
Pinoak Tree at Garrambi Baan



PINOAK WITHOUT FOLIAGE Colour - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study



Canary oak pinoak English oak and other mature exotics



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Location

130 Laughing Waters Road ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO158

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1908 Pinoak tree (*Quercus Palustris*) at Garrambi Baan.

How is it significant?

The Pinoak tree is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The tree is historically significant because it was planted by Lady William Irvine (the wife of the former Premier and Attorney General of Victoria, Sir William Irvine) c1908; it is unusual in that it has survived two bushfires that have passed through the site (Criteria H & B). The tree is aesthetically significant because of its good condition, its considerable height (in excess of 20-25 metres) and its broad spreading branches down to a low level (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001; Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;
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Physical Description 1

ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTION:

This tree is located on a slope below the main part of the garden and east of the house. The tree has a spreading rounded crown and is 18-20 metres tall. It is one of the main

REVISED DESCRIPTION:

It has been described as a c1930 house at this place has been demolished recently and the site has been levelled off but the house footings and garden terracing survive with sandstone rockery retaining walls and steps around the east side. On the north and west side are stock yard remnants, a concrete tank and open pasture with gums.

There is also an old hedge (AMG 339118E 5821922N) set around an early split post and rail fence. Further to the west, beyond the electricity transmission lines, is a cleared area and a track leading down to a wide landing area, lower down at the edge of the Yarra River.

On the lower garden terrace and at the end of the drive which is planted with a semimature ash avenue ('Fraxinus oxycarpa'), are three large oaks spaced about 20m apart: English oak (17-18m tall), pinoak (18m tall) at and Canary Island oak (16-17m tall) at AMG 339180E, 5821947N.

" Each of these trees has a 1.0m radius canopy spread which gives them a classic form.

The pinoak is one of the largest in the State, having a trunk diameter of around 1.5m, this diameter being shared by the Canary Island oak. Other minor trees include mulberry and an apple, with two probable 1930s Monterey cypress at the gate (AMG 339166E 5821984N).

'Quercus canariensis'

Originating from North Africa and the Iberian Peninsula, this deciduous or semi-evergreen species keeps its 4 in (10 cm) long, coarsely toothed leaves until well into winter by which time they are a yellowish brown. It grows quickly to 40 ft (12 m) and its long acorns taper to a fine point. To a gardener this is effectively a larger-leaved version of the English oak that can withstand drier conditions, though it is not suitable for really arid regions. In the wild it grows naturally in river valleys {Botanica}.

'Q palustris'

Coming from the eastern and central USA, this species tolerates dry, sandy soil though it is at its best in deep alluvial soils with plenty of water in summer. Moderately fast growing, it matures to a height of 80 ft (24 m). Its smooth, grey trunk supports horizontal branches towards the top of the tree, while the lower branches droop gracefully. Its lustrous green leaves are 4 in (10 cm) long with deep, pointed lobes that become crimson red in fall (autumn). They persist on the tree well into winter; Quercus palustris has a shallow root system {Botanica}.

Physical Conditions

Trees generally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Garden partially intact /intrusions

Historical Australian Themes

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