

Item Details

Name

House and Original School Building

SHR/LEP/S170

LEP #

Address

441 Blacktown Road PROSPECT NSW 2148

Local Govt Area

Blacktown

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Unknown



Item Type

Built

Group/Collection

Education

Category

School - Private

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 2

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
2	Fox Hills Crescent	PROSPECT/NSW/2148	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Alternate Address
441	Blacktown Road	PROSPECT/NSW/2148	Blacktown	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

The school building has social significance for educational and religious purposes. It is likely this dwelling may have been the school masters residence in association with the adjoining old school.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

The Prospect School building and School Masters Cottage as a grouping have historical significance to Prospect as the original school building and site, reflecting the layout of the former prospect Village which was spread out along the original alignment of the Great Western Highway (now Fox Hills Crescent).

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

The school building has aesthetic significance as a highly intact example of the early interwar design of school halls with natural ventilation systems and typical interwar styling of face brickwork and render trim. The school in a grouping with the interwar electricity buildings nearby on Blacktown Road, form a significant architectural grouping from a particular period of Prospect's development.

The Teachers cottage has significance as part of the school building as a typical Edwardian timber cottage.

Criteria d)

Social/Cultural Significance

The school building has social significance in association with older residents of the Prospect area.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

The site may reveal the remains of the original school building and teachers cottage.

Criteria g)

Representative

The school building is a representative example of an interwar school hall.

Integrity/Intactness

High

Owners

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Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer

Builder/Maker

Physical Description

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A single storey school brick building (c1930) feature facades with twelve paned windows and tiled hipped roofs. Style of buildings is typical interwar brickwork with tuck pointing, render trim and string course.

Room layouts are original, with shafted roof vents typical of this period of school classroom. Original timber boarded ceilings may remain above later ceiling linings.

Vented ceilings and vented eaves indicate a method of natural ventilation popular in the interwar era

A second brick building on the site dates from the post war area, and the remainder of the site is modern portables.

The teachers cottage is a single storey weatherboard house (c1900) with a pyrimidal hipped galvanised iron roof and front gabled section. A separately roofed verandah on two sides with one now enclosed.

The teachers cottage is older than the school building and relates to the formner school on the property.

Physical Condition

Updated 12/09/2015

School building - Good

Teachers Cottage - Poor

Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Current Use

Private Central School

Former Use

Public Primary School

Listings

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Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Amend No 143		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	2262
Local Environmental Plan	Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015	162	7/7/2015 12:00:00 AM	430	

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

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The first public school building at Prospect was built on five acres of land on the corner of the Great Western Highway and Blacktown Road in 1871. The school building was a long room with a verandah. A teachers residence was built near by of four rooms with no kitchen or bathroom. An additional room with a verandah was added to the cottage in 1879, and a weather shelter was added to the school hall in 1881.

The current School building was built in 1933 60meters from the original school building which was demolished. The original school building had been closer to the corner of the main roads.

The current school masters cottage appears to have been built in the early 20th century as a typical weatherboard cottage of the era. The original school masters cottage would have been closer to the original School

The school closed in 1988 after the school enrolment was down to 14 pupils. The site was purchased in 1990 by the Christian City Church, Prospect, and operates as a school and church assmely building.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 3

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
6. Educating	Education	Unknown
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Subdivision and urban growth
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Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 2

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
In House Heritage Items Review			2009		Margaret Fallon
Prospect Heritage Study - Draft Final Report			2005		Terry Cass / Jackson Stepowski Planning and Robertson and Hindmarsh

Reference & Internet Links

References

Records Retrieved: 1

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written			Prospect History Cottage - Historical Notes for the use of Volunteers	

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