

HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

Name Glenroy Primary School No. 3118

Address 54 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy

Significance Level 2004 Local

Place Type School - State (public)



Glenroy Primary School No. 3118 - 54 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy

Recommended Heritage Protection VHR - HI - PS -

Architectural Style Interwar Period (c.1919-c.1940)

Integrity

Minor Modifications

History and Historical Context

The Glenroy State School No. 3118 was established in 1906, when the current site in Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy, was purchased by the Department of Education. A timber school building was constructed on the site in 1908, [1] replacing a local church hall which had been used for classes since 1891. [2] In 1927, the red brick school building was erected. The rotunda, not erected in 1908 [3] but evident in an aerial photograph taken in 1931 [4], was probably also erected at around this time.

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Landscaping was also undertaken by this time as a number of the trees extant today are indicated in this 1931 image. [5] An aerial photograph taken of the same area twenty years later (1951) shows a greater number of trees lining the Acacia Street boundary fence-line, and increased canopy spread of those from the 1931 photograph is also evident. [6]

The site, especially along Acacia Street, contains some remnant trees, possibly dating back to the school's inception. Notable are two sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and peppercorn trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*). The sugar gums, native to a small area in South Australia, were a popular planting in school grounds from the early 1900s, and may have been supplied to the school by the Education Department for planting as part of the celebration of an early Arbor Day.

In response to a five-fold increase in enrolments between 1950 and 1956, mainly caused by an influx of migrant families settling in the district and the development of new housing areas, prefabricated classrooms were added in 1951 and 1952, and in 1955 a new infant's block was constructed. The school was greatly improved during the 1960s, with the development of a new native garden, and expansion of facilities including a speech therapy centre. Glenroy State School also became a training school at this time. [7] In 1962, a new senior block was added, and the original 1908 timber buildings, by this time in poor condition, were condemned and subsequently demolished.

The site is still used as a state primary school.

SOURCES

[1] Vision and Realisation: the history of state education, State Government of Victoria, Volume 3: p. 107.

[2] Vision and Realisation, Volume 3: p. 107.

[3] Broadmeadows: a forgotten history, Andrew Lemon, City of Broadmeadows in conjunction with Hargreen Publishing Company, 1982, p. 117.

[4] Aerial Photograph, Melbourne RAAF 1931: 16/1/1931, no. 2860.

[5] Aerial Photograph, Melbourne RAAF 1931: 16/1/1931, no. 2860.

[6] Aerial photograph, Melbourne and Metropolitan Project: 18.1.1951, no. 1419/108.

[7] Vision and Realisation, Volume 3: p. 107.

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Description

Physical Description

The Glenroy Primary School No. 3118, constructed in 1927, is a single storey red brick inter-war school building with a terracotta tiled hipped roof. Windows are multi-paned double hung sashes with smaller multi-paned windows under the eave line. Internally, the school building retains intact features such as glazed bifold internal dividing doors and angled blackboards.

The school site also retains a small timber shelter shed (rotunda), rectangular in plan, with a hipped corrugated iron roof. Also, other buildings including prefabricated classrooms (early 1950s), infant's block (1955), speech therapy building (1960s) and a senior block (1962).

There are also a number of mature trees including two sugar gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and a number of peppercorn trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*).

Physical Condition

Good

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Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Glenroy Primary School (No. 3118), comprising the original 1927 red brick school building, rotunda (c.1927) and mature remnant trees, located in Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

How is it significant?

The Glenroy Primary School (No. 3118) is of local historic significance to the City of Moreland and is an intact representative example of its typology.

Why is it significant?

The School is of historic significance, for its provision of primary-level education in the Glenroy area on the same site for nearly one hundred years. (AHC Criterion A.4)

The School is representative of its type with an intactness portrayed through its retention of a largely intact inter-war primary school building, with a contemporary timber shelter shed, and a number of mature remnant trees including two sugar gums and a number of peppercorns trees. (AHC Criterion D.2)

Recommendations 2004

External Paint Controls

No

Internal Alteration Controls

No

Tree Controls

Yes

Fences & Outbuildings

No

Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted

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Incorporated Plan

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Aboriginal Heritage Place

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Other Recommendations

Community nomination: Add to HO - individualTo the extent of the 1927 school, c.1927 rotunda and significant mature trees as identified including surrounding land to a minimum of 2m from each building and the canopy line of each tree.

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