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# Miss Meglin's House & Special School 3660.



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## Location

2 Yan Yean Road DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 8, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### What is significant?

Fabric associated with Augusta Meglin's 1904 farm house (together with a domed well which is located in the paddock near Yan Yean Road), the 1934 red brick school building, a row of Italian Cypresses and two mature Oak trees at the Diamond Creek entry.

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

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

The school building is historically, architecturally and socially significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

The Italian Cypresses and mature Oaks are historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

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

The farm house is historically significant for its association with Sulina Sutherland and the Sutherland homes for neglected and destitute children, whose work was recognised across the State (Criteria A & H). It is historically and aesthetically significant as an early example of a farm house in the area and because, unusually, it features vertical boards and battens and a curved transition between the roof lines (Criteria B & E).

The school is historically significant because it is associated with the above house, Sulina Sutherland and the Sutherland homes for neglected and destitute children (Criteria A & H). Architecturally, it is a good example of an intact brick school building of the 1930s (Criterion D). The school is socially significant because it served the community over an extended period of time, only closing in the 1980s (Criterion G).

### **BUTLER STUDY, 2001**

The former Meglin house and c1934 school are of regional significance

- as an early farm house in the district with unusual details and an intact brick school building of the 1930s, with long-term associations among the residents of the Shire and former pupils

- for the two buildings' association with Sulina Sutherland and the Sutherland Homes for Neglected and Destitute Children whose work was recognised across the State.

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Assoc., 1996;

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## **Historical Australian Themes**

Farming

Haven and refuge- rural attractions/or various groups

4.4 Living with slums outcasts and homelessness

6.2 Establishing schools

8.5.2 Helping other people

## **Physical Description 1**

What is assumed to be the former Meglin farm house on this property has vertical board wall cladding, a steep distinctive roof form, and an attached verandah. An Italian cypress row is set in front of the house (former hedge?) and two mature oaks are at the Diamond Creek Road entry.

The house requires closer inspection to verify its age and use.

On this frontage there is a c1934 red brick school building (which replaced the former timber school room). This is attached to portables (SS 3660) which have been renovated in the 1980s presumably to create the health centre. To the north of the former orphanage complex is a large domed well in the paddock, set near the road, which is presumably associated with the former farm.

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