
Central Park



L10003 Central Park Eltham



L10003 Rail Bridge Central
Park

Location

Main Road,, ELTHAM VIC 3095 - Property No L10003

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 8, 2007

Central Park lies adjacent to the main commercial centre of Eltham. It is traversed by Diamond Creek and the Hurstbridge railway line. The timber railway viaduct (built some 75 years ago) which crosses the creek is a landscape feature of significance. Associated with the parkland is Shillinglaw Cottage (classified by the Trust). Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) and Candlebark (*E.rubida*) are a significant feature of the riverine environment. The forested hill (now largely developed) to the north-east of Central Park forms a pleasant background to the setting.

The landscape of the area has been progressively improved by the Eltham Council by acquisition of land and land-scaping works supervised by Eltham Curator, Mr. R. Grant.

The railway line traverses the creek in a gentle curve over the flats of Diamond Creek by means of a fine timber trestle bridge, approximately 200 metres long. This, in conjunction with the cottage and the semi-natural setting of the parkland provides a landscape which is evocative of the history of the area.

The landscape was painted by Walter Withers who moved into the Eltham area after the construction of the railway line in 1902.

Other Names Alistair Knox Park,

Hermes Number 70273

Property Number

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