

EUREKA STREET SCHOOL NO. 1071

Eureka Street

erected 1879

H.R. Bastow (architect)

Henry Bell (builder)



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be specified under the provisions of Clause 8 of the *Town and Country Planning Act* (Third Schedule)

#### BUILDING HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

Eureka Street school originated as a demoninational school founded by the Free Presbyterian Church on Speciman Hill on 1st January 1854. The school was transferred to the Board of Education on the 20th May 1869 and became school No. 1071. In 1877 the school was described as consisting of a very old hardwood building divided into 3 rooms, behind a more recent brick building of the same size.

The existing building was constructed in 1879-1880, as a result of the timber building being condemned. The tender of Mr. Henry Bell of {1,643-4-10. was accepted. The new school was officially opened on 5 April 1880 by the Hon. Robert Ramsay, Chief Secretary and Minister for Education.

During December, 1908 to January 1909 further remodelling and extensions were made, to include an office and a drill hall between the wings of the existing school. An additional dressroom was built in 1962 and a further one in 1965.

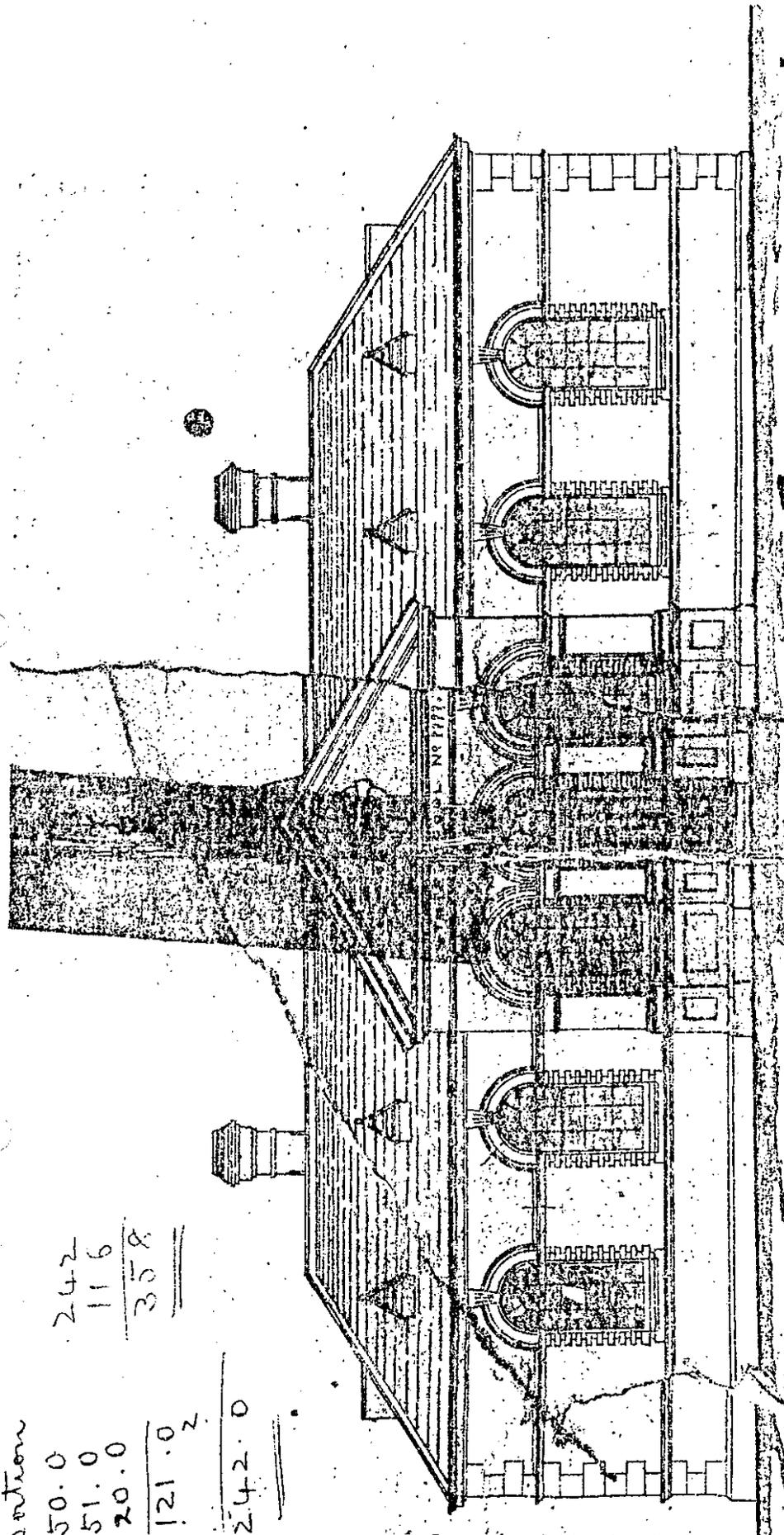
In 1965 the slate roof was replaced by the present inappropriate tiles.

This building in its original conception was an elegant classical design, but an accumulation of minor alterations has resulted in the disfiguring of the building. The front windows have been reduced in size, the brickwork has been painted (covering up contrasting brickwork), the roof vents and the chimneys have been removed, and side windows have been enlarged. The result is a building with its original form but without the fine detailing and elegant fenestration.

Three other schools designed by Bastow in Ballarat do not use any of this classical detailing, and its importance in a local context is increased as an unusually elegant classical design.

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 50.0  
 51.0  
 20.0  
 121.0  
 242.0

242  
 116  
 358



FRONT ELEVATION

*This is the plan where  
 in my contract  
 of Henry Bullfinch*

SCALE OF FEET

0 5 10 20 30

Drawing held by Public Record Office 1908

Sources of Information :

- Drawings held at Public Records Office :  
 1 sheet undated; 1 contract drawing dated 9.7.1908. Contract 275/1908-1909  
 #1,117.  
 Addition of drill hall at rear, windows enlarged.
- A History of State Education in Ballarat 1974, p. 24