

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STATE SCHOOL NO. 116

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Barker Street CAVENDISH

STUDY NUMBER: 438

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Cavendish

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 17, 18 **SECTION:** 8 **PARISH:** PARISH OF CAVENDISH
& 19

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432J 6; VicRoads 228 J8; located on the south-east corner of Barker and Chirnside Streets on the southern side of the township of Cavendish.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Nil



Cavendish SS No. 116, Barker Street, Cavendish

Image Date: 11/03/03

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The surviving buildings associated with the State School have only one section of the original building remaining. This section is at the core of the current building.

The new building was constructed in 1963 and is a raised asymmetrical timber structure with banks of windows on both sides and a porch which separates the newest structure from the older incorporated section. The school is set in a traditional playground with asphalt courts, equipment and plantings.

HISTORY:

A National School Reserve was gazetted in Cavendish in 1852 (Education Department Victoria), on the corner of Barker and Chirnside Street, two blocks south of the centre of the township of Cavendish. The allotments allocated were allotments 17, 18 & 19 of Section 8, comprising an area 500 x 300 feet, or about .5 hectare (Public Lands Office, 1858).

According to the Shire of Dundas Centenary, this was the first School to open in the former Shire of Dundas, and it was called the Cavendish Boarding School, operated by a Mr. James Brake (Shire of Dundas, 105). This school was referred to by James Bonwick as "an excellent national school, which boasts of being the largest boarding school in the west" (ibid., 64) where many settlers sent their children many miles to attend. The Cavendish School was later known as the Wannan National School prior to the Education Department taking control of the school in the 1873 (ibid., 105).

A new school building and Memorial Gates (dedicated to all past scholars who served in the Second World War) were constructed in 1952, and the school buildings which had previously served were demolished in 1963 (Department of Education).

By 1967, the land gazetted for the Board of Education comprised of the south section of all of Section 8.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 6 Educating

6.1 Forming associations, libraries, and institutes for self-education

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

CONDITION:

The whole appears to be in very good condition

INTEGRITY:

High degree of integrity for 1963 structure. None or little for pre 1963 structures.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Cavendish State School No. 116 is located on the State School Reserve, on the southern half of Section 8, bound by Barker, Chirnside and Cameron Streets, 2 blocks south of the centre of the township. The use of the site as a school dates from 1852, when James Brake started a boarding school, sometimes referred to as the Wannan School. Later school buildings were constructed towards the end of the nineteenth century, but were mostly demolished when the current building was constructed in 1963. A small portion of one of the late nineteenth century buildings survives as the core of the 1963 structure. The buildings and school complex are in very good condition, and retain a high degree of integrity from the 1963 construction period. The earliest sections which are within the modern school retain limited integrity.

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How is it significant?

The Cavendish State School No. 116 is of historical and social significance to the community of Cavendish and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Cavendish State School No. 116 is of historic significance as the expression of the Byaduk North community's struggle for education, and for its association with 150 years of continuous provision of education from this site. It is of further historical significance for one of the earliest school sites in the Southern Grampians Shire. It is of social significance as an educational and social the focus for the community for over 150 years.

COMPARISON:

062 Nareen Hall Complex, Nareen Road, Nareen

089 National School (Former), Corner Henty and Church Streets, Coleraine.

103 State School No. 2118, 124 Church Street, Coleraine

195 State School No. 1418, Knight's Road, Byaduk North

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

ASSESSED BY: AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

1/03/2004

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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