Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Lockwood -Marong Road, LOCKWOOD VIC 3551 - Property No B3634

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1715

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 22, 2005

What is significant?

Lockwood Primary School opened as a Common School on 8 February 1864 with an enrolment of 29 children. The present school was constructed in 1865 to a design by local architect, Robert Alexander Love, at a cost of £241 9s 8p. In 1869 the Committee supplied a bell for the combined chimney and bell-tower. This bell tower with a bent and angled flue for the chimney was unsatisfactory and was removed in 1876 and a new chimney constructed. The Lockwood Primary School consists of a single-storey painted brick school room with a gabled roof clad in galvanised iron. Two original pairs of arched windows are on the east wall opposite the fireplace, the third has been altered to form an entry. A similar pair of windows is on the north gable end and a large square-headed multi-paned window on the south wall. A timber building has been added to the west, adjacent to the 1865 building. The interior has a coved timber ceiling. The wall thickness measures approximately 14" which is thicker than a double brick wall, indicating that it most likely to be of brick cavity construction. How is it significant?

Lockwood Primary School No.744 is of architectural importance to the State of Victoria. Why is it significant?

Lockwood Primary School No.744 is of architectural importance for its associations with architect Robert Alexander Love. Love's major importance is as the pioneer of the true cavity wall in Australia. Love's works in Stawell and Bendigo are believed to be the earliest true brick cavity walls in Victoria. His design for the Lockwood Common School of 1865 may be the first example of the use of the cavity wall in Victoria. Lockwood Primary School is a representative example of a single room brick Common School. Adopted from Heritage Victoria Statement: 11/04/2012

Aprimary school of 1864 with well detailed brickwork in the stepped cornice of the gable and the modillions of billet mould of the eave; but with substantial alterations to the windows and to the chimneystacks, which once rose in an arch to form a bell-cote. Classified: 24/04/1975 Revised:

Other Names Former North Lockwood Primary School,

Hermes Number 70097

Property Number

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