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# HAWTHORN HEDGES DEFINING THE FIELD PATTERN



Crataegus monogyna Henley Rd - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study 1992

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## Location

HENLEY ROAD KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

see also Hermes Nos. 55424 & 55567 for other individually identified Hawthorn hedges.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

**What is significant?**

All Hawthorn hedges defining the field pattern and the surrounding site to a radius of 10 metres (see also HO 44, HO52 & HO87).

**How is it significant?**

The hedges are historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The hedges are historically significant because the planting of Hawthorn hedges reflects the adoption of European farming techniques by the Kangaroo Ground population in the period following settlement and because the grid pattern of paddocks that the Hawthorn hedges define is very different to today's farm landscapes (Criterion A). Also because such planting is now rare in or around the Melbourne area and this is one of the only parts of the Shire of Nillumbik in which hedges still grow (Criterion B). The hedges are aesthetically significant because they grow to three metres in height and, in the undulating landscape, form a major landscape feature (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Crataegus monogyna,
Hermes Number	63254
Property Number	

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**Historical Australian Themes**

PRIVATE PLANTING

FARMING

3.3.5 Laying out boundaries

**Physical Description 1**

These hedges are extensive along this road and are mainly planted along the roadside although some hedge lines still extend into adjoining paddocks. The plantings form dense hedges of about 3 metres in height, of deciduous character and bearing red berries. These berries unfortunately are attractive to birds and the seed is spread to other areas where the resultant plant growth may be a problem.

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