

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.**Ref: 313**

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NAME: ---**PREVIOUS NAME:** Djerriwarrh State School; formerly Djerriwarrh Creek School.**ADDRESS:** 35 Lerderderg Park Road, Darley (SE cnr Bacchus Marsh-Gisborne Road).**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** Farmhouse.**PREVIOUS USE:** School.**SIGNIFICANT DATE:** 1875-1931**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1875**SOURCE:** 1,3.**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** **DATE:** 1877, 1931**SOURCE:** 1,3.**DESIGNER:** PWD.**SOURCE:** 2,3**CRITERIA:** H2,4/ H4; Ar3/ H2, So1,3.**HISTORIC THEME:** Townships/ Governing/ Community life.**DESCRIPTION:****STORIES:** 1 **DETACHED.****MATERIALS:** WALLS Timber **ROOF** Iron **STRUCTURE** Stud**CONDITION:** Good **INTACTNESS:** Very good **THREATS:** -**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. PLAN.

ROOF DECORATION.

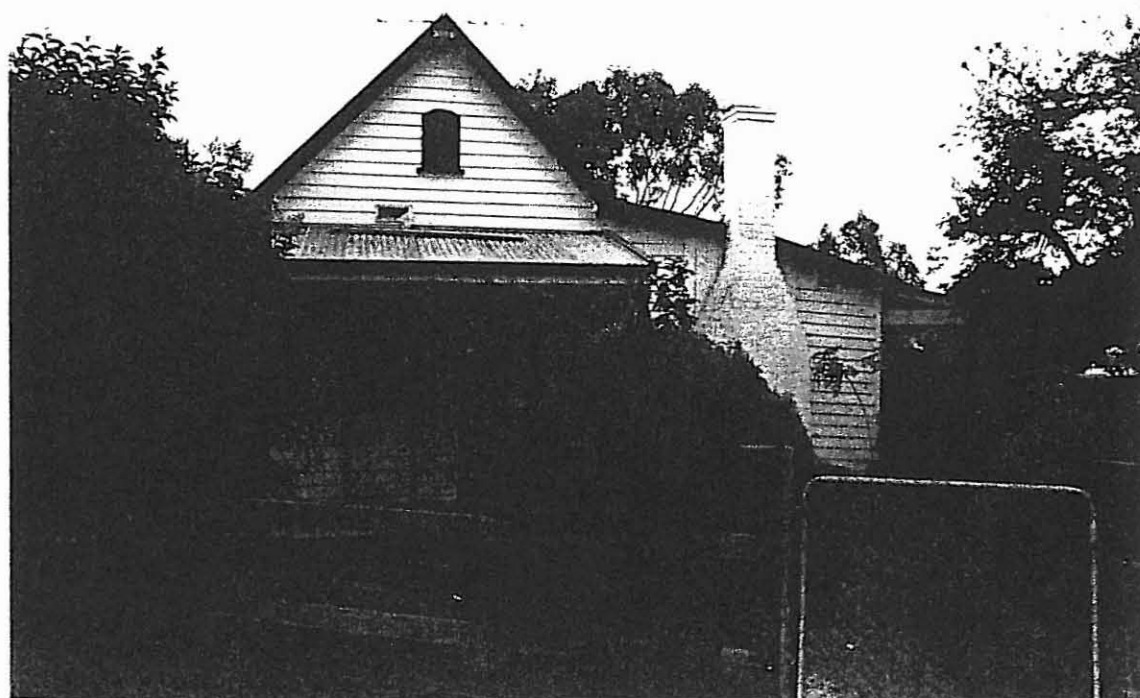
DOORS. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME.

OUTBUILDINGS.

FENCES/GATES.

PLANTING FORMATION.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

SIGNIFICANCE:**TYPE:** HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL:** PLANNING SCHEME.**MAP NO:** U5.04**SURVEY:** RP**DATE:** 12.1.94**NEGS:** 25.5-7

HISTORY: This weatherboard house, the former Djerriwarrh State School, was moved to Darley in 1931. The Djerriwarrh Creek School opened on November 1, 1875, situated on the eastern crest of Anthonys Cutting (ref: 345A). The weatherboard schoolhouse, with residence attached, was completed 29 July 1875 at a cost of £ 315 (\$60).¹ In 1877, a room was added to the teacher's residence.² The Djerriwarrh State School closed in October 1925. In 1931, the schoolhouse was purchased by John Wills of Lerderderg Park, and moved to Darley, as his manager's house.³

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A standard Education Department timber 40-type school classroom designed to accommodate 40 pupils. It has a gable-roof facing, with a vent in the gable, 12-pane double-hung sash window and door. A skillion verandah on two sides and a skillion extension with external chimney have been added for its relocation and conversion to a farm house. There is an H.V. McKay "Sunshine" brand, cast iron vehicular gate and a two short lengths of post and rail fence and various timber farm buildings. Poplars form a roadside windbreak. (Sketch plan, refer: 312).

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are a total of twelve nineteenth century school buildings surviving in Bacchus Marsh identified in the Study. Of these, this is the only standard plan for forty pupils. It is comparable to Myrmiong (ref: 273) for 60 pupils.

SIGNIFICANCE: The former Djerriwarrh Creek School (later, Djerriwarrh State School) successfully operated from 1875 until 1931, at a site on the crest of Anthonys Cutting. It is standard Education Department 40-type schoolroom, now relocated here as a farmhouse.

It has local historical significance for its association with educational developments in the community life of the town and demonstrates the effect of government action in the community. It has local architectural significance as a relatively intact surviving standard nineteenth century Education Department school of this type.

Finally it is of local social significance as being known and valued by the community as part of the remembered identity of the place. It was a traditional community focus and meeting place for 55 years.

INTACTNESS: The former school, although built around is as far as can be seen, remarkably intact. It lacks a porch, there are the additions described already. The paint colours are sympathetic.

¹ Stewart, *The Early History of Bacchus Marsh Schools*, pp.130-132. A further potential source is Mr Graham Weilden who went to the school.

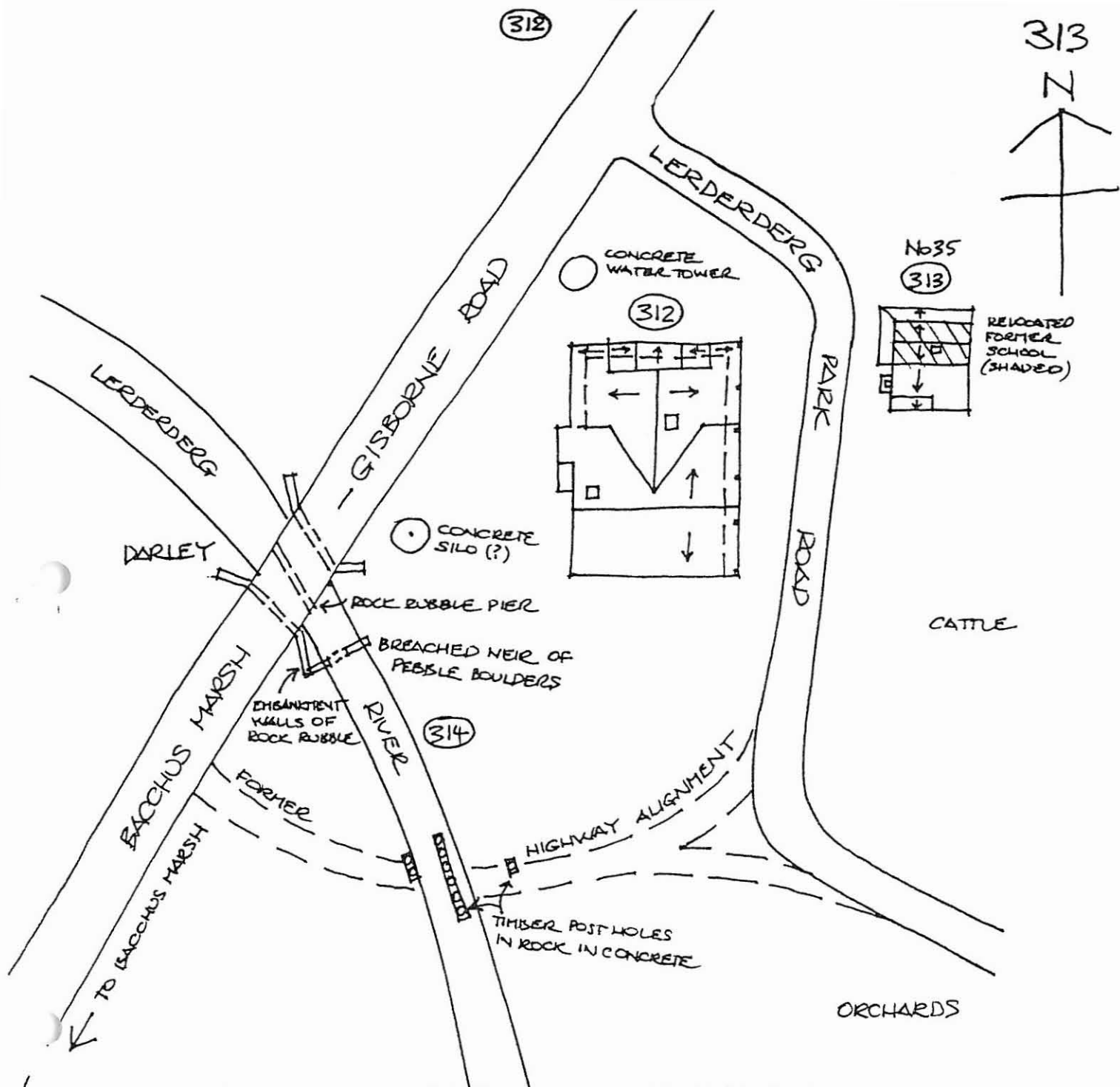
² Ibid. p.132.

³ Bacchus Marsh Express, 28 March 1931. L.J. Blake, *Vision and Realisation. A Centenary History of State Education in Victoria*, Education Department of Victoria, Melbourne 1973 Vol.3, p.72. Note: local knowledge and the *Express* suggests that this is a former teacher's residence and that the school was relocated to Anakie East.. However, as described, it is standard Departmental school. The contradiction has not yet been resolved.

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CONDITIONS & THREATS: Good.



DERRIWARH SCHOOL NO 1635, 1916. (PROBABLY IN FRONT OF (NEW MEN?) SHELTER
 BILL GRIFFIN, CENTRE, FRONT ROW.
 HERALD SUN, 12 JULY 1994.