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# MUD BRICK COTTAGE AND CORRUGATED IRON TOILET BUILDING



Cottage Toilet Building  
Henley Rd\_04 - Shire of  
Eltham Heritage Study 1992

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## Location

145 HENLEY ROAD, N.E. CNR. NICHOLAS LANE KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO81

## 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 c1920s adobe cottage and the corrugated iron out building (toilet), and the sites surrounding each building to a radius of 30 metres.

***How is it significant?***

The adobe cottage is historically and technically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

The corrugated iron out building (toilet) is historically significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

***Why is it significant?***

The adobe cottage is historically significant because the nature and form of its construction (in particular the use of cheap and local materials and the simple design) exemplify the dwellings of the early settlers and because very few such buildings now remain in the Shire (Criteria B & D). The cottage is historically and technically significant because its modest size is a reminder of the poor economic position of most of the Shire's residents until after World War II and because the building is a predecessor to the mud brick houses erected in the Shire during the latter half of the 20th century (Criteria A & F).

The corrugated iron outbuilding (toilet) is historically significant because it illustrates the poor economic position of most of the Shire's residents until after World War II (Criteria A).

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

Construction dates 1920,

Other Names Adobe cottage,

Hermes Number 63255

Property Number

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**Historical Australian Themes**

FARMING?

DISTINCTIVE ELTHAM BUILDING STYLES

3.14.2 Using Australian materials in construction

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

**Physical Description 1**

Style Victorian

Design Standard

Plans rectangular

Single storeyed

Walls mud brick to cottage, stone plinth, brick eaves sections.

Roof gabled, corrugated iron sheet roof over palings, verandah saping frames.

Toilet has lean-to corrugated iron roof with no spouting.

Front garden is square topped picket and wire fenced, with two split posts on either side of the woven wire

pedestrian gate.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original Use: Farm house

Present Use: house

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