

FORMER VICTORIAN RAILWAYS WEATHERBOARD RESIDENCE 1885, CHINESE WINDMILL PALM TREE AND MONTEREY CYPRESS TREES



Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge Colour 3 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge Colour 1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge Colour 2 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



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94 - Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge_02 - Old photography presumably taken in or soon after 1912 showing the Hurstbridge Railway Station and on the right hand side this house, which predates all of the nearby buildings (ELHPC No.1004) -



94 - Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge_03 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



94 - Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge_04 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge Black & White - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992



Railways Residence Palm Cypress Trees Hurstbridge Colour 4 - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992

Location

781 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE ROAD HURSTBRIDGE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The former Victorian railways weatherboard residence No.1885 of 1912, the Chinese Windmill Palm tree (*Trachycarpus fortunei*), the Monterey Cypress tree (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and all other mature planting and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?

The former Victorian railways weatherboard residence of 1912, the Chinese Windmill Palm and the Monterey Cypress are historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The residence is historically significant because it was built by the Victorian Railway Commissioners to house railway staff as part of the opening of the railway line in 1912, and is a reminder of the impact that the construction of the line had upon Hurstbridge (Criterion A). The residence is historically and aesthetically significant because it is probably the earliest, and is one of the most elaborate, buildings constructed in Hurstbridge during the 1910s and 1920s and because its size and elaborate nature (featuring a timber verandah and notched weatherboard walls) illustrates the importance and wealth of the railways at the time (Criteria A, B & E).

The Chinese Windmill Palm is historically and aesthetically significant because it is connected to the house, because Chinese Windmill Palms were important ornamental trees in the early part of the 20th century and because this is the only example of the tree in the Shire (Criteria A, H & B).

The Monterey Cypress is historically and aesthetically significant because it is connected to the house and is a reminder of the fashion for conifers during the early 20th century in Victoria (Criteria A & H).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;
Construction dates	1912, 1930,
Other Names	Trachycarpus fortunei, 781 HEIDELBERG-KINGLAKE RD, HURSTBRIDGE, Cupressus macrocarpa,
Hermes Number	55973
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORT

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PLANTING

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Physical Description 1

House

Style Edwardian.

Design standard apart from section facing the road.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad, with panels of notched weatherboards.

Roof gabled with shallow eaves, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the scale and design of the building, the timber verandah, notched weatherboard wall decoration, windows, and the mature site planting.

Chinese Windmill Palm Tree (*Trachycarpus fortunei*)

Around 5 metres in height and with a trunk diameter of 200mm.

Monterey Cypress trees (*Cupressus macrocarpa*)

Some trees are over 15 metres in height, the variation being due to the competition for sunlight.

Usage/Former Usage

Original Use: Station Master's residence?

Later Use: Residence

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