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# Trenowin House and fmr orchard



HO166 Trenowin.jpg

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## Location

83 Lambert DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO166

## 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 c1861 farm house and grounds, extending to the hill west of the house site and the landscape elements including the Monterey cypress and Hawthorn hedge remnants along the fence line.

### **How is it significant?**

The farm house and associated landscape elements are historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

### **Why is it significant?**

The house is historically significant for its association with the development of the local fruit growing industry within the Shire from the 1890s and with the Lawry family and John Lawry, a prominent fruit grower in the district who developed a plum he called Trenowin (after which the house is probably named) (Criteria A & H). The house is historically and aesthetically significant as a good and early representation of an orchard house within the Shire and because it is situated within a well preserved farm setting that serves as a reminder of the importance of agriculture to the early growth of the Shire (Criteria D, A & E). The house in its setting is a now rare combination of age and type in the Shire (Criterion B).

### **BUTLER STUDY, 2001**

The Trenowin house and orchard site is of significance to Nillumbik Shire:

- for its association with the development of the local fruit-growing industry within the Shire from the 1890;
- for its long association with the pioneering Lawrey family, especially with John Lawrey who was a prominent orchardist and grower of the Trenowin plum
- for its good and early representation of a type, including the house and farm setting, as compared within the Shire.
- for the house and setting's now rare combination of age and type, within the Shire.

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Nillumbik Heritage Investigation, Graeme Butler, 2000;

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## **Physical Description 1**

This was formerly John Lawrey's weatherboarded hipped roof farm house with a corrugated iron roof and cast-iron verandah, sited overlooking the creek in a traditional rural setting. This setting includes Monterey cypress and pines, a mature oak (?), exotic grasslands and Hawthorn hedge remnants along fence lines -all visible from the Diamond Creek Road, and extending to the picturesque hill west of the house site. Across Stone Street, east of the house, is the start of recent residential development.

Inspection 2000

The above inspection was 'conducted from outside of the property but some further elements were identified.

At the west end of the property on the Sawpit Gully Creek is the remains of a rustic bridge which served a former farm track, some terracing and a small dam on the creek thought to have been associated with gold mining { M Spencer, 2000}. Near here are some fruit trees (quince?). It was also noted that the 'picturesque hill' cited in the above description was not in the original Lawrey property. The large oak cited above is a good specimen and there are reputedly other garden elements from earlier layouts.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Farming

3.12.2 Developing sources of fresh local foodstuff

5.8 Working on the land

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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