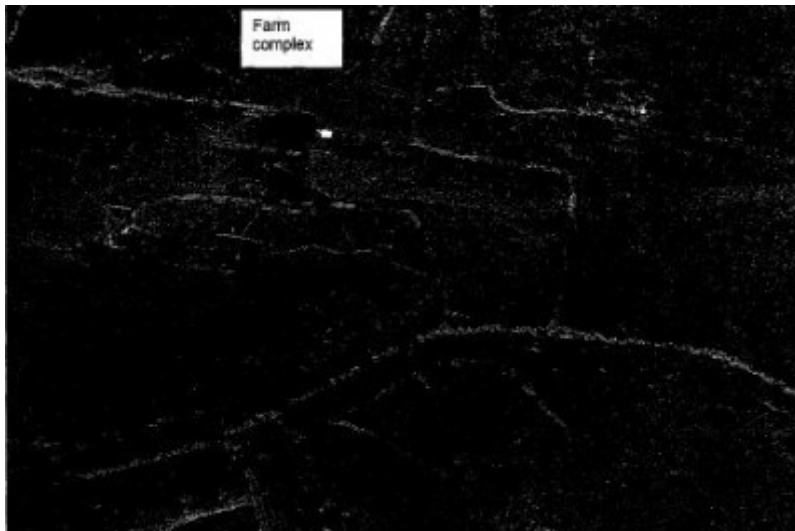

HO238 - Burgess house, later Briddon's farm house, 109 Osborne Road, Christmas Hills



HO238 - Rear (north) elevation, showing vertical slabs



HO238 - Front of house from south, verandah enclosed



HO238 - HOUSE Briddon's (former HUlcrest house) 109 Osborne Road, Christmas Hills

Location

109 Osborne Road CHRISTMAS HILLS, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 28, 2009

HERITAGE VALUE 2005: Local

SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

What is significant?

Fabric & trees associated with:

- the Victorian era
- Spencer Burgess & Katherine Burleigh tenure

How is it significant?

Burgess house, later Briddon's farm house, former Hillcrest House is historically significant locally:

Why is it significant?

Burgess house, later Briddon's farm house, former Hillcrest House is significant:

- for its relative age as expressed by the construction type, and consequent link with early settlement in the district and utilisation of locally available materials in a remote location (Criterion A4)
- for the distinctive and rare vertical slab construction of the main house (Criterion B2).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - C13 Heritage Stage 2 Final Report Revised Citation, Graeme Butler and Assoc., 2001;
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

This farm house is sited on a hill among mature exotic trees. The original core of the house has a steep and simply hipped roof (now clad with corrugated . iron), timber-framed casement windows and vertical adzed

hardwood slab walls, with a steeply gabled roof (possibly kitchen) wing set at the side and rear, near the north east corner. This wing is clad with square-edge boards (hardwood paling) and has an early and large masonry chimney while the hipped roof wing has a chimney built from pressed red bricks, added at its eastern end. Between these wings and along the front of the house are skillion additions, possibly inter-war. Internal lining (exposed at the rear of the house) is horizontal T&G dressed softwood.

Outbuildings (typically more recent than the house) include a paling clad gabled out-house, fowl shed and cattle race, a ripple iron clad skillion roof shed near the north-west corner, and more distant pole-framed machinery sheds of various ages. A large Moreton Bay fig is at the rear of the house (north-west) and the house yard is lined with mature Monterey pines (353338, 5832626 at west fence line). To the west is a small orchard.

Physical Description 2

Integrity

The house has been added to in a simple fashion over time, using similar materials, but leaving the original core clearly expressed. The roofline of the gabled kitchen wing has been changed on the west side, with the roof extended at a shallow angle to cover added rooms. A shallow gabled wing has been added on the east side (inter-war?) which itself has been changed with alterations to windows.

Physical Description 3

Context

The house is on top of a hill in exotic grasslands fringed by native forest, to the east of a new house.

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