

STONY CREEK STATE SCHOOL NO. 3665 & TEACHER'S RESIDENCE



Stony Creek State School No. 3665 (former) (2020)



Stony Creek State School No. 3665 (2000) image221



Location

14-20 STONY CREEK-DOLLAR ROAD, STONY CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 20, 2022

What is significant?

The Stony Creek State School No. 3665, at 14-20 Stony Creek-Dollar Road, Stony Creek, designed by the Public Works Department and built in 1913, is significant. It is a typical Federation single room gabled weatherboard school with an offset gabled entry porch to the north and a bank of multi-pane and hopper windows to the south. The porch has a side entry in an extended section of its roof plane. The gable ends of the main building have louvred vents and porch retains a vertical battened end frames. There is an original shelter shed in the northeast corner, and another early shelter shed closer to the school. The mature Oaks (*Quercus* sp.) and the Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) along the frontage contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions, and buildings other than those specified above, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The former Stony Creek State School No. 3665 is of historic, representative and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is associated with the growth of Stony Creek during the early twentieth century following the establishment of the butter factory and, along with the hall, played an important role in the development of the community. The school was established with the support of the local community and they continued to play an active role in the development of the school until its closure. The mature trees demonstrate the tradition of Arbor Day and improvements made to the school grounds by students and the community. (Criterion A)

It is of representative significance of a rural one-room school of typical design, which is complemented by associated shelter shed buildings and mature plantings. (Criterion A and D)

It has aesthetic value as an early timber school within a setting of mature trees. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1913, 1950, 1913, 1913,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	Former Stony Creek Primary School, Shelter Shed,
Hermes Number	30979
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Stony Creek State School No. 3665 is a typical single room weatherboard school with an offset gable entry porch to the north and a bank of double hung and hopper windows to the south. The porch has a north entry and a side entry in an extended section of its roof plane. The gable ends of the building have louvred vents and the gable to the porch retains a vertical battened end frame (similar end frames to the main gable such as those at the matching Dollar State School may have been removed). There is an original shelter shed with a skillion roof with deep eaves in the north east corner, and a storage shed/former shelter shed close to the school.

The School is set in grounds that include a number of mature exotic and native trees planted by students over the years. A formal garden with a Canary Island Palm at its centre is situated adjacent to the frontage.

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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