
Ellis Gateway at Nillumbik Cemetery



Nillumbik cemetery and gates

Location

35 Main Street DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO226

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

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Nillumbik Cemetery is of regional significance

- for its association with the early history of the township and as a record of the pioneering families of the district
- for the significant plantings: pines that date to the foundation and laying out of the cemetery in the late 1860s, and a boundary cypress row that dates to the 1920s

- for its associated structures, such as the timber sexton's cottage which help complete the sense of period at the cemetery

The Ellis gateway is of state significance

- as exhibiting a rare design in ornamental gateways, which is also relatively large for the size of the cemetery

- for its association with William Ellis, notable early settler and benefactor

Heritage Study/Consultant Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 1997;

Hermes Number 64012

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Tuck pointed red brick, distinctive Tudor revival Ellis gateway, with a rendered entablature bearing the letters JANVA VITAE on one side and William Ellis's name on the other with the date 1897 (bequest), a basalt impost course and plinth, rendered buttress copings, wrought-iron gates, timber picketed gates set in adjacent chain-wire on timber frame and shaped posts; weatherboarded (chamfer board) octagonal pavilion store with finial, corrugated iron roof. Layout simple linear rows, white quartz surfaced paths now grown over, some iron markers. Italian and/or funereal or Bhutan ('Cupressus torulosa?') cypress among planting with mature Monterey cypress hedge at front, oleander just inside entrance gateway (similarities to St Helena Greensborough, nearby?), some mature native planting ('Acacia melanoxylon') and inappropriate raised native garden beds at entrance and later shelters. Recent wire and paling fences to side and rear.

Graves include an old group on the main drive.

Memorials to: William SCameron, killed on the Victorian Railways 20.1.1886 erected by fellow workmen, made by WH Williams of Hotham; Ann Gregory 27.1.1891; ; Children of John & Honor Lawrey, 1869- (made by Cross & Co., Simpsons Road, Collingwood); Rosamond Wilson (Cross & Co) 7.1878 et. a1.; Boyd family; Godburgh family grave and garden via Wilson family; Cummings; Jackson; George Stebbings; James Whyte, killed in the Diamond Mine, 12.5.1908 (white marble, poor condition).

Other masons include Chambers & Clutten, Corben,

Historical Australian Themes

Early Communities

Community growth- local government

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