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Location

50 Challenger Street DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO25

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The Sugar Gum (*eucalyptus cladocalyx*) planted at the gate to Nillumbik farm (HO24).

How is it significant?

The Sugar Gum is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The Sugar Gum is historically significant for its connection with the Nillumbik farm and the Wilson family (Criterion H). It is a rare and early example of Sugar Gum planting dating from c1856-1870, at the earliest stages of its use for specimen planting in Victoria (Criteria A & B). The tree is aesthetically significant as a fine landscape feature (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 1997;
Hermes Number	64013
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is an altered hipped-roof and verandahed face brick (over-painted, slop moulded) farm house set in exotic

pasture above the creek flats (or lagoon) well south of Challenger Street. New subdivisions have been made nearby. 'Aboriginal artifacts have been found in the vicinity and old track formations shown on early plans can still be seen in paddocks. Two big depressions (one with a gum growing out of it) just above one of these old tracks reputedly denote the clay pits used' for the bricks. The bricks are laid in English bond, well-burnt.

The interior has some early joinery (fine panel moulds to passage doors) but much of it is late 19th century (architraves) or recent. The verandah has been filled-in on the west and rebuilt in a different roof profile but similar bracket forms, and the timber floor replaced in concrete; thresholds are basalt. The former detached kitchen site can be seen as a flat area in the rear lawn and only some (if any) planting may have derived from earlier times. At least one well is thought to have been near the house, now filled in.

There is also a large gum to the north of the house, relating visually to the sugar gum planted at the gate.

Historical Australian Themes

Exploring and claiming land- early free holds

Farming

3.11 Altering the environment

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