

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BASS COMMUNITY CENTRE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 6a Bass School Road BASS

STUDY NUMBER: 268

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO13

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: WOOLAMAI COMMON SCHOOL NO. 847/BASS SCHOOL & QUEEN VICTORIA HALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF CORINELLA

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Bass Community Centre, 6a Bass School Road, Bass

Image Date: December 2003

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole Allotment.

BASS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Heritage Overlay No H013
PropertyNo
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Precinct

Group Number

Extra Files

Location 6a Bass School Road BASS

PARISH OF CORINELLA

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

BASS (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Leadbeater

Access Description

Map Number 0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

ent of Listing

Whole Allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The Bass Memorial Hall and the former school buildings, at the Bass Community Centre are of local historic, social and aesthetic significance. Constructed in 1897 and relocated to its present site in 1956, the hall has been a venue for local community activity for over 100 years. Aesthetically the hall is a typical example of a modest Victorian rural community hall. The former school buildings demonstrate the pattern of closure and relocation characteristic of the schools in the South West Gippsland region in the twentieth century.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A4: 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 C2: Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of Australia.

AHC G1: Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational or social associations.

Date Assessed 26/07/2004 Assessed By Fay Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good.

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

Recommended Management

Continued maintenance of buildings.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Title Details

Architectural Style

Federation/Edwardian Period (1902-c.1918) Carpenter Gothic

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Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Construction Started	1897	Circa	Yes	Completed	1897	Circa	Yes
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Construction Started	1921	Circa	No	Completed		Circa	No
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Physical Description

The former Bass School comprises a single-storey weatherboard building with a gabled roof reclad in Colorbond. The east elevation contains a tripartite window with timber-framed multi-paned double hung sashes and fanlights. The window also contains a non-original door-opening. The west elevation contains a large non-original aluminium framed window. The side elevations contain small, three-pane windows placed high in the wall. A recent addition with weatherboard cladding and a hipped roof abuts the side of the original building.

The Bass Hall, known as Queen Victoria Hall, is a single-storey weatherboard building with a gabled roof reclad in Colourbond and penetrated by ridge ventilators. A louvred timber vent is located below the front gable apex. Side elevations contains regularly spaced timber-framed double hung sash windows, the top sash having an arched timber head. Both the gable roofed entry porch to the front and the skillion roofed rear wing are later additions.

Other structures on the site include a fibro-cement clad toilet block and a recent shelter shed (not significant).

The former School Teacher's House is a single-storey, double-fronted weatherboard cottage. It has a double-gabled roof clad in colorbond and a skillion roofed rear wing. The front elevation contains a corner verandah flanked by paired, multi-paned, double-hung sash windows with corrugated steel awnings supported on timber brackets. A brick chimney abuts the east elevation.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Community Centre

Associated People

Historical Notes

Bass Community Centre is comprised of the former Bass School and Queen Victoria Hall buildings. The first school at Woolamai, as Bass was originally known, opened in 1866 on the site of what later became the Police Station. Woolamai Common School No. 847 remained there until 1890, before moving to the School's present site, where a new school building and teacher's house were erected. The school was renamed Bass School in c.1915. The 1890s school was replaced by a new building in 1921, with the teacher's residence being moved to an adjacent site. An additional larger modern school building was completed in 1964.

Queen Victoria Hall dates from c.1897. It was originally located on Hade Avenue near the Bass Hotel. It has since been moved twice, initially to a site opposite St Joseph's church, Woolamai Road, then to its current location in School Road in 1989. Relocation of buildings is not uncommon in regional areas, particularly the eastern part of Victoria, and is demonstrative of the respect for and value (economic and heritage) placed in them by the community.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

14.5 Education: Education was an important aspect of the settlement of a district, and the first Bass school was located close to this site. The importance of education and community activity is emphasised by the continued community use of the old school house, teacher's cottage and hall by the local community.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
Joseph White	One Hundred Years of History: Shire of Phillip Island & Woolamai 1875-1928; Shire of Bass 1928-1975	1974	
L J Blake	Vision and Realisation		
The Bass Valley Community Group	A Scrapbook of Memories	2002	

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

