
ENGLISH OAK TREE KNOWN AS "WIPPELL'S OAK"



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Location

50 KANGAROO GROUND-ST. ANDREWS ROAD KANGAROO GROUND, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO99

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

A c1880 English Oak tree (*Quercus Robur*) known as Wippell's oak and the site to a radius of 20 metres (may have been planted at the same time as Donaldson's Oak, see HO 39).

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

Wippell's Oak is historically significant because it germinated from seed gathered by early settler John Donaldson at England's Windsor Great Park and is a reminder of the practice cultivating British species of flora in Australia (Criterion A). It is historically and aesthetically significant because it has a trunk diameter of 1,000mm and is one of the oldest of this species in the former Shire of Eltham; the size and age of the tree make is a significant landscape feature (Criteria B & E).

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

Construction dates 1880,

Other Names Wippell's oak, Quercus robur,

Hermes Number 63452

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

EARLY SETTLEMENT

PRIVATE PLANTING

3.11 Altering the environment

Physical Description 1

This is a very large example of the species but is in declining health. Previous tree surgery has involved cavity filling and branch removal but follow-up work is required. Another large oak is present to the east, obviously a seedling, together with smaller seedlings. The tree is situated by the roadside below the Kangaroo Ground Fire Station.

Age approx 110yrs (1992 estimate)

Local Historical Themes

May have been planted around the same time as Donaldson's Oak

Physical Description 2

Circumference of trunk 1.4m above ground, 3.4m. height 16.1m canopy spread 14m

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