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# ENGLISH OAK TREE KNOWN AS "DONALDSON'S OAK", LOT 2 DONALDSON RD



Donaldsons Oak at lot 2  
Donaldson Rd Colour - Shire  
of Eltham Heritage Study  
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## Location

35 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO39

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 5, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

**What is significant?**

The c1880 English Oak (*Quercus Robur*) known as Donaldson's Oak (The tree may have been planted at the same time as Wippell's Oak, see HO 99).

**How is it significant?**

Donaldson's Oak is historically and aesthetically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant because it was planted by John Donaldson, a pioneer settler at Kangaroo Ground, from an acorn collected from England's Windsor Great Park in 1878 (Criteria H & B). It is aesthetically significant as a local landscape feature and one of the largest examples of an English Oak in the Shire (Criterion E).

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

Construction dates 1880,

Other Names Donaldson's Oak, *Quercus robur*,

Hermes Number 55435

Property Number

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**Historical Australian Themes****EARLY SETTLEMENT****3.11 Altering the environment****Physical Description 1**

A large spreading tree of significant age, this tree is one of the largest examples of this species in the Shire. The tree is located on the edge of the road reserve in private property. It has had tree surgery work carried out on it in recent years to help maintain the longevity. This tree has been previously identified and listed in the Eltham Planning Scheme.

**AGE:**

112 years - estimated in march 1993

Date Planted - approx 1878

Planted by - John Donaldson

**Physical Conditions**

Current state of the specimen: Fair

**Physical Description 2****MEASUREMENTS**

Circumference of trunk (1.4 metres above ground)\_5.6 metres

Height of tree\_17.0 metres

Spread of canopy\_23.0 metres

### **Physical Description 3**

#### **POTENTIAL THREATS:**

Large trunk cavity - a number of rod prongs have been installed into the cavity to ensure tree structure remains intact

Continual ongoing maintenance

### **Physical Description 4**

Immediate threat to the existence of the specimen: NO

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