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# DAVID CLARK HOUSE - SHOESTRING, 31 METERY RD, ELTHAM



Shoestring House 31 Metery Rd Eltham Colour - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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## Location

31 METERY RD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO135

## 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 c1859 house, the additions of 1883, 1887 and 1921, and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

**How is it significant?**

The house is historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The house is historically significant because it is associated with the early 1850s Village of Eltham Reserve (Criterion A). Also as the residence of several prominent local figures: David Clark (first headmaster of Eltham primary school (1875) and of the previous 1856 National vested school) until his death in 1912, John Lascelles Drew (manager of Yanakie Tea Gardens) during the World War I period, and Arthur Munday, market gardener, in the early 1940s (Criterion H).

**BUTLER STUDY, 2001**

Shoestring has symbolic historical significance to the Eltham locality

- for its associations with the original early 1850s Village of Eltham Reserve;
- as the home of David Clark until his death in 1912, Clark being the first headmaster of the Eltham Primary School opened in Dalton Street in 1875 and of the previous 1856 National vested school on that site; for its association, during the World War I period, with John Lascelles Drew, manager of the Yanakie Tea Gardens; and
- for its historical associations with Arthur Munday, market gardener, during the early 1940s.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HISTORY

SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

ORIGINAL ELTHAM TOWNSHIP,

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 1859, 1883, 1887, 1921, 1970,

Other Names 31 METERY RD, ELTHAM,

Hermes Number 104376

Property Number

**Historical Australian Themes**

THE ORIGINAL ELTHAM TOWNSHIP

SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

6.2 Establishing schools

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **Physical Description 1**

Style originally Victorian.

Design originally standard.

Plan originally rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls of original section weatherboard clad timber stud construction.

Roof altered.

Shoestring has been very extensively added to and altered.

An external inspection in August 1998 shows what may be the early buildings on the site, including two narrow gabled wings, one at the front being weatherboard and the other at the rear, brick. The brick wing has a fretted barge board on the south end but the cladding of the timber wing appears to have been replaced, including the addition of Edwardian-era detailing to the front verandah and changes to openings. A large wing has been added on the north and another small addition on the east.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

**Original and Later Use:** House

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