

MILDURA RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1185

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO184

VHR Registration

December 19, 1996

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 3, 1999

What is significant?

The former Murrayville Consolidated School was constructed in 1943 from five relocated district timber schools (Murrayville 1926, Rusbridge 1922, Goongee 1928, Manya 1929 and Manya North 1930) as a unified building with weatherboard walls and a corrugated galvanized iron roof in an "E" plan form to a design prepared under the direction of Percy Everett, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department. The site also contains remnants of a larger complex of buildings which included other relocated school classrooms, staff residences and farm and orchard elements.

How is it significant?

The former Murrayville Consolidated School is architecturally, historically and socially important to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former Murrayville Consolidated School is architecturally significant as a rare and essentially intact example of school building constructed during a period of war-time austerity, integrating five relocated existing buildings into a new structure of distinctive and contemporary design. It was the first consolidated school building constructed in Victoria and, when compared with others utilising relocated buildings, the most sophisticated in design.

The former Murrayville Consolidated School is historically and socially important as the pioneering example of the origin, development, decline and eventual demise of the consolidated school experiment in Victoria. Although consolidated schools had been considered from 1902 as a means of broadening educational and social opportunities for children in sparsely settled areas and as a vehicle for the better social integration of their families, they were finally only established in response to war-time staff shortages and pressure from the citizens of the Murrayville district. The system, which was practiced only between 1943 and 1969, was intended to focus on education for rural life and included significant elements of study in practical farming and horticulture. The Murrayville School was noted for its emphasis on dry-land farming techniques.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1926,
Architect/Designer	Everett, Percy,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	4669
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by including the Heritage Register Number 1185 in the category described as a Heritage Place:

Former Murrayville Consolidated School, Poole Street, Murrayville, Rural City of Mildura.

EXTENT:

1. All of the buildings known as the former Murrayville Consolidated School marked B-1 to B-7 on Plan 605757 and held by the Executive Director, of the Heritage Council.
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Plan 605757 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Executive Director of the Heritage Council, being part of Crown Allotment 1, Section 9, Township of Murrayville, Parish of Danyo.

Dated 5 March 1996

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>