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Location

30 MURRAY DRIVE WATTLE GLEN, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO236

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

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ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Examples of this standard design late Victorian and Edwardian timber dwelling are very rare anywhere in the Shire, due to the district's lack of affluence and relative remoteness right up until the mid 20th century. Presumably this house was built to serve a farm or orchard and its siting in the Water Gully Creek valley reflects the late 19th and early 20th century pattern of settlement for agriculture along the fertile valleys of the Diamond Creek and its tributaries.

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC-criteria)

Mills farm house is significant to Wattle Glen:

- as an example of a late Victorian era timber farm house, in a typical Melbourne suburban style, but rare within the locality (Criterion B2);
- for its historical links with the Mills family and early gold diggings which are nearby in Watery Gully (Criterion A4);
- for its expression of farming and orcharding in the district, its siting in the Watery Gully Creek valley reflecting the late 19th and early 20th century pattern of settlement for agriculture along the fertile valleys of the Diamond Creek and its tributaries (Criterion A4).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Hermes Number	64210
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:

Style late Victorian.

Design standard;

Plan rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad. Roof hipped with shallow eaves, corrugated iron clad. Features are the size of the building, its symmetrical front facade, verandah, paired front facade eaves brackets, chimneys and the sloping ground rising to the front of the house.

REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:

Other elements include the block or simulated ashlar pattern boards to the front, the cement cappings to the red brick chimneys, and the M-profile hipped roof.

Physical Conditions

Externally fair (disturbed, reasonably preserved)

Integrity

Externally substantially intact/some intrusions, the verandah detail has gone.

Historical Australian Themes

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