

Two Oak Trees on former Plenty Primary School site



HO213 - Plenty State School
4093- former School from
south, at rear behind oaks



HO213 - Plenty State School 4093- Plan prepared from recent aerial image

Location

2 Fineran Court PLENTY, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO213

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 18, 2018

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Significance of Oak Trees

The two English Oaks (*Quercus robur*) located at 2 Fineran Court, Plenty are historically significant for their associations with the use and history of the site as the Plenty State School. The Oaks that were planted beside the entry driveway indicate the original entry point to the school site and now the school building and front hedge have been removed, they are the only tangible remnants indicating the school use and history of the site.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - C13 Heritage Stage 2 Final Report Revised Citation, Graeme Butler and Assoc., 2001;
Hermes Number	118807
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

This Victorian Public Works Department designed weatherboard former school has been greatly enlarged by the addition of many skillion form portable additions from the 1960s. The original school room has overlapping gabled and strutted roof forms clad with corrugated iron, shingled gable ends with a louvred vent, a tall red brick chimney, multi-paned timber-framed windows (typically altered and enlarged).

There is a Monterey cypress hedge at the front of the school yard (damaged) with semi-mature oaks along the drive and young Monterey pines at the rear.

Physical Description 2

Integrity

The external shelter area has been infilled and openings altered on the original building. Many skillion form portable additions have been added from (-/ the 1960s and a chain wire front fence.

Physical Description 3

Context

Set on a hill above the Plenty hall and near the recreation reserve, as part of the civic centre of this small community

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