
BENA STATE SCHOOL NO.3062 (FORMER)



Bena School (former)



2004

Location

40 GREENS ROAD, BENA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO25

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Bena State School No. 3062, originally constructed in 1921 with later additions, at 40 Greens Road, Bena. Bena State School No. 3062 is an interwar weatherboard school with a gable roof. The original classroom under a single gable. A room has been added on the east side, which is contained under a skillion. There have been a number of other alterations and additions to the extent that only some of the original form is recognisable and it is unclear how much original fabric remains.

How is it significant?

The Bena State School No. 3062 is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Bena State School No. 3062 is of local social significance to the township and district of Bena as a place which has played an important role in the development of the Bena community since its settlement.

It is also of historic and aesthetic interest as, when originally built, it was the first of its type in the State and became the basis of a standard design for schools in other locations, which was known as the "Bena type". However, evidence of the original fabric is now lost under later alterations, which diminishes its significance in this regard.

While the physical heritage fabric of the building is partially compromised, the school building retains cultural heritage significance to Bena as one of the few remaining public buildings in the former pioneering township. In the absence of other significant remaining historic structures to signify the former pioneering history of this township, the school building gains an importance additional to the heritage values of the physical structure alone

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1921, 1921, 1921,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	Bena Primary School No.3062, -,
Hermes Number	73217
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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