

Blue Mountains Heritage Register Review

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Item Name: **Glenbrook Primary School and part interiors**

Location: **10 Park Street, Glenbrook [Blue Mountains]**

Address: 10 Park Street
Suburb / Nearest Town: Glenbrook 2773
Local Govt Area: Blue Mountains
State: NSW

DUAP Region: Sydney West
Historic region: Sydney
Parish:
County:

Other/Former Names: Glenbrook Public School

Area/Group/Complex: **Group ID:**

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: **Group:** **Category:**

Owner: Department Of School Education

Admin Codes: **Code 2:** **Code 3:**

Current Use: Infants School

Former Uses: Public School

Assessed Significance: **Local** **Endorsed Significance:**

Statement of Significance: Schools have a special place in the social life of a village, and especially of families within the village, and over almost a century the curtilage and successive buildings of Glenbrook Public School have been a significant local focus. The 1911 building of Glenbrook Public School is a typical example of a local public school building of the early twentieth century. It is unusual in having a WWI Roll of Honour in the enclosed verandah.

The interiors of the 1911 building are intact with representative value and enhance the overall significance of the building.

The 1915 portable timber building is representative of timber building construction of the time, and is similar in detailing to the school building at the Blackheath Public School site. The building is likely relocated from another site. Although the exterior has been modified, the interior has a simple but fine raked ceiling and roof structure. The horizontal corner brackets may be a modification related to its relocation. It retains the original timber joinery including windows and doors and internal linings.

Historical Notes or Provenance: Part of the public recreation reserve since 1884, this has been the site of Glenbrook Public School since 1903. The original wooden building of 1892 had been erected in the north-east corner of Glenbrook Park and was moved to the present school site in 1903. It was then supplemented in 1911 by the surviving brick building, which was extended in 1936-7 when the 1892 schoolroom was demolished. The two wooden classrooms on the south of the site were brought from elsewhere in the 1950s. Pressure on the site was relieved by the building of the new primary school some distance away in 1961. The whole surviving area of the present Infants School has some heritage significance. The 1911 building is a good

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representative example of schoolrooms of the period and has social significance: it is unusual in having a World War I Honour Roll in the enclosed verandah, emphasising its social significance in the village.

Themes:	National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
	6. Educating	Education	(none)
	7. Governing	Defence	(none)

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1911 **Year Completed:** 1960 **Circa:** Yes

Physical Description: Glenbrook Public School (Infants' department) is a group of gabled brick and weatherboard buildings loosely arranged on the north, west and south sides of a central courtyard. The earliest of the buildings on the site is the 1911 school building near the northeast corner.

The interiors of the three heritage buildings on the site were inspected for the Heritage Review 2016-2017. The inspection was visual only, there was no opening up.

1911 Building (B00A)

A gabled brick building with a verandah to the east and south, now enclosed with brickwork. The building has 9 over 9 pane double hung windows in the north wall. The gabled roof is on the north-south axis.

With the enclosure of the verandah, an entry porch with a gabled roof has been added on the south side. The gable over the entry porch has been clad with shingles.

The roof of the building is corrugated steel.

The building was extended to the west in 1936-7 when the verandahs were enclosed and the porch built.

A fine polished timber Roll of Honour from WWI is located on the south wall of the original building.

The interiors of the 1911 building are intact. There are two classrooms with ancillary rooms, with likely floorboards under the carpet. Some of the ceilings are timber lining boards, the walls are rendered with a dado moulding, and there is timber joinery such as door architraves, 4-panelled door leaves, skirtings, window sills and picture rails. There are corner fireplaces, one with a terrazzo mantel and moulded surrounds, the other with a timber mantel. There are original built-in cupboards. The enclosed verandahs have timber lined ceilings, timber floorboards and face brickwork, with later style timber panelled door leaves

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and timber architraves.

Timber Buildings

A pair of gabled timber classrooms, with enclosed verandahs on their north sides, are located on the south side of the site. The buildings appear to be portable classrooms, which were relocated to the site c.1950s.

Building B00E is now used by the local historical society. The front verandah has been infilled with weatherboard cladding and a mixture of aluminium windows and modern timber doors. The roof extends in one plane over the verandah. The interiors are intact but very modest, with walls and ceiling of fibro and batten in reasonable condition. The building appears to date from the 1950s.

Building B00F is now used by Nordoff Robbins. The interiors are quite impressive for a small modest building, with a high timber lined ceiling with raked sides and corner timber bracing and metal cross ties. The walls are fibro and batten with a slightly decorative configuration. The original windows remain to the south and are three large double-hung timber sash windows. The verandah has been enclosed but contains a further single original double-hung timber sash window and the original ledged and sheeted timber door with fanlight, both of Victorian era and style. A new door is located in the wall, likely replacing a similar window to the others. The floor is likely to be floorboards but is carpeted. The building appears to date from c.1915.

West Buildings

Gabled brick buildings, with east verandahs enclose the courtyard to the west of the site.

Physical Condition: Good

Modification Dates: See History

Recommended Management: Conserve 1911 school building, including early additions and WWI Roll of Honour. The whole area containing the Infants School should be assessed as a cultural whole with heritage values including vegetation, open space, all the school buildings and its physical relationship to the rest of the core village.

Original internal fabric should be retained in any future development. This includes timber floorboards, timber ceiling lining boards, wall surfaces, timber joinery such as door leaves and architraves, fibro and batten ceilings, fireplaces including chimney breasts, mantels, grates and hearths, and built-in timber furniture.

Further original internal fabric may be concealed beneath more recent layers. At the time of any new work or refurbishment, care should be taken during any demolition to ensure possible original or early layers or evidence that is currently concealed is not damaged or removed. If original material is uncovered it may be worthy of investigation, retention, protection and/or conservation. This is dependent upon the significance and condition of the fabric. An opportunity should be taken to record any early evidence and/or provide interpretation if retention is not possible, with records such as photos/notes (hard copy or digital) informally submitted to Council to the attention of Council's heritage advisor.

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Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a)

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The 1911 building of Glenbrook Public School is a typical example of a local public school building of the early twentieth century. It is unusual in having a WWI Roll of Honour in the enclosed verandah.

The interiors of the 1911 building are intact with representative value and enhance the overall significance of the building.

The c.1900 timber building is the earliest building on the site, likely relocated from another site. Although the exterior has been modified, the interior has a simple but fine raked ceiling and roof structure. The horizontal corner brackets may be a modification related to its relocation. It retains the original timber joinery including windows and doors and internal linings.

Criteria d) Schools have a special place in the social life of a village, and especially of families within the village, and over almost a century the curtilage and successive buildings of Glenbrook Public School have been a significant local focus.

Criteria e)

Criteria f) Aesthetic

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: High

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Aston, Nell (ed.)	Glenbrook School Days, 1892-1992	1992
	Mann, surveyor	Map of Glenbrook,	1884

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Blue Mountains City Council	Technical Audit BM Heritage Register	G015	2008
	Jack, R. I, for University of Sydney	Heritage Assessment, Glenbrook	G015	2000
	Blue Mountains City Council	Heritage Review 2016-2017		2017

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	Local Environmental Plan	LEP 2015		21/12/2015
	Local Environmental Plan	LEP1991	G015	27/12/1991
	Heritage study		G015	

Local Instrument: LEP 2015

Local Identifier: G015

Draft Instrument:

Technical Comment:

Update Notes: (i) Heritage Review 2016 - interiors added, Aboriginal statement added (SR/Oct2016)
(ii) Heritage Review 2016-2017 post-Stage 1 community consultation - interiors clarified, statement of significance, physical description, assessment, condition, and recommended management updated (SR/Sept2017)

Aboriginal Heritage: The Blue Mountains Local Government Area is within the Country of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples and Blue Mountains City Council respects their cultural heritage and deep ongoing connection to this Country.
This inventory sheet documents the European occupation of the site only, and the heritage significance of the place in this context (assessed against the heritage criteria set by the NSW Heritage Council).
This does not therefore, represent a complete history of the place, or represent the perspectives of Darug and Gundungurra Traditional Owners in relation to the colonial impacts on this site. Consultation with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal stakeholders is required, before Aboriginal Cultural Heritage that may be associated with this place, can be recorded.

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 31/03/2000

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