
NATIONAL SCHOOL NO.32 (FORMER)



National School 32 former.jpg

52774 School No 32 Lower
Bridgewater 124

Former National School, opened in 1857, at Bridgewater.

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Location

2 BRIDGEWATER FIRE STATION ROAD, CAPE BRIDGEWATER, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former National School No. 32 of Bridgewater is located on the north-west corner of Bridgewater Lakes Road and Fire Station Road at Lower Bridgewater. The school is a single-storey rendered stone building of two rooms in a T-shaped plan, thought to date from as early as 1857. The windows appear to have been modified and now have 24 small panes set in three sashes, the top moving as a hopper sash. The roof has been re-clad in Colorbond, and two patent ventilators have been introduced about 1900. The building is suffering from rising damp and has had some inappropriate cement repairs to the render.

How is it significant?

The former National School No. 32 is of historical, social and architectural significance to Glenelg Shire and the

State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

The former National School No. 32 is of historic significance as the expression of the Lower Bridgewater community's struggle for education, and for its association with 100 years of schooling in the area. It is of social significance as the focus for the community. The school is of architectural significance for its use of traditional forms, fine construction techniques and for its use of local materials.

From The Portland Urban Conservation Study:

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006; Glenelg - Portland Urban Conservation Study, Wilson Sayer P/L, 1981;
Construction dates	1855,
Hermes Number	52774
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Public Reasons

Physical Description 1

The school is a single-storey rendered stone building of two rooms in a T-shaped plan. The entrance is in the south-east return corner of the building where there may have been a porch. A central chimney rises between the two rooms. The windows appear to have been modified and now have 24 small panes set in three sashes, the top moving as a hopper sash. The roof has been re-clad in Colorbond, and two patent ventilators have been introduced about 1900. There is a traditional rain water tank in the south-east return corner of the building and a traditional corrugated iron WC some distance to the north. The building is suffering from rising damp and has had some inappropriate cement repairs to the render. The interiors are plain and functional, and has been very little altered since its construction. This plain functionality therefore becomes an important feature of this school building.

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Physical Conditions

Very Good

Historical Australian Themes

5. WORKING

5.1: Working in harsh conditions

6. EDUCATING

6.2: Establishing schools

- 6.3: Training people for the workplace
- 6.5: Educating people in remote places

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