

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Jones orchard pear tree**

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**Location:**

215 WATTLE GLEN ROAD WATTLE GLEN, NILLUMBIK SHIRE

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Overlay Number:** HO251

**Listing Authority:** Nillumbik Shire

**Statement of Significance:**

ELTHAM STUDY CRITERIA: THEME(S), RARITY, STREETSCAPE

ELTHAM STUDY THEMES: FARMING

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS: Jones family

HERITAGE VALUE: Local

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

Jones orchard complex and tree are significant to the Nillumbik Shire:

- for the house as one of the small number of surviving 19th century farm houses in the Shire, retaining its rare and originally detached kitchen and farm outbuildings as a good example of the home of the small settler (Criterion D2, B2, A4);
- for the sizeable weatherboard packing and cart sheds, one with its brick lower section, are rare survivors - illustrating the operation of a small farm/orchard (Criterion D2);
- for the surviving mature pear tree expresses the orchard function (Criterion A4); and
- for the close and long association with the pioneering Jones family, in particular photographer Albert Jones, a prolific recorder of local life (see Jones Sparks Collection)(Criterion H1) .

Plan rectangular.

Basically single storeyed, though with lower storey in part due to the steeply sloping site.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad; solid face brick walls to the lower storey section.

Roof pitched, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the arrangement with part lower storey and the basic design of the building.

Fruit Tree

Pear - 'Pyrus communis'

This tree is a significantly better specimen than the Apple (Apple has since died and been removed). It is approximately 5 - 6 Metres in height and has a trunk diameter of around 400mm and a full canopy. It has also been recently heavily pruned and has a good quantity of immature fruit. This pear tree is situated at 215 Kangaroo Ground Wattle Glen Road, Wattle Glen.

**ELTHAM STUDY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

Though altered, this building is one of the small number of surviving 19th century/1900s farm houses in the Shire that retains its originally detached kitchen and stable/barn and thus exemplifies the home of the small settler during the period in which it was built. The sizeable weatherboard stable/barn with its brick lower section is a rare survivor and the two buildings illustrate the operation of a small farm/orchard. The surviving mature

fruit trees (1) indicate that there was at least a domestic orchard on the property, if not a commercial one and may also indicate an earlier dwelling site.

Condition: Externally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity Externally substantially intact/some intrusions

## **Description**

### **ELTHAM STUDY DESCRIPTON:**

House

Style Victorian.

Design standard.

Plan rectangular.

Single storeyed.

Walls timber stud construction, weatherboard clad.

Roof hipped, corrugated iron clad.

Features are the simple nature of the building, the verandah and the steep site.

Outbuilding

Style Victorian/Edwardian utilitarian.

Design standard.

### **REVISED OR EXTENDED DESCRIPTON:**

The house has a hipped corrugated iron roof, walls clad with weatherboard, a skillion form return verandah with timber stop-chamfered posts, multi-pane double hung windows, and the brick chimney has a dog-toothed string mould typical of the late to . mid Victorian-era. The two joined out buildings have gabled corrugated iron roofs and are weatherboard clad, with adjoining skillion verandahs: they would have served as packing sheds in the orchard years.

### **REVISED ELTHAM STUDY EXTENT OF DESIGNATION:**

HOUSE INCLUDING REAR ORIGINALLY DETACHED KITCHEN, OUTBUILDING,

MATURE EXOTIC SITE PLANTING (Note: this apple tree died in approx. 1996 and was removed)

AND A PEAR - 'Pyrus communis' AND THEIR SITES TO A RADIUS OF 30 METRES -( AFTER SUBDIVISION IN 2001, THE PEAR TREE IS NOW AT 215 KANGAROO GROUND WATTLE GLEN ROAD)

Heritage Study / Consultant	Nillumbik - C13 Heritage Stage 2 Final Report Revised Citation , Graeme Butler and Assoc., 2001
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	NILLUMBIK SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	118524
Property number	

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