
ANDERSON FAMILY COTTAGE - YARRA VALE, 188 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ELTHAM



Yarra Vale Cottage 188 Mt Pleasant Rd Colour - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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Location

188 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO137

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1894 cottage, in particular the gabled wing with its rear skillion, and the Canary Island Palm tree.

How is it significant?

The cottage and the Canary Island Palm tree are both historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The cottage is historically significant because it is connected with the Anderson family who lived at the site for 131 years, after John Anderson settled here in 1849 (Criterion H). The cottage is historically and aesthetically significant as a rare surviving example of a 19th century weatherboard farm cottage that has survived largely intact and because it is the last farm cottage in Eltham to retain a rural setting (Criteria B & E).

The Canary Island Palm is historically and aesthetically significant because, while typical of early 20th century planting in Victoria, the plant is rare in the former Shire of Eltham and is a significant streetscape element (Criteria B & E).

BICK STUDY, 1992

The Anderson Family's Yarra Vale is a rare surviving example, in the context of both Eltham and the Shire as a whole, of a 19th century weatherboard farm cottage that has survived very largely intact. In addition to its illustration of the norm for dwellings in the Shire during that period this building is also a significant streetscape element and the last 19th century farm cottage in Eltham to retain a rural setting. The Canary Island Palm tree is typical of the early 20th century in Victoria, but rare in the Shire. This property was evidently occupied by the Andersons for 131 years, John Anderson settling in 1849.

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES

HORTICULTURE

STREETSCAPE

RARITY

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ENTIRE COTTAGE, CANARY ISLAND PALM TREE, MATURE EXOTIC PLANTING AND SITE TO A RADIUS OF 30 METRES.

-----Proposed inclusion of this place in the heritage overlay and the extent of designation.

Bickdesignation

extent of significance: entire cottage, canary island.palm tree, mature exotic planting and site to a radius of 30 metres

Proposed designation

(see Appendix 2)

Site inspection reveals that the early section of the house is under the gabled roof form with its rear skillion, with another skillion added to the east side (1920s?) plus other minor changes made recently by the present owners. Out- buildings to the south west of the cottage are said to be the former stables but these have been altered and rebuilt to such an extent as to be only symbolically expressive of-the history. To the south, are new structures including a farm shed and modern house: these should be excluded from the designation. The palm is well to the west of the house with a mature pepper tree to the south. To. achieve the Bick designation of exotic planting' the peppertree would have to be included which would increase the land extent. The underlying principle for the designation should be to main tain the current public views of the cottage and palm and thus to have planning control over the view cone obtained from the public 'road, typically directly to the north of the cottage, making the White option A the most acceptable from the three proposed, with a qualification of inclusion of the pepper tree in

the land extent to the south.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992; Nillumbik - Nillumbik Heritage Investigation, Graeme Butler, 2000;
Construction dates	1894, 1900,
Other Names	188 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ELTHAM, Yarra Vale,
Hermes Number	104383
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

FARMING

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

5.8 Working on the land

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

Physical Description 1

Style late Victorian.

Plan rectangular.

Roof gabled, no eaves, corrugated iron clad.

Design standard.

Walls timber framed, weatherboard clad.

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Farm Dwelling

Present Use: Dwelling

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