**Springfield State School No. 1963 (Former) Statement of Significance, May 2021**

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| **Heritage place:** Springfield State School No. 1963 (former), 3 Clarkes Lane, Woodend North | **PS ref no.:** HO350 |



Figure 1. 3 Clarkes Lane, Woodend North (GJM Heritage/Frontier Heritage, May 2018)

***What is significant?***

The Former Springfield State School No 1963, 3 Clarkes Lane, Woodend North, a school built in 1877.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

* The school building’s original form, materials and detailing
* The school building’s high level of integrity to its original design.

Substantial later additions and outbuildings to the east of the original school building are not significant.

***How is it significant?***

The Former Springfield State School No 1963 is of is of local historical and architectural significance to the Shire of Macedon Ranges.

***Why is it significant?***

The Former Springfield State School No 1963 is of historical significance as a demonstration of the increasing importance of education in the life of country towns in the 1870s. It has strong associations with the local former Springfield community as a place of education (Criterion A).

The Former Springfield State School No 1963 is an intact and representative example of a small nineteenth century school within a rural township. It displays typical characteristics of a small school from the 1870s in the Woodend area and across Victoria more broadly, including a two-roomed, T-shaped gabled form with porch and an unadorned exterior (Criterion D).

*Summary*

The Former Springfield State School No 1963, Woodend North is of note as an intact and representative example of a small school building in the Shire of Macedon Ranges. It displays typical characteristics of a small school from the 1870s in rural Victoria.

**Aerial**

(Note that this has been corrected to account for distortion between the cadastral boundaries and the aerial).



Figure 2. Aerial photo of 3 Clarkes Lane, Woodend North (Source: Macedon Ranges Shire Council, aerial dated March 2018).

**Primary source:**

*Macedon Ranges Shire Heritage Study: Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon & Mount Macedon Stage 2 Final Report Volumes 1 and 2* (GJM Heritage and Frontier Heritage, April 2019)