
STATE SCHOOL 741 RUIN



52759 Bridgewater School No
741

Location

Cnr. BLOWHOLES ROAD and BRIDGEWATER ROAD, CAPE BRIDGEWATER, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The ruins of State School 741 are located one kilometre south east of the township of Bridgewater, on the corner of Blowholes Road and Bridgewater Road. The ruins are of stone, and the roof has been removed. The walls are unstable and there are woody weeds overtaking the site. The school started in 1864, as the proposed township began to grow, and the large families located on the Cape felt that the existing Lower Bridgewater School (no. 32) was too far to travel. It is not known who constructed the building, but it was likely to have been local stone mason Joshua Black. The ruin has potential to yeild much archaeological information.

How is it significant?

The ruins of State School 741 are of historical and archaeological significance to the Glenelg Shire.

Why is it significant?

The ruin is of historical significance as physical remnants of the first and only school built on the Cape at Bridgewater. Its construction and abandonment reflect the changing needs and demographic of the Cape Bridgewater families and their lives. It has the potential to yield significant archaeological finds, and therefore has archaeological significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002; Glenelg - Glenelg Heritage Study Stage Two (a), Heritage Matters, 2006;
Other Names	RUINED SCHOOL,
Hermes Number	52759
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Ruinous

Physical Description 1

The former State School No. 741 is located about 1km south west of the township of Bridgewater, on the corner of Blowholes and Bridgewater Roads. The building is in a ruinous condition, with the roof removed, and the walls in various stages of collapse. The remains of a substantial structure are still clearly distinguishable.

The school was constructed of rendered stone, comprising at least two rooms, with timber extensions.

Physical Conditions

Ruinous

Historical Australian Themes

5. WORKING

5.1: Working in harsh conditions

6. EDUCATING

6.2: Establishing schools

6.3: Training people for the workplace

6.5: Educating people in remote places

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