

GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

Existing Use/Type <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">Educational</div>		Key Dates Original 1865		Site Address Street/Site Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">Hendy Street</div>	
Survey Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">25/05/1998</div>		Cons Man Plan <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		No. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; margin: 0 auto;">38</div>	
		Major Changes 1985		Town/Suburb <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">Corio</div>	
Recorded By <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">David Rowe</div>		Precinct Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">N/A</div>		Postcode <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; margin: 0 auto;">3214</div>	
				Current Site Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">Corio Primary School No.124</div>	



Heritage Status

Register of the National Estate
Database No. File No.

Victorian Heritage Register

Planning Scheme:
 C.G.G.

Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)

National Trust Register:

Other:

Recommended Heritage Listings

Victorian Heritage Register
 Victorian Heritage Inventory
 Register of the National Estate
 HO City of Greater Geelong

Heritage Study Degrees of Significance

A H C Assessment Criteria	Significance Level
Aesthetic value <input type="text" value="D.2"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Historic value <input type="text" value="A.4"/>	<input type="text" value="Regional"/>
Scientific value <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value <input type="text" value="G.1"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Overall Significance Level	<input type="text" value="Local"/>

Condition of the fabric

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Ruinous
 Unexposed

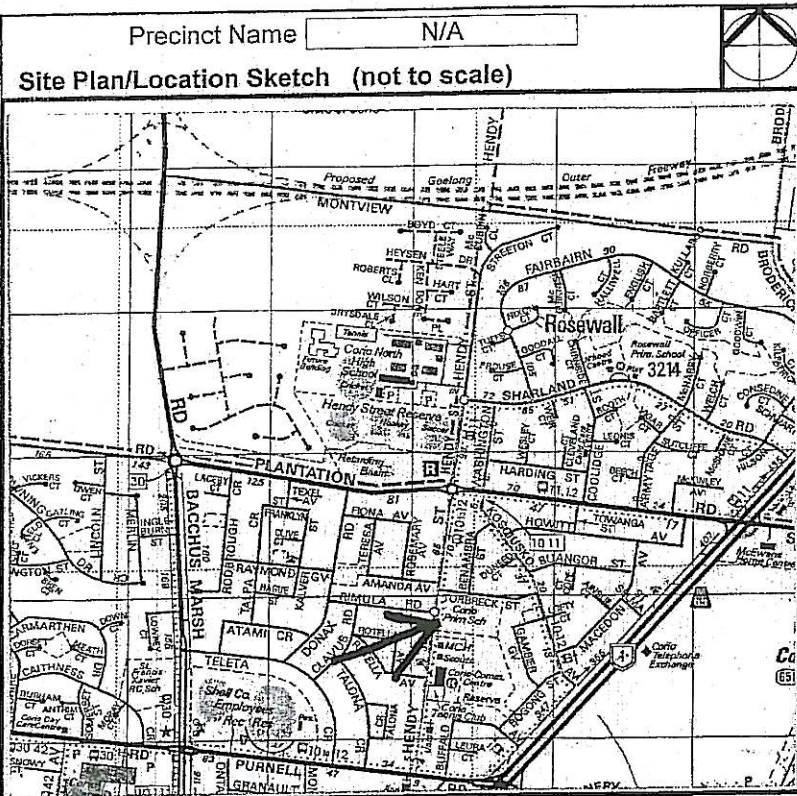
Integrity of the site

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Partially excavated
 Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET



Site Address

No. Street/Site Name

Town/Suburb Postcode

Site Name

Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 268935km N 5782855km

Map

Scale

Ownership

Cadastral Location

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Types of Sites

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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational | <input type="checkbox"/> residential | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> gate | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> fence | <input type="checkbox"/> garden | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Community Life	<input type="text" value="Education"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

Significant Architectural Features

- Original Materials
- Original Chimneys
- Wall Decoration
- Verandah Structure
- Verandah Decoration
- Original Parapet
- Other Prominent Elevations
- Appropriate Fence
- Early Garden

Roof

Openings

Decoration

Finish

Stylistic Character

Present Threats

- Human; mining
- Human; visitor erosion
- Human; vandalism
- Human; development
- Human; conservation/maintenance
- Human; stock
- Natural Forces; erosion
- Natural Forces; vegetation
- Not threatened

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CONTEXTUAL SHEET

Site Address	No.	Street/Site Name	Town/Suburb	Postcode
	38	Hendy Street	Corio	3214
			Site Name Corio Primary School No.124	

Description

The Corio Common School was a single room rectangular bluestone building with dimensions 28x18 feet. The gable roof was clad in shingles. Little of the original fabric remains after the 1981 fire. Apparently only the walls were left standing after the fire.⁶

HISTORY CONT.

The original bluestone classroom had fallen into disrepair but was renovated and reopened in 1958. In 1981 the entire school was gutted by fire and only the walls of the original building were left intact. The present structure is thus largely reconstructed in 1985 and little of the original fabric remains.⁶

Education policy and infrastructure has been a significant theme in the history of the area, at the centre of early controversy with a proliferation of denominational, private and Common schools as well as a focus of community pressures for improved transport and infrastructure.³

History

The Corio Primary School No. 124 at 38 Hendy Street had tumultuous beginnings as the Cowries Creek School. In January 1861 classes were started by Thomas Halliwell and his wife on a property owned by Charles Jones and Halliwell requested the National School Board take over the school. A prolonged conflict in the community between Halliwell and Jones, with rival schools operating opposite each other, ended in July 1864 when Jones successfully sought assistance to build the school on land granted by the Board. £100 was raised for the erection of the schoolhouse and a further £50 for a teacher's residence.³ The building was erected in bluestone in 1865 by stonemason John Middlemi and carpenters Treven and Gubby at a cost of £135. Three more windows have since been added to the original three.^{4,5} In 1864 there were 21 boys, 15 girls and 52 infants under eight in the area and in 1868 the school had an attendance of 75 pupils. The school closed in 1948 but reopened in 1950 as a result of the industrial growth in the area.

HISTORY CONT. ABOVE

Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place
(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)

Precinct Name N/A

Neighbouring Buildings

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations |

Urban Design

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing | |

Landscaping

- Treelines Public Gardens Median Strips Nature Strips

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Comparative Listings

Statement of Cultural Significance

The building is **aesthetically significant on a LOCAL level**. It demonstrates important design qualities of the Victorian Vernacular style including original external wall material and chimney, though the integrity of the site is fair.

The schoolhouse is **historically significant on a REGIONAL level**. It is associated with the early history of education in the region, particularly the northern part of Geelong, and the attempts by various local figures and communities to establish a school.

It is **socially significant on a LOCAL level**. It is highly valued by the community for its educational associations.

Overall, it is culturally significant at a **LOCAL level**.

References

1. Information from signage at the School.
2. 'Cowies Creek State School No.164', in *Investigator*, vol.5, 1969.
3. Wynd, *So Fine A Country*, p.176.
4. 'Corio Primary School: History of State School No.124, Corio formerly known as Cowie's Creek', manuscript, G.H.R.C.
5. Peterson, 'Survey of Historic Schools in Victoria'.
6. 'Corio Primary School', 6/8/1999. A manuscript from Heritage Victoria.

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