
STATE SCHOOL NO. 1418 (FORMER)



23278 State School North
Byaduk 0406



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Location

Knight's Road BYADUK NORTH, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 10, 2003

What is significant?

The former State School No. 1418 of North Byaduk is now used as the North Byaduk Public Hall. It is located on the State School Reserve, overlooking Lyne Creek, on Knight's Road, north west of the township of North Byaduk. The former school is a one roomed bluestone school house with an entrance porch, and a detached corrugated iron toilet block 20 metres from the main building. The former school has been finely constructed from local bluestone, and is in excellent condition. It also retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former State School No. 1418 is of historical, social and architectural significance to the community of Byaduk and to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant? The former State School No. 1418 is of historic significance as the expression of the Byaduk

North community's struggle for education, and for its association with 100 years of schooling in the area. It is of social significance as the focus for the community. The school is of architectural significance for its use of traditional forms, fine construction techniques and for its use of local materials.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	NORTH BYADUK HALL,
Hermes Number	23278
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The condition of the building is excellent. The original wooden finial has been damaged when the roof was replaced, and is lying on the ground in the open.

Physical Description 1

The former North Byaduk State School No. 1418 is located on land overlooking Lyne Creek, on Knights Road, about 400 metres from the corner of the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road. It consists of a one roomed bluestone school house with an entrance porch, and a detached corrugated iron toilet block 20 metres from the main building.

The bluestone of the walls is rockfaced and finely dressed, suggesting a high level of masonry skills were involved in its construction. The tall windows in the side and front walls of the school admit an abundance of natural light. The roof has been replaced recently with Colourbond sheeting. The chimney on the west side of the building has been extended with brick, and with a recent ventilation device.

The interior of the building retains blackboards and storage cupboards from the period of use as a school. The internal bluestone walls have no plaster or render, suggesting that they may have been stripped back in recent years. The fireplace has been filled in to accommodate a modern space heater.

No evidence of the former teachers residence is visible on the land.

The former school has been used as the local public hall since it ceased to operate as an education facility.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 6 Educating
6.2 Establishing schools
6.5 Educating people in remote places

Usage/Former Usage

Public hall

Integrity

High degree of integrity externally and internally.

Physical Description 2

Gawen R. Nash (first head teacher, 1884)

Physical Description 3

State School Reserve

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