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# River Red Gums (2), 25 Doctors Gully Road DOREEN



12.01 - River Red Gum -  
Shire of Whittlesea Heritage  
Study 1991



Gums opposite the Doreen  
store and hall



River red gums

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## Location

25 Doctors Gully Road DOREEN, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO191

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 1, 1990

What is significant?

Trees & environs, including land within 5m of the canopy drip line or root ball whichever is the greater.

How is it significant?

River red gums (2) are significant historically to Doreen.

Why is it significant?

River red gums (2) are significant:

- as expression of the indigenous vegetation at European Settlement (Criterion A4)
- for their relative prominence and maturity, located at the community centre of Doreen (Criterion A4, E1).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Whittlesea Heritage Study, M Gould, 1991; Nillumbik - Shire of Nillumbik Heritage Assessments, Graeme Butler, 2006;
Hermes Number	54855
Property Number	

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## Historical Australian Themes

Pre-European Settlement

## Physical Description 1

Enormous river red gum of considerable age. Note power pole in photo

## Physical Description 2

### DESCRIPTION

Located near Hickey's Corner, the northernmost of these two gums measures approximately 5.2m around the girth and the southernmost, 3.85m, both being approximately 15-20m high and located just inside the fence in private property. Both trees have the typical spreading form, with the north tree having a broader trunk and lower canopy.

## Physical Description 3

Graeme Butler & Associates, 2006: 54

Shire of Nillumbik Planning Scheme Amendment C13

Heritage Assessments '

Meredith Gould described these two trees in the City of Whittlesea Heritage

Study 1990/1991:

Located on the Mernda, Doctors Gully Road and Yan Yean Road corner

Graded C '

Recommended Planning Scheme Protection

Pre-European Settlement Landscape theme

'Prominent mature redgums ...Appears healthy'

Management: 'Restrict parking on roots.

Ensure road widening does not threaten trees. '

Meredith has also noted other red gums as a 'Landscape feature' or 'other tree' in the:

. at Bundoora/Janefield along the Plenty Rd, west side, Graded C (now a new housing estate);

'- Mill Park, Plenty Road (west side) north of Childs Road (Graded C) where she noted that 'This stand is now the closest redgum woodland to Melbourne';

. Mernda, Plenty Road, N.W.side Mernda intersection, Graded C (single (" specimen). ( J

. Doreen, Cookes Rd, Graded.C (single specimen, 'Enormous river red gum of considerable age'.)

She also noted the gums in this area as subjects of famous art works over time (see The Plenty Cultural Landscape).

Recommended action from that study included:

'Landscape features graded "C" generally constitute significant stands of River Red gums or other introduced trees. The proposed River Red Gum Conservation areas of the current Planning Amendment are not broad enough to protect many of the landscape regions which make a substantial contribution to the, character of the City of Whittlesea. The Planning Scheme has provisions for Municipalities to control tree felling in designated areas., This should be used in Whittlesea to ensure that existing River Red gums and other identified trees are maintained, and that development is not allowed to occur which would precipitate their death due, to root pruning, changed water conditions, or other deleterious action. In particular, subdivision plans in designated areas should be required to accurately survey and plot all existing significant trees and to design a subdivision scheme whi.chwill ensure that building, road and drainage works do not threatened the surveyed trees. This could be achieved by integrating pocket parks around trees and/or subdivision into larger allotments which allow room to build without threatening the significant trees.'

## **Integrity**

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Generally good condition.

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