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## Former Balliang Primary School NO.3630.



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### Location

1272 Bacchus Marsh - Balliang Road BALLIANG, MOORABOOL SHIRE

### Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO126

### Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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Balliang Primary School No. 3630 is an early Modern timber school built in 1945 after a bushfire destroyed a previous building built for the Staughton Vale Estate. An unusual 1910 sheltershed survives.

It is of local historical significance in embodying Balliang and its way of life, the aspirations of its residents and the educational development of its community life.

The pine plantation demonstrates evidence of an educational movement in Victoria. The school is socially significant as central to the identity of Balliang, as a traditional meeting place and community focus.

The sheltershed has architectural significance as a rare intact survival of a building type.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Staughton Vale Estate State School,
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## Physical Conditions

Closure.

## Intactness

Very good. The sheltershed is particularly intact.

## Physical Description 1

A timber rectangular gable-roofed schoolroom. It has deep eaves which are lined on an angle at the gable ends. There is a broad brick rendered chimney at the rear and a cupboard unit facing the road. It is lined with vertical timber cladding and asbestos cement over dado height. The timber windows have horizontal glazing bars and there are vents in the upper gables, but no wall vents.

There is a concrete roughcast water tank adjacent. Nearby is an octagonal sheltershed, complete with coathooks, window shutters and finial. There is a bell on a metal stand, a flagpole, garden planting and a memorial stone to headteacher Ros Tansey, 1.2.83-31.5.89. There is a garden and the school plantation of eucalypts is opposite .

## Physical Description 2

Landscape. A typical small bush school ground, surrounded with a windbreak of coppiced Sugar Gums. The site has been developed with the paths to the front of the building and hard play areas of asphalt and gravel around the perimeter of the building.

New plantings of native trees are along the fence lines and specimen trees placed throughout the school ground and the grassy areas of the adventure playground to the west. A large pine tree identifies the entrance gate.

Plant species include :

Eucalyptus cladocalyx

Pinus Radiata

Eucalyptus spathulata

Eucalyptus Lenmanni

Acacia baileyana

Melaleuca armillaris

Sugar Gum

Monterey Pine

Swamp Mallet

BushyYate

Cootamundra Wattle

Bracelet Honey Myrtle .

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Townships. Ccommunity life

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