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# Batesford School (original 1877 building)

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## Location

25 Old Ballarat Road, BATESFORD VIC 3221 - Property No 276075

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO46

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Batesford School, a single storey brick building with gable roof and asymmetrically located entry porch was erected in 1876-77 to plans prepared by the Public Works Department. The design is extremely austere and utilitarian design, without ornamentation and typical of small country schoolrooms erected by the Victorian Government in the 1870s. A time of rapid development in education in the State and of prolific school building activity. The Batesford School is of interest as an early school in the district, but certainly eclipses for architectural and historical importance by other similar rural schools in the Geelong Region.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

## REFERENCES

Geelong Advertiser - 16 September 1876, government Notices - tender for brick school at Batesford.

4 January 1877 - nearly completed.

22 September 1877 - tender for wooden Teacher's house.

Wynd, Ian - So Fine a Country, a History of Corio Shire.

Public Records office Laverton, Education Department Records and Public Works Department records may contain further details of establishment, architectural plans and construction records for this schoolhouse.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21693
Property Number	

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