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# UNITING CHURCH, ORIGINALLY METHODIST CHURCH



Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham Colour 1 - Shire of  
Eltham Heritage Study 1992



Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham Colour 2- Shire of  
Eltham Heritage Study 1992



206 - Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



206 - Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham 02 - Old photograph  
of this church - note the  
timber picket fence and the  
site planting (ELHPC No.  
646?) - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



206 - Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham 03 - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



206 - Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham 04 - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



206 - Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham 05 - Shire of Eltham  
Heritage Study 1992



Uniting Church Main Rd  
Eltham Black & White 1 -  
Shire of Eltham Heritage  
Study 1992

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## Location

810 MAIN ROAD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO118

## 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 1880 bichromatic brick church and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

### How is it significant?

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

### Why is it significant?

The church is architecturally significant as a finely detailed example of a brick 19th century rural community church, one of only four in the Shire (Criteria E & B). The church is historically significant as an important link with the time when Eltham was a small, insular country settlement. Also for the historical evolution visible in the complex, with the modest 1880s church and larger red brick rear hall from the early 20th century as a reflection of population growth in the area (Criterion A). The church is historically, spiritually and socially significant because it has played, and continues to play, an important part in the spiritual and social life of the community (Criterion G).

### BUTLER STUDY, 2001

The Eltham Uniting Church is significant to the Nillumbik Shire:

. as a finely detailed example of a brick 19th century rural community's church, one of only four in the Nillumbik Shire;

. as an important link with the time when Eltham was a small, insular country settlement.

. for the historical evolution visible in the complex, with the modest 1880 church and larger red brick rear hall from early this century as a reflection of the population growth of the area.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

SOCIAL

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

STREETSCAPE

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
ENTIRE BUILDING AND SITE

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;  
Construction dates 1880, 1930, 1970,  
Other Names MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM,  
Hermes Number 104275  
Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

### TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The church is one of four 19th century brick churches in the Shire: see St. Margaret's Church of England Church, 1861; former Wesleyan Church, 1880, both Eltham; St Johns Church of England, 1867, Diamond Creek.

### REFERENCES:

*Reference 1:* Chris Allan (Ed.), "Eltham Methodist Church One Hundred and Twenty-five Years 1850-1975", Mimeographed typescript, 1975, in Uniting Church Archives, Melbourne.

*Reference 2:* Author not known, Invitation and Souvenir Eltham Methodist Church Centenary Celebrations, Spectator Publishing Co., Melbourne, 1950.

*Reference 3:* D.V. Bick, "Victorian Church Survey", Uniting Church, 1988-1989, pp.264-270.

*Reference 4:* Old photograph in ELHPC, no. 646? - copy attached.

8.6.1 Worshipping together

8.6.2 Maintaining religious traditions and ceremonies

8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Physical Description 1

Style Victorian.

Design standard.

Plan now T-shaped (after addition of rear hall) originally rectangular

Single storeyed.

Walls solid duochromatic face brickwork with rubbed brick, dressings.

Roof gabled with no eaves, slate clad. Features are the duochromatic brick walls with their framed bay arrangement, buttresses, eaves corbels, front porch (now disused) with its finial, gable with its finial, decorated slate roof, ridge vents and the stained glass in the church and rear hall.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original Use: Methodist Church

Present Use: Uniting Church

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