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## Berwick Primary School No. 40



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### Location

1-11 Peel Street, BERWICK, Casey City

### Municipality

CASEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO107

## Heritage Listing

Casey City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Berwick Primary School No. 40 (Former), comprising the school building originally constructed in 1869-70 with c.1920 additions, 1926 Chirnside Bell, 1961 Memorial Gates and associated mature trees including an English Oak (*Quercus robur*), two Italian Cypresses (*Cypressus sempervirens*), and the Arizona Cypress (*Cupressus galbra*), at 1-11 Peel Street, Berwick.

### How is it significant?

The Berwick Primary School No. 40 (Former) is of local historic, social, and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, the Berwick Primary School, which retains its original 1869-70 brick one-room school is significant for its role in the early history of Berwick and is comparable to Harkaway Primary School. The significance of the school is enhanced by associated elements such as the 1910 Commemorative Oak, 1926 Andrew Chirnside bell, and 1961 Memorial Gates, which illustrate its development over time. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Socially, it is significant for its strong associations with the local community as one of the oldest public buildings in the Berwick township, and a focus of community life for more than a century. (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, the 1869-70 school building is significant as a more rare representative example of a simple Common School building. Its setting is enhanced by the mature exotic trees. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - Heritage of the City of Berwick, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Other Names	Berwick State School No. 40, Berwick Common School No. 40,
Hermes Number	62954
Property Number	

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## Usage/Former Usage

School

## Physical Description 1

Among the township buildings surviving from the late Victorian era, Berwick Primary School (No. 40) was established on its present site 1869-70. The original one-room school of that era remains.

Today the original single-room school building is used as a staff room. There have been several alterations including rendering of the brick walls, replacement of windows and re-cladding of the roof with the installation of roof vents along the ridge. The circular wall vent is intact, and the building overall is comparable in form to Harkaway Primary School.

Half-timbered gable ends with curved eaves brackets and window triplets are typical features of the 1920s additions and matching alterations to windows in the earlier sections were probably installed at this time.

Berwick Primary School is located on approximately 1.62 hectares of land.

## Historical Australian Themes

Educating

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