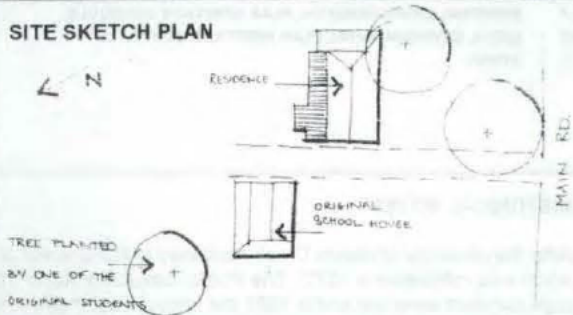




MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

FORMER SCHOOL AND RESIDENCE - GIANTS CREEK

<p>PRESENT NAME <i>Former School and Residence</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</p>	<p>REFERENCE No <i>GIAN/R002</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R034 - Hunter REP Sch. 4 review</i></p> <p>DATE INSPECTED <i>22nd February 1996</i></p>
<p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No <i>1581</i> STREET NAME <i>Cnr. Honey Lane and Merriwa Road</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Sandy Hollow</i> POSTCODE <i>2333</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Sandy Hollow</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p>SITE SKETCH PLAN</p> 
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lot 1 DP368610</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA <i>1.89 hectares</i></p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic</i></p>
<p>CATEGORY <i>Building</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Primary School; Residence</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1913</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>Unknown</i></p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 269000E, 6420700N AMG Sandy Hollow 9033-III-N</i></p> 
<p>PHOTOGRAPH</p> 	

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HISTORICAL NOTES

After the residents of Giants Creek petitioned to the Council of Education, they were granted their request for a Public School and residence which was completed in 1877. The Public Instruction Act of 1882 made schooling compulsory. The school held evening classes, however pupil numbers were low and in 1881 the school closed due to low attendance. Another school was erected in 1913 as the old one had deteriorated. By 1970 the centre of population had shifted to form a cluster around the railway line at Sandy Hollow, therefore the school's location was changed to suit the centre of population and the current school was erected. This has always been a small school due to the surrounding topography not allowing close settlement.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE <i>Federation (vernacular) Georgian</i>	MATERIALS: <i>Exterior Weatherboard; Metal roofing</i>				
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
c MODIFICATIONS <i>There are several extensions to the rear of the residence and the old school house is being converted to workshop and aviary.</i>					
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INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	<i>Giants Creek - Sandy Hollow Public School Centenary 1877-1977</i>
ORAL	
GRAPHIC	

EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL
HISTORIC	RARE ✓ (L)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Giants Creek school site is associated with the location of the Anglican Church, its cemetery and the former Post Office General Store sites. Although the existing school buildings are not original, the site served the public education system in the Muswellbrook area for almost a century and was integral to the form of community life of the latter 19th century. The recent change of use reflects the shift of population towards larger centres, typical of the latter 20th century. The buildings are of local significance historically and socially for demonstrating social change over the period and remain largely intact. The group has regional scientific rarity and significance for the period of the late 19th century.