

Blacktown Heritage Inventory – DRAFT 2009

Name of Item	Residence							
Other Name/s	Former School / Church (Church of England)							
Former Name/s	Hartleys Gro	ocers						
Item type (if known)	Built							
Item group (if known)								
Item category (if known)								
Area, Group, or								
Collection Name								
Street number	445							
Street name	Seven Hills I	Road (AKA 1	Abbott Road)					
Suburb/town	Seven Hills					Post	code	2147
Local Government	Blacktown							
Area/s	(Property No		59)					
Property description	Pt Lot A DP	157853						
Location - Lat/long	Latitude				Longitude			
Location - AMG (if no street address)	Zone		Easting			Northing		
Owner		1						
Current use	Residence							
Former Use	Church School, Grocery shop							
Statement of significance	Criterion a) – The item is important in the course of the community history of Seven Hills as the site and possibly remaining building from the first school in the area (forerunner to Seven Hill North Public School).							
	Criterion c) – The item is a rare remaining example of Victorian Architecture (altered in 1920) from the early settlement of Seven Hills. It is also located in a prominent location. The 1920 parapet and verandah additions are examples of the style of design of the period, and reflect the change in use of the building to a grocers shop.							
	Criterion d) – The site has a special association the community of Seven Hills Anglican Church and Seven Hills North Public School.							
	Criterion e) – The site and buildings on close inspection may have the potential to yield further information about the former use of the site as a School.							
Level of Significance	State ☐ Local ☑							



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		DESCRIPTION				
Designer						
Builder/ maker						
Physical	(Note site was not entered and property was not inspected internally.)					
Description	The building is situated adjacent to a reserve on the corner of Abbott Road and Seven Hills Road. The current alignments of Seven Hills Road, Abbott Road, and Windsor Road follow generally the outline of the original grant to Mich. Nowland.					
	ch roof. The roof has a apet is possibly a 1920					
	The body of the rectangular building features red face brickwork which is painted. Narrow tall windows with triple brick arches are apparent on the north elevation. This pattern including the triple brick arches supports a Victorian style construction of the body of the building, as does the rectangular form and steeply pitched roof.					
	The frontage parapet and hipped verandah are likely to be a circa 1920's addition to provide for the later shop usage.					
	There is an enclosed brick verandah to the south that is likely to date from the late 19 th early 20 th century. The brick arched window is of a later styling than those on the north.					
	An early lean-to verandah with a chimney has been extended to the east with a fibro circa 1950's addition.					
	Roofing is modern metal terracotta tiles. This may have been placed over the top of an earlier roofing					
Physical condition and Archaeological potential	Intact core with add	itions				
Construction years	Start year	1863-1920	Circa			
Modifications and	Circa early 20th – Southern verandah enclosure					
dates	Circa1920 front parapet and verandah					
	Circa 1950 rear skillion extension					



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Historical notes The site on which the building stands housed the Church of England School for Seven Hills appearing on Parish Maps from the 1868 period. The Church of England School existed in Seven Hills from 1820, with records associating it with 445 Seven Hills Road dating from 1863. The Circa 1868 parish map indicates 2 buildings on the site, one square and another to the north of a rectangular shape. The school in 1863 consisted of a large school room, and a teacher's residence. Both were in a dilapidated state by 1863, and a new building 40' x 20' was built to house the school and church, to the north of the older school building. This size (12m x 6m) roughly reflects the size of the current body of the building on site. The school was used up until 1885 when a new government school was opened adjacent to the new Church of England site of St Andrews, near Old Windsor Road. The Church of England School continued to operate after 1883 on the new St Andrews site. This school was replaced in 1885 by the Seven Hills North Public School, the reserve for which appears on the 1894 parish maps. Oral history (Claire Pfoeffer – life resident of Seven Hill c1915 – present) indicates that the school buildings at 445 Seven Hills Road became a grocers shop in the 1920's known as "Hartleys" and was run by the Hartleys who lived on Meurants Lane. The building is now a private residence.		
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State historical theme	

HERITAGE LISTINGS				
Heritage listing/s				



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Туре		or/Client	Title	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Repository	1103.	
Oral	Black MGar	own Historical Societ n	y /		2004			
Book	Black	own City Council		orth Public School Centenary Booklet	1983	Blacktown Cit Studies Collec	y Library – local ction	
Internet		Department of Lands n Maps	Parish Maps – Prospect.	Parish of	Pre 1860 1868, 1894	Department of Lands NSW		
Oral	Claire	Pfoffer						
			RECOMM	ENDATIONS				
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