

## Victorian Heritage Register



**VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER:** PROV H2242

**NAME:** FORMER GLENBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL 3344

**LOCATION:** 3873 MELBA HIGHWAY GLENBURN, MURRINDINDI SHIRE

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** MURRINDINDI SHIRE

**CATEGORY:** Heritage place

**DATE REGISTERED:**

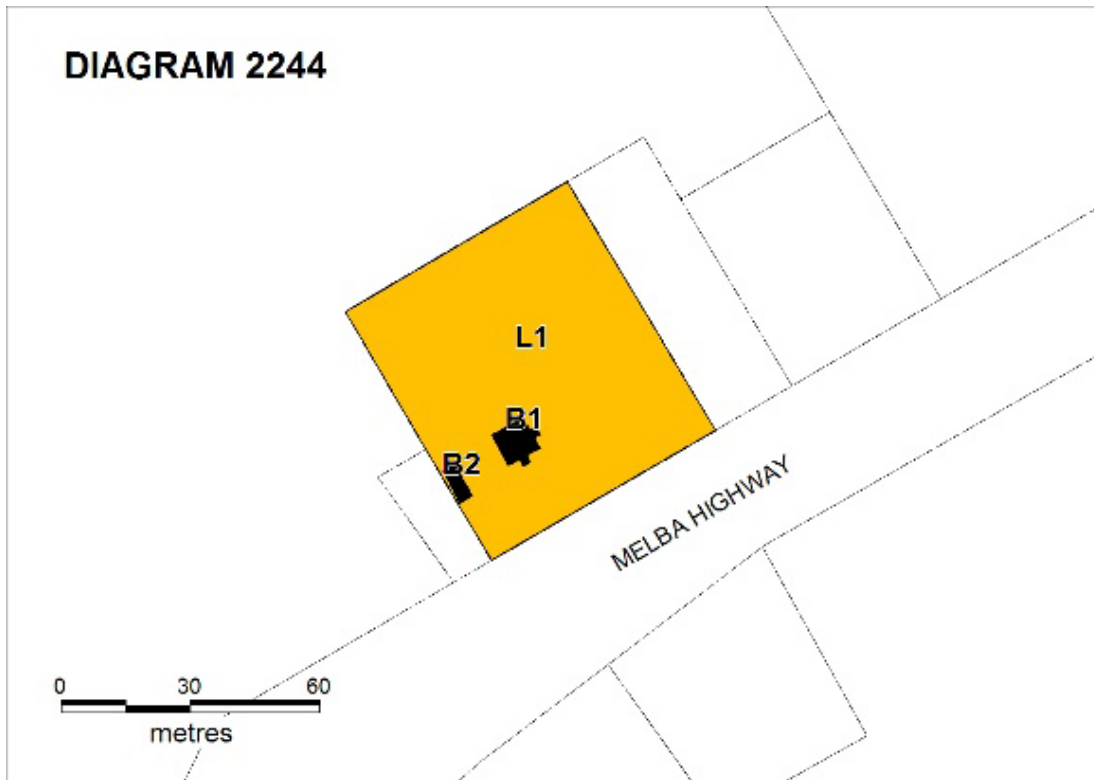
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- EXTENT:** DRAFT ONLY - NOT YET APPROVED BY THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
1. All the land marked L1 on Diagram 2242 held by the Executive Director, being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 02756 Folio 84
  2. All the buildings B1 and B2 on Diagram 2242 held by the Executive Director  
B1 School building  
B2 Shelter shed



## STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

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### *What is significant?*

The former Glenburn Primary School, State School No 3344, was built in 1900 in response to an increasing population in the area in the 1890s. In 1902 under Head Teacher Annie Robertson fifteen pupils were enrolled. The school was then in a remote rural area, where attendances were low and schools were mostly one-room timber buildings. Attendances at Glenburn were so low that for several years from 1907 the school operated part time, with the one teacher shared with Murrindindi State School, but numbers had increased to over thirty by 1938. The original building consisted of one classroom 14 x 24 ft [4.3 x 7.3 m], and a two-room living quarters for the teacher, consisting of a small kitchen 10 x 11 ft [3.1 x 3.4 m] and a bedroom 11 x 14 ft [3.4 x 4.3 m], but these quarters were so small that most teachers preferred to board elsewhere. In the late 1940s the classroom was expanded by removing some of the internal partitions between it and the residence, and at the same time the north side of the building was changed by removing the verandah (or cloak room), a door and two windows, and two new chalkboards were added in this position. A new teacher's residence was built adjacent to the school in 1952. The school closed in 1993 and the property was purchased by the Shire Council for community use.

The former Glenburn Primary School No 3344 is a single storey weatherboard building with twelve-paned double-hung sash windows and a corrugated iron roof. It originally comprised a gable-roofed classroom on one side of the building and teacher's quarters of two small rooms, expressed by two smaller transverse gables, on the other side, with separate entrance porches for each. Some of the internal partitions have now been removed. At the centre is a brick chimney with fireplaces on each side to warm both the classroom and the teacher's quarters. The fireplaces have been bricked up, but the mantels above have been retained. The interior, including the coved ceiling, is lined with Baltic pine. The former entrance porch to the classroom has been blocked off and converted into a kitchenette. On the classroom wall is an honour board to former students and staff who served in World War I. To the west of the school building is a timber shelter shed, with seats around three sides of the interior, which appears in the 1940s drawings.

### *How is it significant?*

Glenburn Primary School is of architectural and historical significance to the state of Victoria.

### *Why is it significant?*

The former Glenburn Primary School is architecturally significant as a largely intact example of a small country school built at the turn of the nineteenth century. The one-room timber school with an attached teacher's residence was one of the most common types of schools built in country Victoria in the late nineteenth century, but although hundreds of such schools were built few have survived intact. The shelter shed with wooden bench seats around three sides of the interior is now an unusual example of its kind.

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The former Glenburn Primary School is historically significant as a demonstration of the way in which many of the children in country Victoria were educated around the turn of the nineteenth century. The small size of such rural schools and of their attached teacher's residences is a reflection of the small numbers of children enrolled in such isolated rural schools and demonstrates the differences in the school facilities provided in these areas compared to those in wealthier and more populous parts of the state.

## **PERMIT POLICY:**

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The purpose of the Permit Policy is to assist when considering or making decisions regarding works to the place. It is recommended that any proposed works be discussed with an officer of Heritage Victoria prior to a permit application. Discussing any proposed works will assist in answering any questions the owner may have and aid any decisions regarding works to the place. It is recommended that a Conservation Management Plan is undertaken to assist with the future management of the cultural significance of the place.

The extent of registration protects the whole site. All of the registered buildings is integral to the significance of the place and any external or internal alterations that impact on its significance are subject to permit application. The addition of new buildings to the site may impact upon the cultural heritage significance of the place and requires a permit. The purpose of this requirement is not to prevent any further development on this site, but to enable control of possible adverse impacts on heritage significance during that process.

The significance of the place lies in its rarity and intactness as a simple bush school of the turn of the nineteenth century, consisting of one classroom and a teacher's residence with two small rooms, and with a simple timber shelter shed nearby. Some of the internal partitions which once separated the classroom and the teacher's residence have been removed, but part of one dividing wall and the chimney and fireplaces between the two parts still remain and enable an understanding the original form and function, and it would be preferred that these features be retained. The shelter shed has been reclad and re-roofed, but internally appears to be original.

## **PERMIT EXEMPTIONS:**

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible.

General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan endorsed by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: The existence of a Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan endorsed by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan.

General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

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General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable.

Minor Works : Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works may submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.



RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION ON A NOMINATION TO THE VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER

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OFFICER/S REPORTING: Dr Kerry Jordan

RECOMMENDATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- That the Place or object be included in the Heritage Register [Section 32(1)(a)]

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DETERMINATION BY HERITAGE COUNCIL

(Strike out where not applicable)

- That the Place or object be included in the Heritage Register [Section 42(1)(a)]
That ALL or PART of the Place be included in the Heritage Register [Section 42(1)(b)]
That the Place or object or part of a place NOT be included in the Heritage Register [Section 42(1)(c)]
That the Place NOT be included in the Heritage Register but instead referred to the relevant planning authority [Section 42(1)(d)(i)]
That the Place or object NOT be included in the Heritage Register but instead other steps be taken to protect or conserve it [Section 42(1)(d)(ii)]

Comment:

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