

## Item Details

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**Name**

Agnes Banks Public School (former)

**SHR/LEP/S170**

LEP #AB-3

**Address**

475-479 Castlereagh Road AGNES BANKS NSW 2753

**Local Govt Area**

Penrith

**Local Aboriginal Land Council**

Unknown

**Item Type**

Built

**Group/Collection**

Education

**Category**

School - State (public)

## All Addresses

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**Addresses**

Records Retrieved: 1

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
475-479	Castlereagh Road	AGNES BANKS/NSW/2753	Penrith	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

## Significance

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**Statement Of Significance**

The former school complex provides the focus for appreciating the development of a village centre at Agnes Banks over the nineteenth century with the construction of public buildings to serve the dispersed rural community. The former classroom block and teacher's residence are excellent examples of standard rural school building design developed by George Allen Mansfield, the architect of the Council of Education. The complex is one of three public schools erected on Castlereagh Road in 1879 and demonstrates the emergence of the provision of public education within the LGA following the Public Schools Act of 1866 and the high rural populace of the time.

**Criteria a)****Historical Significance**

The former school complex demonstrates the emergence of the provision of public education within the LGA over the latter decades of the nineteenth century following the Public Schools Act of 1866. The former school complex demonstrates the emergence of a rural farming community at Agnes Banks over the nineteenth century and the development of village centres with schools to cater for the needs of this community.

**Criteria c)****Aesthetic/Technical Significance**

The former classroom block and teacher's residence are excellent examples of standard rural school building design developed by George Allen Mansfield, the architect of the Council of Education. These buildings illustrate the Council's model for rural schools in the choice of materials, roof form, building scale and disposition, window sizing and door location. The quality of the building in its construction and elaborated stylistic features present a building of high value in the general area.

**Criteria d)****Social/Cultural Significance**

Representative of the local rural community in the mid - late 19th Century and retains strong social links with the local community. It also represents an important phase of development for public education.

#### Criteria e)

##### Research Potential

Research of social and cultural development and architectural research for period mid - late 19th Century.

#### Criteria f)

##### Rarity

The complex of former school buildings is rare in the locality in consideration of its original use, age of construction, and quality of construction. The complex demonstrates the focus for development of a community centre at Agnes Banks over the latter decades of the nineteenth century.

#### Criteria g)

##### Representative

The complex of buildings is representative of a model design of rural combined classroom block and teacher's residence developed by the Council of Education. The former school is one of three built along Castlereagh Road in 1879.

##### Integrity/Intactness

In good condition and intact

## Owners

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Records Retrieved: 0

Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

## Description

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#### Designer

George Allen Mansfield

#### Builder/Maker

#### Physical Description

Updated

The item is a former public school comprising grounds originally acquired for school use and an attached classroom block and teacher's residence now converted to private residences. The brick building has a half-hipped roof over the former teacher's cottage and a steeply pitched gable over the former classroom. There are two verandahs on the front elevation. The former teacher's house has a verandah running the length of the cottage and has a skillion roof. The verandah of the former classroom has a half-hipped roof. The former classroom cottage verandah is partially infilled. The timber framed multi-paned (6 over 6) sash windows have sandstone sills. The gable has a date stone. At the rear of the building is a smaller building with a gabled roof and external brick chimney flue. It is possibly a later classroom block. The external brick wall surfaces are painted except for the tuck-pointed face brick of the front elevation. The building set within cleared grounds, is prominently sited on Castlereagh Road and provides a focus for the former village community at Agnes Banks.

#### Physical Condition

Updated 01/12/2000

Good physical condition.

#### Modifications And Dates

## Further Comments

## Current Use

Private Residence

## Former Use

School

## Listings

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### Listings

Records Retrieved: 4					
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazette Number	Gazette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Former Agnes Banks Public School	AB-3	12/20/1991 12:00:00 AM	180	
Local Environmental Plan	Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010	3	9/22/2010 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study	Former Agnes Banks Public School	AB-3	4/1/1987 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study		2260003	11/1/2007 12:00:00 AM		

## Procedures/Exemptions

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Records Retrieved: 0

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

## History

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### Historical Notes or Provenance

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A school was opened in this area in 1875 and 3 years later a 0.8ha site was purchased by the Department of Education. The present building was erected in 1878-9. The school was closed between 1908 and 1923 and was then used until permanently closed in the mid-1960's. (Fox & Associates 1987)

## Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 10

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
7. Governing	Welfare	Unknown
7. Governing	Government and Administration	Unknown
6. Educating	Education	Unknown
6. Educating	Education	Unknown
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Unknown
4. Settlement	Accommodation	Unknown
3. Economy	Forestry	Unknown
3. Economy	Environment - cultural landscape	Unknown
1. Environment	Environment - naturally evolved	Industrial Development

## Recommended Management

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### Management Summary

### Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

## Report/Study

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## Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 7

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Pail Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
Heritage Study City of Penrith			1987		Fox & Associates
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney - Item P/AB1			1984		TBD
Heritage Study of the North Western Sector of Sydney - Item P/AB1			0		(not stated)

## Reference & Internet Links

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### References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
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## Data Source

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