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## Heffernan farm outbuildings (2)



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### Location

104 THOMPSON CRESCENT RESEARCH, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Municipality

NILLUMBIK SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO247

### Heritage Listing

Nillumbik Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This stable and earth outbuilding are rare surviving examples, in a Shire-wide context, of vernacular farm buildings and illustrate the basis of the district's economy prior to 1950, in contrast to the present suburban land use. Structures such as these would have been quite common throughout the Shire of Eltham when farming was the principal land use; however their simple nature and the dramatic growth in population during the last four decades has seen them disappear. The construction of the earth outbuilding is unusual, comprising horizontal

split timbers over earth filling. The corrugated iron building is the former workshop and an integral component of the farm complex.

### **REVISED STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (with AHC criteria):**

Heffernan farm outbuildings (stable and earth building) are significant to Research:

- as rare surviving examples of vernacular farm buildings and an illustration of the basis of the district's economy prior to 1950, in contrast to the present suburban land use (Criterion A4, B2);
- for the uncommon construction of the earth outbuilding, comprising horizontal split palings over earth wall filling (Criterion A4).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Nillumbik - Nillumbik Shire Heritage Study 2001, Graeme Butler & Assoc, 2001;
Hermes Number	64217
Property Number	

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### **Physical Description 1**

#### **ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTION:**

Stable Style vernacular.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls timber post supported, stud framed, weather-board clad: Roof gabled, corrugated iron clad. Features are the building and the remains of the stalls; .

Earth Outbuilding, Style vernacular. Design presumably; Plan rectangular Single storied walls timber post (?) supported split horizontal timbers over solid earth filling. Roof gabled, corrugated iron clad. Feature is the construction.

Corrugated Iron Workshop Style vernacular.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storied.

Walls timber stud framed, corrugated iron clad. Roof gabled, corrugated iron clad.

Features are simple form of the building and the contents that fittings and illustrate its past function.

The stable and earth building are an illustration of the basis of the district's economy prior to 1950, in contrast to the present suburban land use. Structures such as these would have been quite common throughout the Shire of Eltham when farming was the principal land use; however their simple nature and the dramatic growth in

population during the last four decades has seen them disappear. The corrugated iron building is the former workshop.

#### REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTION:

The earth building appears from the 19th century, the paling clad stable possibly from the Victorian-era and the corrugated iron clad gabled shed from the inter-war period.

The earth building and timber stable are the only indicative early farm buildings; the former being unusual among the large number of much later earth buildings in the area..

### **Physical Conditions**

Externally fair to poor (disturbed, reasonably' preserved)

### **Integrity**

Externally partially intact/intrusions

### **Historical Australian Themes**

#### FARMING

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