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## Royal Mail Hotel & pine



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### Location

29 Main Hurstbridge Road DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO115

### 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 c1927 Royal Mail hotel (currently operating as the Diamond Creek Tavern) and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

**How is it significant?**

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

**Why is it significant?**

The hotel is architecturally and historically significant as the only example of an Old English/Tudor Revival style hotel in the Shire of Nillumbik and as a good example of this style. Its ornate design reflects the prosperity enjoyed by Diamond Creek during the 1920s (Criteria B, D & A). The hotel is socially significant because it has been an important gathering point for the community since 1927 (Criterion G).

**BITLER STUDY, 2001**

The Royal Mail Hotel is of regional significance,

- for the long association of its name with the town of Diamond Creek
- for its association with the period of relative prosperity in the township in the 1920s
- for its long-term use by the community as a gathering place and its representation of that period by its external preservation
- for its architectural significance as the only Old English or Tudor Revival style hotel in the Shire and a good example of the style externally

The pine was an unusual type for the Shire but has no associations with the hotel's beginnings of local interest.

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 1997;

Hermes Number 64015

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**Physical Description 1**

This is a rough cast stucco and brick, half-timbered Old English or Tudor revival style two-storey hotel, located on the Station Street corner (south-west) near the Diamond Creek railway station. Until recently it had a mature pine (2 needle, 100mm, maritime pine?) growing close to the front wall where previous views have shown a grove of Canary Island date palms. This pine related in type and perhaps age with the pines in the railway reserve nearby but has been removed.

**Historical Australian Themes**

Haven and refuge- rural attractions/or various groups

Community growth- local government

8.4 Eating and Drinking

3.12.5 Retailing Food and Beverages

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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