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# WATTLE BANK



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## Location

18 INNES ROAD, GEMBROOK, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO190

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 19, 2006

**2007 Cardinia Shire Heritage Study review** - Context Pty Ltd

What is significant? Wattle Bank, constructed c1908 with later alterations, at 18 Innes Road, Gembrook, including the weatherboard house, and remnant garden with mature exotic trees (elm, camellias, Monterey cypress, Monterey Pine).

How is it significant? Wattle Bank is of local historic significance to Cardinia Shire.

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## 1996 Cardinia Shire (North) Heritage Study - Graeme Butler & Associates

Why is it significant? Wattle Bank is of significance to the locality of Gembrook because of its associations with the Dyer family, pioneer district sawmillers, who owned the property from about 1924 (RNE criterion H.1). Prominent in the Shire's valuable timber industry, Fred and Maurice Dyer supplied palings for the trench supports used during the construction of Melbourne's sewerage system. The large timber farm house, which now has a 1920s-1930s character, may also contain elements of an earlier farmhouse built for the first owner of the property in 1903, John T. Finger. Born at Doncaster in 1867, Finger was the son of one of the founders of the historic Waldau German Lutheran farming settlement (RNE A.4)

### *Local Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Local Heritage Study Review, Context P/L, 2007; Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1908,
Other Names	House, garden,
Hermes Number	29920
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This large timber farm house shows a staged construction, with the centre transverse broad-gabled section flanked by differently sized gabled wings, the whole having a 1920-30s character. The corrugated iron roof is made more obvious by the siting of the house low on the hillside. Mature exotic trees and garden remnants are close to the house. These include an elm, a large Monterey cypress, a Monterey Pine, and camellias.

The roofing iron is rusting and will need replacement soon, and the supports of the gabled porch at the west end of the house are collapsing. The weatherboard cladding is in need of painting. Other than that, the house appears to be solid, though the north elevation could not be inspected. (*Context Pty Ltd 2007*)

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## Physical Conditions

Good (*Context Pty Ltd 2007*)

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The house has been changed and added to over time but mainly in the early part of this century.  
(*Graeme Butler & Associates 1996*)

## **Integrity**

Substantially intact

## **Physical Description 2**

Key elements - Building & Tree(s)

## **Historical Australian Themes**

National Themes - 3.4 Utilising natural resources  
(*Context Pty Ltd 2007*)

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Historical Themes

4.1 Timber(includes splitting, milling, charcoal burning, wattle bark stripping)

4.1.2 Theme not listed

11.0 Evidence of: Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

(*Graeme Butler & Associates 1996*)

## **Physical Description 3**

Associations - Finger, John Trangott; Dyer, Morris

(*Graeme Butler & Associates 1996*)

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