type in the Shire (Criterion B2, D1)
- for the combination of the garden, the topography of the site and its surroundings; lending a 19th century picturesque landscape character similar to that of the farm's development period (Criterion A4)

REVISED ELTHAM STUDY EXTENT OF DESIGNATION:

PRE 1940 BUILDINGS, MATURE EXOTIC PLANTING, FRONT GARDEN AREA, ORIGINAL DRIVEWAY, DRIVEWAY BRANCH TO DWELLING ON NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY AND LAND WITHIN THE TITLE TO A RADIUS OF 50 METRES FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001; Nillumbik - Shire of Nillumbik Heritage Assessments, Graeme Butler, 2006;
Other Names	Clifden Farm,
Hermes Number	64211
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

The property is situated at the head of the valley and between Arthurs Creek and a small watercourse.

Three Houses

Style vernacular.

Designs standard?

Plan shapes basically rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls weatherboard clad, timber stud framed.

Roofs corrugated iron clad.

Features are the setting and the arrangement of the site, with the large garden area rising gently up to the front house. The stream borders part of the garden area. Prior to the subdivision of the land further up the narrow valley, which saw Ninks Road continued beyond Clifden Farm, the access driveway apparently originally approached the three houses from the south. The main house faces the garden and there is a second building, thought to be a separate house, immediately behind it. The third house is sited perpendicular to the rear of the second house. The function of the three buildings is not known; the rear-most was possibly quarters for farm workers.

The Cabbage Tree Palms are features of what remains of the garden. The size of the conifers is another feature.

#### **REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTION:**

Described in 1901 as weatherboard 'dwelling house' 37x24', a men's dwelling house 25x15', and a stable 25x15' both clad with paling: these buildings survive today albeit in an altered state.

This collection of four buildings, includes the main weatherboard house, another weatherboard wing and a small gabled corrugated-iron clad building, formerly clad with wood but, according to the owner Mrs Dale, clad with corrugated iron originally. The very large 'Cordyline australis' is at the rear of the Victorian-era cottage near some large tree ferns behind the Victorian-era cottage. The verandah is being replaced.

#### **Integrity**

Externally partially intact/intrusions

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#### **Physical Conditions**

Externally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

#### **Historical Australian Themes**

FARMING, PRIVATE PLANTING

#### **Physical Description 2**

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'Cordyline australis'

This striking New Zealand native is moderately frost hardy, occurring in some of that country's southernmost areas. The seedlings, with very narrow, elegantly arching leaves, are sold as indoor plants and last for years in this juvenile state; planted outdoors they begin to form a trunk and the brownish green leaves can be almost 3 ft (1 m) long and 2 in (5 cm) wide. The first large panicle of small white sweet-scented flowers, opening in summer, terminates the stem at a height of 6-8 ft (1.8-2.4 m); the stem then branches into several leaf rosettes, each in time flowering and branching again. It is the largest species, frequently reaching over 20 ft (6 m) tall with a stout trunk. 'Purpurea' with bronze purplish leaves is popular. 'Albertii', a variegated cultivar with leaves striped cream, more pinkish on new growths, is less vigorous.

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