
Eltham watering place reserve, MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM



190 - Wingrove Park Main Rd
Eltham - Shire of Eltham
Heritage Study 1992



Eltham watering place
reserve - Nillumbik Shire
Heritage Study 2001

Location

645 MAIN ROAD ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO227

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1992

ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Wingrove Park is primarily significant for its historical value as a place where travellers would stop and camp overnight. It was formerly known as Bremner's Reserve and Gazetted a water reserve. It was also a place where artists would come and paint, Max Meldrum, for instance, rented a house opposite the park in 1921, and loved to paint the surrounding area, which was shown in an early 1920s exhibition. Nowadays the park retains some fine examples of remnant native trees along Diamond Creek, particularly Manna Gums *Eucalyptus viminalis*, which merit individual protection; some of the Manna Gums have scars of aboriginal origin.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria)

The Eltham watering place reserve, later Wingrove Park, is significant to Nillumbik Shire:

for its representation of indigenous landscape in the area, particularly the manna gums, and hence the early history of settlement in the area and its use as a watering place for stock (Criterion A4);

- for its long-held association with the nationally prominent Heidelberg School of painters (Criterion G1);

- for its memory to a long-term public servant within the Shire, Wingrove; and

- as the documented focus of environmental action by the noted environmental designer, Alistair Knox, and the local Natural Development Association in the 1980s, highlighting a continuing community concern for indigenous landscape (Criterion A4, H1).

BASIS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ILLUSTRATION OF THE THEMES: ELTHAM ARTISTS, REMNANT NATIVE VEGETATION

HISTORY

STREETSCAPE

LANDSCAPE

DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

REVISED ELTHAM STUDY EXTENT OF DESIGNATION: RESERVE AND INDIGENOUS PLANTING

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992; Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Other Names	Eltham watering place reserve,
Hermes Number	63522
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

ARTISTS AND THE ELTHAM LANDSCAPE.

REMNANT NATIVE VEGETATION.

Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

Wingrove Park is an informal park set on the edge of Diamond Creek and features a meandering pathway which runs through a landscape of indigenous trees and some groups of Prunus species at the northern end. Many of the trees are very large Manna Gums in excellent condition. Other trees have been planted quite recently. Apart from the immediate creek edge where understorey shrubs exist, areas between the trees are grass which is slashed regularly. The park has a natural quality and has a simple character typical of Eltham.

Physical Description 2

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:

The park contains exotic grasses and weeds, as well as the manna gums and wattles. Car parking areas and pathways are further man made intrusions into any perceived natural character. Some revegetation is evident.

Physical Conditions

Condition: Good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Integrity: Externally substantially intact/some intrusions- car parks, man made objects.

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