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# ENGLISH OAK TREE KNOWN AS "WIPPELL'S OAK"



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## Location

50 KANGAROO GROUND-ST. ANDREWS ROAD KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO99

## 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?***

A c1880 English Oak tree (*Quercus Robur*) known as Wippell's oak and the site to a radius of 20 metres (may have been planted at the same time as Donaldson's Oak, see HO 39).

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

Wippell's Oak is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

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

Wippell's Oak is historically significant because it germinated from seed gathered by early settler John Donaldson at England's Windsor Great Park and is a reminder of the practice cultivating British species of flora in Australia (Criterion A). It is historically and aesthetically significant because it has a trunk diameter of 1,000mm and is one of the oldest of this species in the former Shire of Eltham; the size and age of the tree make is a significant landscape feature (Criteria B & E).

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

Construction dates 1880,

Other Names Quercus robur, Wippell's oak,

Hermes Number 63452

Property Number

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## **Historical Australian Themes**

EARLY SETTLEMENT

PRIVATE PLANTING

3.11 Altering the environment

## **Physical Description 1**

This is a very large example of the species but is in declining health. Previous tree surgery has involved cavity filling and branch removal but follow-up work is required. Another large oak is present to the east, obviously a seedling, together with smaller seedlings. The tree is situated by the roadside below the Kangaroo Ground Fire Station.

Age approx 110yrs (1992 estimate)

## **Local Historical Themes**

May have been planted around the same time as Donaldson's Oak

## **Physical Description 2**

Circumference of trunk 1.4m above ground, 3.4m. height 16.1m canopy spread 14m

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