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Location

1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road CHRISTMAS HILLS, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1880 school, c1887 verandah, the attached teacher's residence and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?

The school and teacher's residence are historically, aesthetically and socially significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The school and residence are historically and aesthetically significant as a rare and well preserved example of a combined school and teacher's residence in bushland environs, similar to its original setting (Criteria B & E). The school is historically and socially significant because it has served the local population, as a school and community centre, for many years and played an important part in the development of education in the district (Criteria A & G). It is historically significant for its illustration of the development of education in the district (the position of the current school, well west of the first school, is believed to illustrate a long-running division in the Christmas Hills community over the issue of the school's siting) (Criterion A).

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

Hermes Number 64030

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is a weatherboarded steeply gabled roof school room, with a corrugated-iron roof and a verandahed gabled residence attached to the south side. The gables have ornament in the form of finials and mouldings while the typical small multi-paned glazing of the era has survived in both residence and school.

Minor additions have been made to the school, in the form of unrelated flat roof porches or verandahs and 1960s portables have also been added to the site. The school is set on the creek, verge near gum forest on the south edge of Christmas Hills village and there are some Monterey cypress and an oak (?) in the grounds.

Historical Australian Themes

Early Communities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia.

6.2 Establishing schools

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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