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# Shaw's Cool Store



B6979 Shaws Cool Store

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## Location

345 Hilderbrand Road,, COTTLES BRIDGE VIC 3099 - Property No B6979

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Local

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Shaw's Cool Store is a small private cool store typical of those built in the orchard districts near Melbourne in the two decades following world War 1. It is one of about seven cool stores in the Shire of Nillumbik surviving from the 1920s and '30s. It is of historical, architectural and technical significance.

The cool store is of historical significance as a remnant of the important fruit-growing industry which flourished from the 1880s in the districts near Melbourne, including the Diamond Valley. Most of these districts are now outer suburbs, however Cottles Bridge has retained its rural character to date. The site is also historically significant as part of a Closer Settlement holding. In the first half of the twentieth century many people were settled on the land throughout Victoria under various Closer Settlement schemes. This property is indicative of post World War 1 Closer Settlement for fruit growing in the Diamond Valley region.

The Cool Store is of architectural significance as it displays the typical design of the combined cool stores and packing sheds of the region. Although a small private cool store, it also reflects the architecture of the large government and co-operative stores which were a feature in orcharding districts near Melbourne. The two public

cool stores built in the Diamond Valley region no longer exist.

Shaw's cool store, with its integrated packing shed is of technical significance as it demonstrates the manner in which apples, pears and peaches were stored and packed for the local and export market. The design and structure of the building show the techniques for insulation and air circulation used in a typical cool store of the era, however the cool store now lacks the essential refrigeration plant, except for some remnants of the refrigeration pipes.

Although the building is in need of repair, no major alterations appear to have been made to the original structure, and it is sufficiently intact to display the features of a typical cool store of its era. The cool store's significance is enhanced by the associated house, remnant fruit trees from the orchard and the property's rural setting.

Shaws Cool Store is at least of local significance, and further survey work should be conducted to ascertain whether it is of regional or higher significance.

Classified: 07/06/1999

Hermes Number 66286

Property Number

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