MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

FORMER SCHOOL AND RESIDENCE - DENMAN

REFERENCE No DENM/R007b PRESENT NAME Residence PREVIOUS REFERENCE No PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES St Bernards School and Residence DATE INSPECTED 18th April 1996 SITE SKETCH PLAN LOCATION STREET No 80 STREET NAME Palace Street -> z TOWN/SUBURB Denman POSTCODE 2328 LOCALITY Denman LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK TYPE Church PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2 DP594471 SITE AREA 1.610 hectares EXISTING ZONING 5(a) - Special Uses 'A' '56' 282420E, 64144160N AMG MAP REFERENCE CATEGORY Building Denman 9033-111-S SUB CATEGORY Religious Residence / School DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1884 and c.1916 ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown BUILDER Unknown



HERITAGE LISTING HISTORICAL PERIOD REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED BUILT USED REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM PERIOD REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) PRE 1800 REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA) 1800 - 1825 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER 1826 - 1860 COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE) 1861 - 1876 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER 1876 - 1900 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER 1901 - 1925 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER 1926 - 1960 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION 1951 - 1975 NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (\$170 HERITAGE ACT) POST 1975 NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER NP&WS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES) HISTORICAL THEMES INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW) S.H.I.P. THEMES LOCAL THEMES 1 REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE The provision of Catholic education in Religion OTHER Wybong and Denman HISTORICAL NOTES The first St Bernards Church was built before 1884 and moved to the present site in 1916. The second St Bernards was blessed and opened on 15th November 1915 on the present site. The first church became the borders' dormitory; later to become administration area and classroom. The 'skinny' building probably came from Wybong. When Upper Wybong School closed additions were made to the convent to accomodate girl borders, so the records show, and this is possibly that extension as it has been part of the Denman complex since 1916. The building was used, first as a dining room for the girls, later as a craft and sewing room, still later the library and Infants classroom. Classes were taught in the church for many years till a school was built near the road. This school building was subsequently moved to its present location near the other buildings. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS ARCH. STYLE Federation Queen Anne MATERIALS: Exterior Timber with slate roof and timber verandah posts b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE MODIFICATIONS C **CURRENT CONDITIONS** ✓ INTACT d ☐ REPAIRS REQUIRED ✓ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC □ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC ✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Garage and external paving. INFORMATION SOURCES WRITTEN Archives on the Sisters of St. Joseph, Lochinvar ORAL GRAPHIC **EVALUATION CRITERIA** (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL HISTORIC RARE / (R) REPRESENTATIVE D **AESTHETIC** RARE √ (L) REPRESENTATIVE D RARE / (R) SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE D RARE √ (L) SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE D

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically the buildings have regional significance for providing evidence of the establishment of Catholic School education in both Wybong and Denman and for their continuous use over a hundred year period. Aesthetically the building group has local uniqueness and therefore, significance for the design skills exhibited in the adaptation of buildings for changed purposes in the early 20th century. The buildings are also significant to the region in social terms because of the important links they have for generations of Catholics throughout Denman and districts. Scientifically they are of local significance for their potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the form and changes in the provision of Catholic education over the late 19th and early 20th century in the Denman area.