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Location

29 Main Hurstbridge Road DIAMOND CREEK, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO115

Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2010

REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTEXT, 2010

What is significant?

The c1927 Royal Mail hotel (currently operating as the Diamond Creek Tavern) and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

How is it significant?

The hotel is architecturally, historically and socially significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

Why is it significant?

The hotel is architecturally and historically significant as the only example of an Old English/Tudor Revival style hotel in the Shire of Nillumbik and as a good example of this style. Its ornate design reflects the prosperity enjoyed by Diamond Creek during the 1920s (Criteria B, D & A). The hotel is socially significant because it has been an important gathering point for the community since 1927 (Criterion G).

BITLER STUDY, 2001

The Royal Mail Hotel is of regional significance,

- for the long association of its name with the town of Diamond Creek
- for its association with the period of relative prosperity in the township in the 1920s
- for its long-term use by the community as a gathering place and its representation of that period by its external preservation
- for its architectural significance as the only Old English or Tudor Revival style hotel in the Shire and a good example of the style externally

The pine was an unusual type for the Shire but has no associations with the hotel's beginnings of local interest.

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

Hermes Number 64015

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is a rough cast stucco and brick, half-timbered Old English or Tudor revival style two-storey hotel, located on the Station Street corner (south-west) near the Diamond Creek railway station. Until recently it had a mature pine (2 needle, 100mm, maritime pine?) growing close to the front wall where previous views have shown a grove of Canary Island date palms. This pine related in type and perhaps age with the pines in the railway reserve nearby but has been removed.

Historical Australian Themes

Haven and refuge- rural attractions/or various groups

Community growth- local government

8.4 Eating and Drinking

3.12.5 Retailing Food and Beverages

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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