

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STATE SCHOOL NO. 1418 (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Knight's Road BYADUK NORTH

STUDY NUMBER: 195

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: NORTH BYADUK HALL

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF BYADUK

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473D; VicRoads 72 H8; located on the north side of Knight's Road 300m from the intersection of the Hamilton - Port Fairy Road

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



State School No. 1418 (former), Knight's Road, Byaduk North.

Image Date: 31/01/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings and all of the reserve.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The former North Byaduk State School No. 1418 is located on land overlooking Lyne Creek, on Knights Road, about 400 metres from the corner of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road. It consists of a one roomed bluestone school house with an entrance porch, and a detached corrugated iron toilet block 20 metres from the main building.

The bluestone of the walls is rockfaced and finely dressed, suggesting a high level of masonry skills were involved in its construction. The tall windows in the side and front walls of the school admit an abundance of natural light. The roof has been replaced recently with Colourbond sheeting. The chimney on the west side of the building has been extended with brick, and with a recent ventilation device.

The interior of the building retains blackboards and storage cupboards from the period of use as a school. The internal bluestone walls have no plaster or render, suggesting that they may have been stripped back in recent years. The fireplace has been filled in to accommodate a modern space heater.

No evidence of the former teachers residence is visible on the land.

The former school has been used as the local public hall since it ceased to operate as an education facility.

HISTORY:

Land was reserved in the Parish of North Byaduk for a State School after 1865. The site was immediately adjacent to the reserve for the Presbyterian church, overlooking the Lyne Creek. The first school opened 19th June 1874 in a leased building under head teacher Gawen R Nash. It is not known where this building was, but by 1875 the bluestone school building with a detached three room timber residence had been constructed on the reserve. In 1885 part of the school was converted for teacher accommodation, and two rooms were added. The school continued to serve Byaduk North and the surrounding district until August 1963, when along with many other small schools, it was closed. The Byaduk North community then took over the building as its public hall, and the former school continues to perform that function.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

CONDITION:

The condition of the building is excellent. The original wooden finial has been damaged when the roof was replaced, and is lying on the ground in the open.

INTEGRITY:

High degree of integrity externally and internally.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former State School No. 1418 of North Byaduk is now used as the North Byaduk Public Hall. It is located on the State School Reserve, overlooking Lyne Creek, on Knight's Road, north west of the township of North Byaduk. The former school is a one roomed bluestone school house with an entrance porch, and a detached corrugated iron toilet block 20 metres from the main building. The former school has been finely constructed from local bluestone, and is in excellent condition. It also retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former State School No. 1418 is of historical, social and architectural significance to the community of

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Why is it significant? The former State School No. 1418 is of historic significance as the expression of the Byaduk North community's struggle for education, and for its association with 100 years of schooling in the area. It is of social significance as the focus for the community. The school is of architectural significance for its use of traditional forms, fine construction techniques and for its use of local materials.

COMPARISON:

175 Balmoral Consolidated School, Coleraine Road and Simson Street, Balmoral

062 Nareen Hall Complex, Nareen Road, Nareen

089 National School (former), Cnr. Henty and Church Streets, Coleraine

160 State School No. 4362 (Former) and residence, Zig Zag Road, Konongwootong North

ASSESSED BY: mgt

ASSESSMENT DATE:

30-Jan-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR **Include in RNE** **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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