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## Location

84 Kangaroo Ground - Warrandyte Road NORTH WARRANDYTE, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

## 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 1964 house and the surrounding site to the title boundaries.

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

The house is architecturally significant to the Shire of Nillumbik.

**Why is it significant?**

The house is architecturally significant because it is a notable example of Australian modernist domestic architecture and one of six houses in the Warrandyte-Eltham area designed by Robin Boyd between the 1940s and the 1960s (Criteria B, D, F & H). It is also significant as a notable example of Australian Modernist domestic architecture. The house is set on two levels and featured exposed oregon beams and bagged and painted surfaces evoking the Eltham mud-brick era (Criterion F).

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

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**Physical Description 1**

This house, like the others, was also set on two, levels but its later construction meant a more rectilinear design, with exposed Oregon beams and bagged and painted surfaces evoking that other Eltham image inspired by the mud brick era. However like the Nichol house it still had a mezzanine treatment of space, allowing one level to flow into the other and create one and twostorey high spaces. Similarly the planning was more allocation of volumes within the house perimeter walls with no rigid wall lines or passages. The kitchen was central to the main level, allowing communication to a living area on one side, dining and studio on another and a bedroom and service areas on the remaining sides. There were guest rooms on the lower level with a connected living area. Each level had a terrace attached.

**Historical Australian Themes**

Community growth- local government

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

8,12 Living in and around Australian homes

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