

TARRAWINGEE COMMON SCHOOL 1116 SITE

Location

1126 GREAT ALPINE ROAD TARRAWINGEE, WANGARATTA RURAL CITY

Municipality

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8125-0028

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The location on the intersection of the Great Alpine Road and the Beechworth Wangaratta Road is the location of the former State School 1116. The school has been updated at least once (in 1922). May also be the site of an earlier slab school said to have been built at Buckland Road; potentially an earlier name for the Great Alpine Road. As a result, there is some potential for archaeological remains below the current school infrastructure. The present visible concrete paths, fencing, garden beds and concrete footing are not included in the assessment for archaeological potential.
Archaeological Significance	The location of the former state school is of medium significance, as it may provide evidence of the layout of the earliest school in the township, as well as the chronology of latter building phases.
Historical Significance	The site is significant as a tangible remnant of a more prosperous period for the township.
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History

The following is documented within Jones 1977:84:

Education for all

.A public meeting was held in the Shield's Store, Tarrawingee on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of considering the desirability of erecting a school in the township.it was convened with the object eliciting the opinion of the inhabitants regarding the shifting of the school on the Buckland road (which has been closed since 30th November 1867) to a more eligible site in the township...

Within three years, Common School No 1116, built in brick, replaced the old slab structure and became the focus for education at Tarrawingee, until it too was replaced in 1922.

Rootsweb confirms that there were even more schools in the town:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~surreal/AVNE/Towns/towns-wangaratta.html#tarrawingee>)

Approximate Location: 10km east of Wangaratta

Comments: The 'official' township was surveyed prior to 1861 about 5km east of the current township (and close to the cemetery) but was never proclaimed, so some confusion may exist over the official and actual location; also the name of local station taken up in 1837.

Schools: The Catholic Church opened a school (#635) in 1858 and it closed in 1871.

SS616 opened in December 1858 and closed in 1867

SS1116 opened in 1872. The school closed some time after 1970 and a campus of the Wangaratta Primary School now exists in the town

SS1066 opened in 1870 and was called both Tarrawingee Grange and Tarrawingee East during its life. The school closed in 1878 when it was replaced by SS2031 Tarrawingee East at Everton (see Everton).

Churches: In 1866, an Anglican church (St Peter's) was built

Buildings: A public hall is in existence (details of it are unknown)

Cemetery: For details of the cemetery - see website

A 20th century Parish plan sees the common and state schools next to each other (attached) but most likely the reference is for the one school.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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