

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: 'ERATYRA'

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 7-19 Kilcunda Road KILCUNDA

STUDY NUMBER: 426

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO108

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: FORMER KILCUNDA STATE SCHOOL NO. 2307

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



The former school buildings at 7-19 Kilcunda Rd, Kilcunda

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Nominally 20 metres all around the heritage buildings and including the space in between.

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HPD Number 45

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Precinct

Group Number

Extra Files

Location 7-19 Kilcunda Road KILCUNDA

PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

KILCUNDA (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Anderson

Access Description

Map Number

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Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

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Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The former school buildings at 7-19 Kilcunda Road, Kilcunda, are of local historic and aesthetic significance. They demonstrate the impact of shifting demographics on schools in the South West Gippsland region. Established in 1880 to serve the local coal mining community, the school continued to operate at least until the 1970s. Aesthetically the buildings are representative examples of Victorian and Edwardian rural school buildings, of which there are a number of examples in the municipality.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, State, region or community.

AHC B.2 Importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practised, in danger of being lost, or of exceptional interest.

AHC D.2 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique).

AHC E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community.

DateAssessed 12/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Investigate original external paint colours when due for a repaint.
Remove fibro-cement sheet from front verandah of former teacher's residence.
Other structures on the site may be retained, demolished or altered

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Heritage place

Education

School - State (public)

Title Details

Physical Description

The Eratyra site at 7-19 Kilcunda Ridge Road, Kilcunda, contains a number of structures including a two former schoolrooms and a former head teacher's house.

The former head teacher's house is a single-storey weatherboard cottage with a transverse gabled roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel. The roof extends over a front verandah which is supported on timber posts with timber brackets. The symmetrical front elevation contains a central front door flanked on either side by a multi-pane, timber-framed, double-hung sash window. The verandah has been partially enclosed with fibro-cement sheet.

The first of the former schoolrooms is a single-storey, Victorian weatherboard building with a corrugated galvanised steel gable roof with a louvred timber gable vent. It has a gabled roofed entry porch and a skillion roofed rear wing. A chimney abutting the side elevation has been partially demolished.

The second of the former schoolrooms is a single-storey Edwardian weatherboard building with a corrugated galvanised steel gambrel roof. The principal elevation contains multi-pane timber framed double-hung sash windows. It is connected to the first schoolroom by means of a non-original steel-framed verandah. There is a recent c.1950s? skillion-roofed building to the rear which is not significant.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage **Unknown.**

Associated People

Historical Notes

'Kilcunda' is said to be an Aboriginal word for 'an exclamation'. The cliffs of Kilcunda were the site of a coal seam discovered as early as 1865. The seam was found to be 3'6" in thickness and considered to be very good coal with excellent heating qualities. As a result of this industry, as well as the selection of land, a small concentration of population grew up in the area, and resulted in the need for a school which opened in 1880. The township of Kilcunda was surveyed in 1898.

The Kilcunda State School No. 2307 was established in 1880 to serve the needs of the local coal mining community. Land was rented from a Mr Turnbull, lessee of Allotment 16, who provided a rudimentary schoolhouse building. Mrs Mary Connell was the school's first head teacher, her husband William Henry Connell was the teacher at Bass. The site was formally gazetted in 1884, and a new school building constructed the following year. A teacher's residence was also soon constructed. Two rooms were added to this house in the early 1940s. An additional classroom building was also added to the complex in the early twentieth century. The school is no longer operational.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

14.5 Education: Education was an important aspect of the settlement of a district, and the first Kilcunda school was located on this site.

The importance of education and community activity is emphasised by the continued community use of the old school house and teacher's residence by the local community.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
David Williams	Memories, Moonash & Marine Marvels	1999		
Department of Lands and Survey	Parish plan of the township of Kilcunda, Parish of Woolamai	undated		
Joseph White	One Hundred Years of History	1974		
L J Blake (editor)	Vision and Realisation	1973		
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1974		

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

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Section 32 Recommendation

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls? No

Included in Vic Heritage Register? No

Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? Yes

Tree Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No