

Item Details

Name
Castlereagh Public School (former)

SHR/LEP/S170
LEP #C-4

Address
13-25 West Wilchard Road CASTLEREAGH NSW 2749

Local Govt Area
Penrith

Local Aboriginal Land Council
Unknown



Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Education	School - State (public)

All Addresses

Addresses								
Records Retrieved: 1								
Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
13-25	West Wilchard Road	CASTLEREAGH/NSW /2749	Penrith	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

The former school complex provides the focus for appreciating the development of a village centre at Castlereagh 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 Castlereagh 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, entry porch, window sizing and door location, and chimney. The quality of the buildings in their construction and elaborated stylistic features present an ensemble of high note in the general area.

Criteria f)

Rarity

The complex of former school buildings are rare in the locality based on their original use, age of construction and quality of construction. The complex also provides and contributes to a focus for development of a community centre at Castlereagh over the latter decades of the nineteenth century.

Criteria g)

Representative

The complex of buildings is representative of a model design of rural 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

Exterior - high

Owners

		Records Retrieved: 0
Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer	Builder/Maker
George Allen Mansfield	

Physical Description	Updated
The former public school comprises a brick classroom block and teacher’s residence both now in private ownership. The classroom block is representative of a standard rural type school of the era. It is constructed of brick masonry with a steep pitched gabled roof sheeted in corrugated metal. The gable has a date stone. There is a gabled porch to the one side and a well detailed external brick chimney flue. The facebrick work is relieved by sandstone windowsills. The windows are double-hung sashes. The former teacher’s residence which fronts Wilchard Road, is some distance away and is similarly constructed in brick masonry, but with a hipped roof sheeted in corrugated metal and flanking chimneys. The building has a symmetrical front elevation with a panelled front door and fanlight and flanking double hung windows. The front verandah has been reconstructed, and the rear attached service wing is fibro clad. The complex of buildings is sited on the crest of a hillside overlooking Castlereagh Road. With later housing the buildings are now largely obscured from view from the public domain. The buildings are some distance from the neighbouring former council chambers and Smith Park, but collectively these demarcate the village of Castlereagh.	

Physical Condition	Updated 02/24/2005
Good	

Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Current Use
Storeroom

Former Use
Public School

Listings

Listings

Records Retrieved: 4					
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Former Castlereagh Public School	C-4	12/20/1991 12:00:00 AM	180	
Local Environmental Plan	Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010	20	9/22/2010 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study		2260020	11/1/2007 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study	Former Castlereagh Public School	C-4	4/1/1987 12:00:00 AM		

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

The land was originally part of Portion 54, granted to Edward Field in 1803 (100acres). The family later donated the block for the purpose of buiding the school.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1		
National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
6. Educating	Education	Unknown

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
Heritage Study Review			2006		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Heritage Study City of Penrith			1987		Fox & Associates

Reference & Internet Links

References

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
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Written	Environmental Resources Management	2001	Penrith Lakes Scheme Cultural Heritage Management Study	
Written	Gloster S Udy	1999	NSW State Heritage Inventory Form	
Written	Morris, C. & Britton, G.	1999	Castlereagh Cultural Landscape Study	
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