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# HANDFIELD RESIDENCE



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## Location

16 HOMESTEAD ROAD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

## 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 1960 house and the surrounding site to a radius of 20 metres.

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

The house is historically, architecturally and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

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

The house is architecturally significant because it was designed by the prominent modernist architect Robin Boyd (after he returned from lecturing architectural students in Japan). The house shows the influence of traditional Japanese design in its modular wall arrangements, solid and glazed panels and sliding exterior doors and because the courtyard planning, floor to ceiling glass walls and the combination of single and double storey sections on the steep site illustrate quite advanced dwelling design for the time (Criteria H, F & B). The house is aesthetically significant because it appears to be intact and has remained in the Handfield family (Criteria E & H).

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;

Construction dates 1960,

Architect/Designer Boyd, Robin,

Hermes Number 63351

Property Number

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### **Historical Australian Themes**

THIS PLACE DOES NOT ILLUSTRATE ANY OF THE MAJOR THEMES OF THE SHIRE OF ELTHAM'S HISTORY

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

### **Physical Description 1**

Quite advanced design, in planning and detailing.

Plan U-shaped.

Single and double storied; the arms of the U are basically single storied, while the base running parallel with the Yarra River is two storied.

Walls timber stud framed? asbestos cement sheet clad.

Roofs flat?

Floors timber, some concrete?

Features include the modular wall design, courtyard planning, combination of single and double storey sections, internal planning and floor to ceiling glass walls.

### **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Continuing Use: Residence

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