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# WEATHERBOARD FARM HOUSE



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## Location

710 HURSTBRIDGE-ARTHURS CREEK ROAD ARTHURS CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO88

## Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

### *What is significant?*

The c1876-1880s house, the subsequent Edwardian renovations and additions, and the surrounding site to the road.

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

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

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

The house is historically significant for its strong associations with orchardist, William Draper, a member of the noted fruit growing firm started by the local pioneer and horticultural expert, Charles Draper, and its strong links with Eltham's fruit growing industry, which reached its heyday in 1880-1910 (Criteria A & H). The house is historically and architecturally significant because houses of this style are comparatively rare in the Shire and because it has a number of unusual features, including a distinctive bay window (Criteria B & E).

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

Construction dates 1876, 1950,

Hermes Number 63441

Property Number

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## **Historical Australian Themes**

### **FARMING**

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

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**

### **House**

Style late Victorian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roof hipped with shallow eaves, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the projecting front room with its hipped corrugated iron roof and bay window, the simple eaves decoration and the chimneys.

### **Individually Identified Trees**

Golden Cypress - these two lines are planted symmetrically on either side of the driveway entry, clearly to identify the entry in a formal manner. They are 12-14 Metres tall, have a trunk diameter of around 400MM and are in fair condition. The tree canopies have not fully developed due to the proximity of the other trees and some dead wood is evident.

Monterey Cypress - the two lines of these trees run along either side of the garden area surrounding the house. All of the trees are of similar age and could have originally been planted as hedges, although they have now attained a relatively large size - 15 Metres in height and with trunk diameters of up to 500-600MM.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Original and Later Use: Farm House

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