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# STATE SCHOOL NO. 3536 (FORMER) AND RESIDENCE



23539 Strathkellar state school 1906



23539 Strathkellar state school 1908



23539 Strathkellar School residence 1905

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## Location

off Strathkellar Road STRATHKELLAR, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Strathkellar State School No. 3536 and residence are located off Strathkellar Road. The school house is a one roomed school building, typical of its era in form and style. The interior of the school is essentially intact, and little altered from the original. The single storey timber teacher's residence, has been altered somewhat. Both buildings are in very good condition, and retain a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Strathkellar State School No. 3536 and teacher's is of historical, social and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Strathkellar State School and residence is historically significant as a rare surviving example of a rural school and residence, which retain a high degree of integrity. It seems certain that the State School No 3536 and teacher's residence and the adjacent Strathkellar Public Hall, Mechanics Institute were built not so much as a result of the earlier subdivision of the Strathkellar, Croxton and Warrayure runs for selection but the increase in population following closer settlement at the turn of the century. This is reinforced by the style and detailing of the various buildings and the plantings in their gardens. The school complex provides a tangible link to the Closer Settlement era at the turn of the century. The school is a physical expression of the population boom which resulted from Closer Settlement, and which created social and economic prosperity hitherto and subsequently unknown in the area. The school complex has architectural significance as a rare surviving example of a typical rural school facility dating from the turn of the century period. The complex retains a high degree of integrity in its exterior and interior fabric, style and materials.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1905,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23539
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## Physical Conditions

The school building, the house and the garden are in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The school building is a standard design for a single classroom and is typical of its period for the scale, form, planning, details and materials. The structure is framed in timber and clad in weatherboards. The main window in the north elevation is large and asymmetrically placed. There are highlight windows in the south elevation. There is a small simple timber porch. The proprietary ventilators in the roof are the same as on the adjacent public hall.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 6 Educating

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

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

## Usage/Former Usage

residential

## Integrity

Very good degree of integrity

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