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# ADOBE RESIDENCE AND IRON GATES - "ROCKNALL"



Adobe Residence and Iron  
Gates 25 Diamond St Colour  
1 - Shire of Eltham Heritage  
Study 1992



Adobe Residence and Iron  
Gates 25 Diamond St\_03 -  
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Iron Gates 25 Diamond St\_02  
- Shire of Eltham Heritage  
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25 Diamond Street  
Eltham.jpg

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## Location

25 DIAMOND STREET (previously Handfield St) ELTHAM, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO36

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### ***What is significant?***

The c1950 adobe house and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

### ***How is it significant?***

The c1950 adobe house is historically and architecturally significant to the Shire of Nillumbik

The iron gates are historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik

### ***Why is it significant?***

The c1950 adobe house and iron gates are historically significant for its connections to John Harcourt, the pioneer pise-de-terre and mud brick builder, who was an important influence on the well known 'Eltham-style' architect, Alistair Knox (Criterion H). The house is historically and architecturally significant as an early example of the use of mud brick in Eltham and as an unusual example of a 1950s house that is modelled on buildings constructed in Victoria during the 1860s and earlier (Criterion B).

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Shire of Eltham Heritage Study, David Bick, 1992;

Construction dates 1950, 1900, 1900,

Other Names 25 DIAMOND ST, ELTHAM,

Hermes Number 55429

Property Number

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## Historical Australian Themes

DISTINCTIVE ELTHAM BUILDING STYLES

3.14.2 Using Australian materials in construction

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

## Physical Description 1

Style basically early Victorian. Later additions compatible.

Design one-off.

Plan rectangular.

Two storeyed.

Walls solid pise. Additions?

Roof gabled with eaves, slate clad. Features are the exotic design~ first. floor windows, construct i on and the iron gates.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Later Use: Residence

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