

Place name Wurruk Primary School No. 2518

Survey Date: 4/07/2004

Other name

Id: 1039

Street 15 to 19 Fisk Street

Last Update 9/07/2007

Locality Wurruk

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Public

Built Date c.1926, 19 **Change Date**

Description Wurruk Primary School contains three main buildings, plus three portable classrooms, set within a landscape of mature trees including pines and eucalypts. The oldest buildings on the site are the two one-room weatherboard schools that were relocated here from other sites in the 1980s. They are of typical design, one with gabled roof and entry porch, and the other a gabled hip (or louvre) roof with large windows. The orientation of the buildings, with large bank of windows facing due north is opposite to the way that these schools were typically positioned and is evidence of the relocation of the buildings.

The most recent building is of hardiplank and bichrome brickwork. It is playful in its styling, reminiscent of the work of contemporary architects such as Peter Corrigan.

The school has been developed and added to over time, a pattern typical of virtually all rural schools.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Building	Other	Weatherboard	Corrugated iron

Condition Good

Integrity Minor Modifications

None apparent

Education

Buildings
Tree(s)

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOW 7.1 Ports

History

The site for the Wurruk State School, comprising just over 1 acre, was reserved for school purposes on 27 August 1880. In June 1882 the tender for the erection of a 30x18 feet timber classroom with attached quarters was awarded to George McKerrow for £468. State School No. 2518 Wurruk opened on 24 July 1883 under head teacher Fredrick Palmer and had an initial attendance of 26 boys and 16 girls. (1)

In 1921 the school committee purchased the former Sale Gun club building for use as a shelter shed (this was later demolished) and in 1959 a second building comprising a classroom and a students office was added. At this time the original school was converted for use as an infants' room, but was later demolished (1).

In the 1980s as enrolments increased two one-room school buildings from surrounding closed schools were relocated from the site. One was the Fulham School, formerly located on the Sale-Heyfield Road, which was built c.1926. The other is thought to be the Pearsondale School, which also dates from the 1920s (1).

REFERENCE

- (1) Benson, Janice L (1983) School No. 2518
- (2) Blake, L. (ed), 'Vision & Realisation', pp. 1095-6.
- Marj McInnes, pers. comm., 19 April 2007
- Sheryl Slater, pers. comm., 18 April 2007

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
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National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

Final Ranking Local significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

Statement of significance The Wurruk Primary School No. 2518, opened in 1883, and comprising the c.1920s classrooms relocated to this site from Fulham and Pearsondale, at 15 to 19 Fisk Street, Wurruk is of local historic and social significance to Wellington Shire. Historically, it is significant as a representative example of a small rural school, which illustrates the practice of increasing centralization of state primary schools in the twentieth century. It has social significance for its long associations with the Wurruk community, and for its associations with the communities of Fulham and Pearsondale. (RNI criteria A.4, D.2 & G.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study
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