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# Former Deep Lead State School No. 721, 3682 Western Highway, DEEP LEAD



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## Location

3682 Western Highway DEEP LEAD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Deep Lead State School, 3682 Western Highway, Deep Lead, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and cultural amenity of the Deep Lead area. The rectangular brick building with porch was constructed in 1877, probably to a design by the head architect of the Education Department, Henry Bastow. It replaced the Common School No. 721, which had been erected in the township in 1862 after the temporary denominational school structures were moved elsewhere in 1860.

The former Deep Lead State School is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Largely intact, this building demonstrates original design qualities of an Education Department of Victoria, 100 type, one roomed 19th

century school building. These qualities include the steeply pitched gable roof form, with a minor porch gable that projects from the main gable end. Other intact qualities include the painted galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, unpainted brick wall construction, granite wall base, modest eaves with exposed rafters in the gable ends, unpainted brick chimney with a corbelled top and iron flue, timber framed double hung windows along the side of the building, fixed timber framed and 6 paned window on the main gable (with a 3 paned transom above), smaller timber framed porch window, brick window voussoirs, gable ventilator and the signage panel that reads: "Deep Lead S.S. 721".

The former Deep Lead State School is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the establishment of permanent primary school education in the former Deep Lead township in 1862 and with the consolidation of primary school education in the district in 1877. The building is also probably associated with the Head Architect of the Education Department in Victoria, Henry Bastow.

The former Deep Lead State School is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although no longer functioning as a school building, it is recognised and valued by the Deep Lead community for its previous role as an educational centre in the area.

Overall, the former Deep Lead State School is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The former Deep Lead State School building, 3682 Western Highway, Deep Lead, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and cultural amenity of the Deep Lead area. It is set on a large rural site, surrounded by grassed areas, gravel carpark and path, shrubbery and several eucalyptus. It is bound at the front by a post and wire fence, with a scrolled metal gate.

The unpainted brick, 100 type Education Department of Victoria styled former Deep Lead school building is characterised by a steeply pitched gable roof form, with a minor porch gable that projects from the main gable end, the whole building set on a granite base. These roof forms are clad in painted galvanised corrugated iron. Modest overhangs and exposed rafter ends are features of the eaves at the gable ends. An unpainted brick chimney with a corbelled top and iron flue adorns the roofline from one longitudinal side of the building. The windows along the side of the building are timber framed and double hung, and have rendered sills. The six paned window under the main gable end is fixed and has a three paned transom above. A smaller timber framed window is situated in the porch gable. All the windows are adorned with original brick voussoirs. Early decorative features of the design include the gable ventilator and signage panel that reads: "Deep Lead S.S. 721".

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