# Fairbridge Settlement Catalogue

**Section 1 – Molong Cottage (Andrew Reid)**

The plans for Molong, Gowrie & Brown Cottage were drawn up in May, 1937 by S.C. van Breda of 50 Hill Street Orange,
Although Molong Cottage was designated in the plans as number one cottage, Molong was completed after Gowrie Cottage, making Molong the second cottage to be completed.
The first three cottages were completed before the arrival of the first party of 28 children (all boys) on the 24th March, 1938.
The Party of 28 boys was divided between Gowrie and Brown Cottage. Molong Cottage Dormitory as well as a portable class room were to become the Fairbridge school until the Fairbridge Primary School was completed by the Education Department 1n 1939. Molong cottage was also use for cooking and laundry for the staff of the village. Miss Brooks who arrived at Fairbridge on the same day as the first party was in charge of the cooking. Sometime latter Molong Cottage became a girls Cottage.
The distinguishing points of Molong Cottage are the roof line. Molong Cottage has a central gable, with an air vent that reaches out beyond the roof line to cover the front section of the verandah and verandah steps. Molong Cottage established a standard design for most other cottage floor plan layouts. The standard design had dormitory at one end of the cottage, with cottage mother's quarters at the opposite end. (Other cottages using this standard design) included Molong, Gowrie, Brown, Canary, Blue, Green, Red, Lilac, Corinda, Canonbar, Goldsborough and Mort. An alternative design was used on Rose, Orange and New Cottages.
Molong Cottage had steps at each end of the veranda; the only other cottages to have this feature were Brown and Gowrie. Molong Cottage also had two water tanks stands and tanks at the rear of the cottage, Cottages with this feature were Molong, Gowrie. Corinda, Canonbar, Goldsborough and Mort. All other cottages had one large tank only.

Once Molong Cottage was no longer required as a school room it then became a girl's cottage and remained a girl's cottage until later years. Molong Cottage is still located in the Fairbridge Village and is still lived in.

**Figure 1-Molong Cottage when first completed. 1938, Rose Cottage still under construction can be seen to the left of Molong Cottage.**

**Figure 2 Molong Cottage on Left Soon after Completion and Brown to the right.**

**Figure 3 Molong Cottage Early Days.**

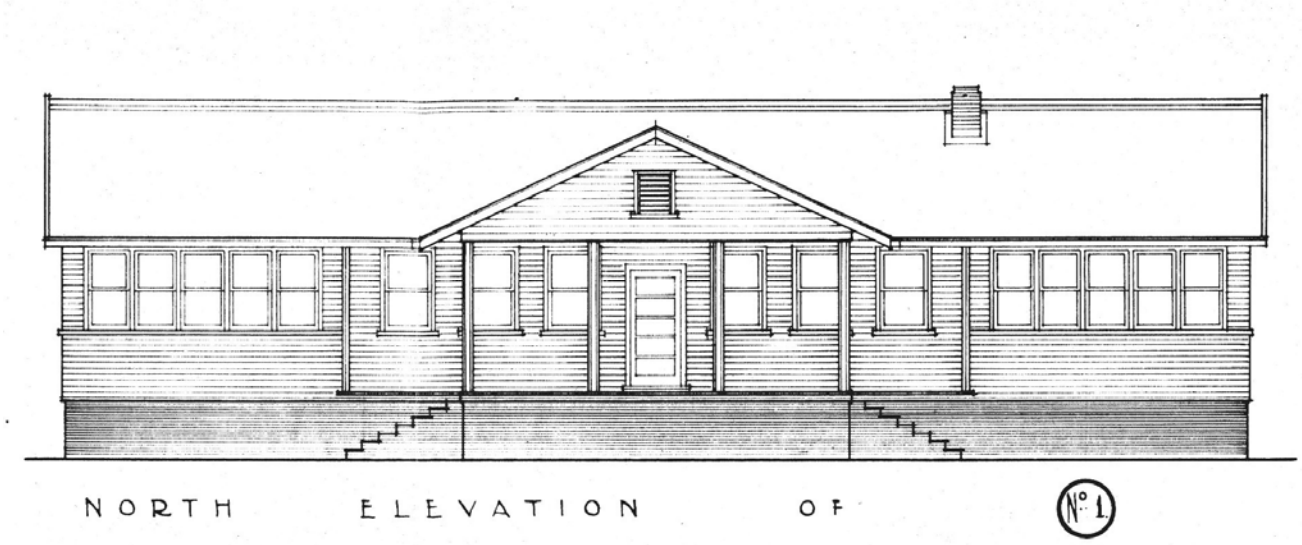
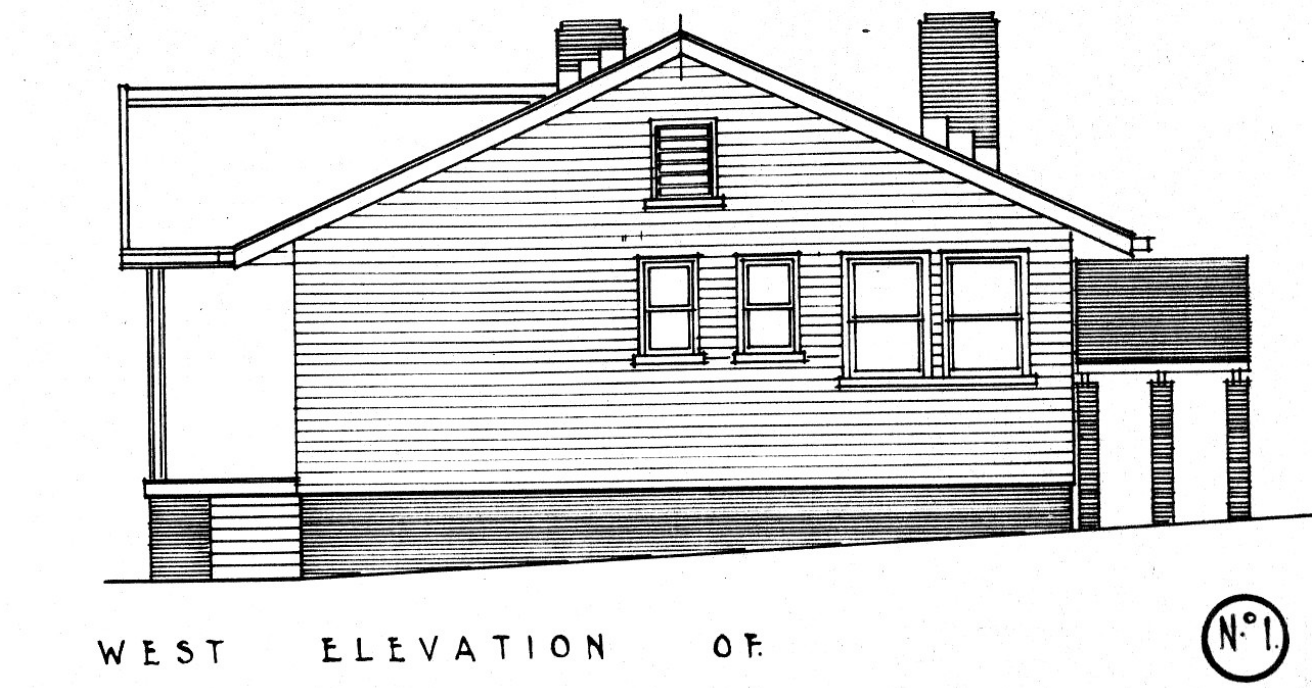



**Figure 4 Molong Cottage Front Elevation.**

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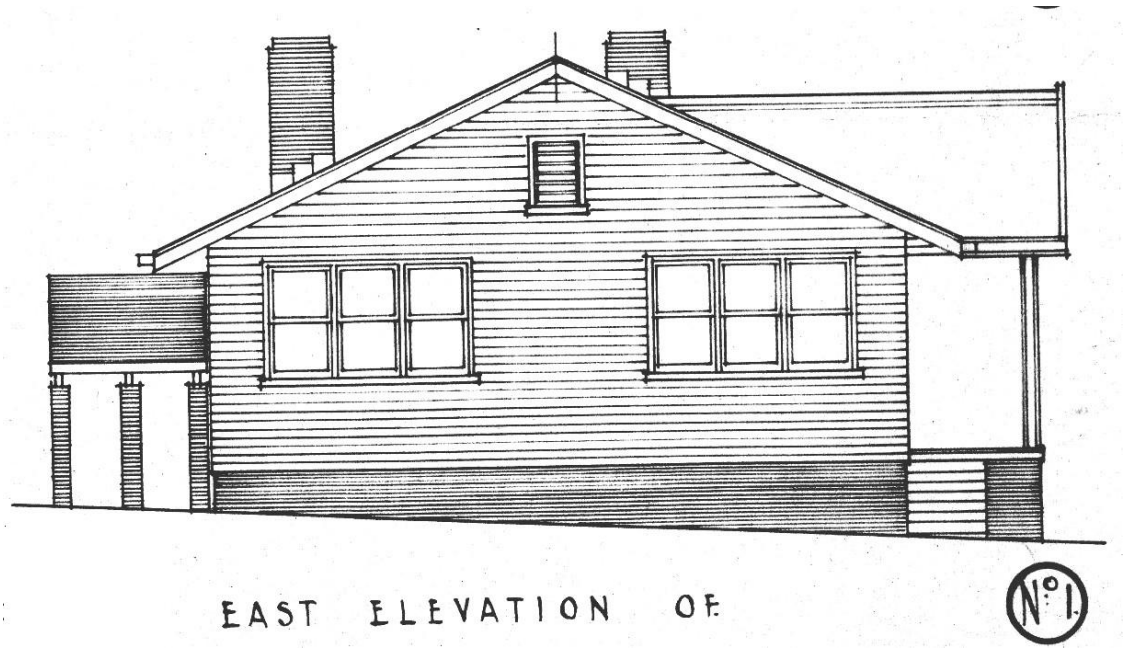


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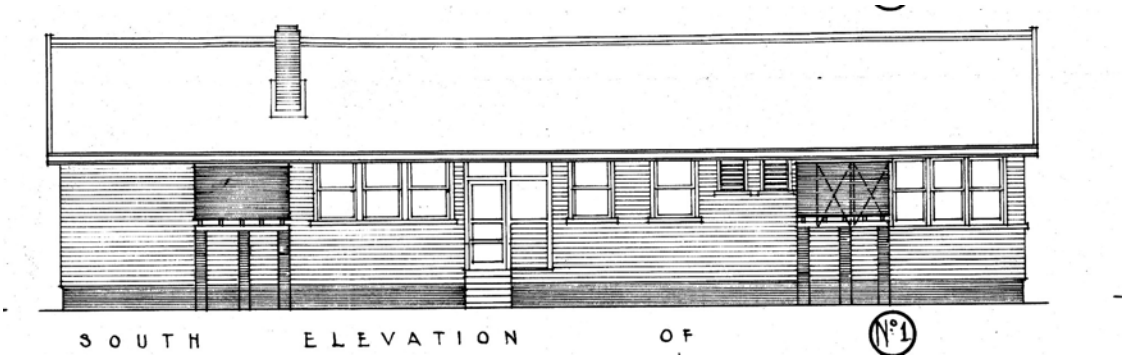


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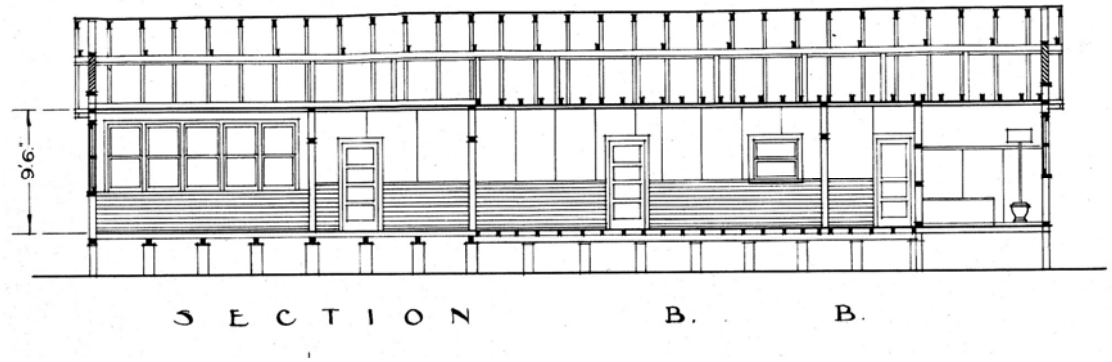


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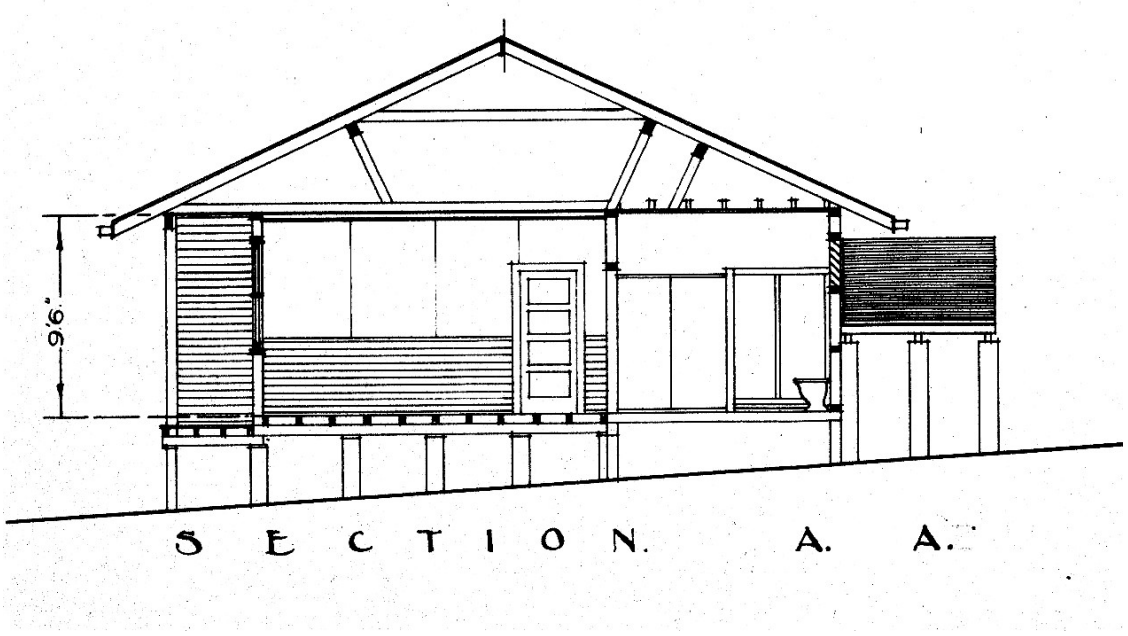


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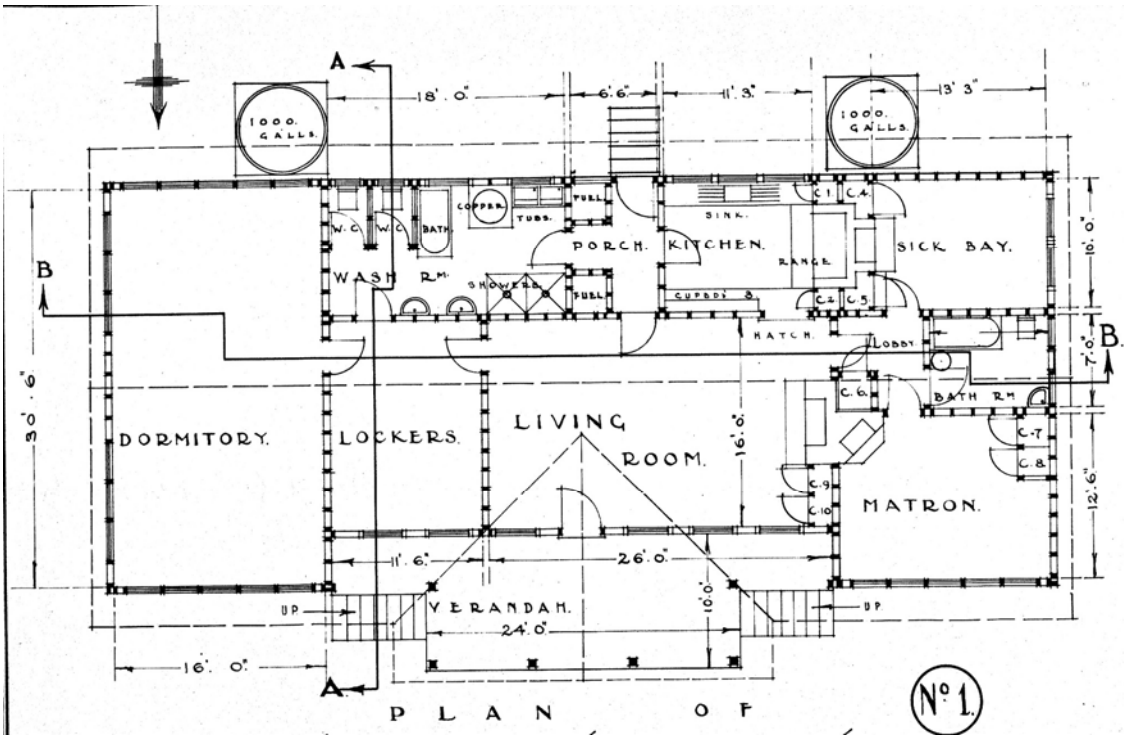


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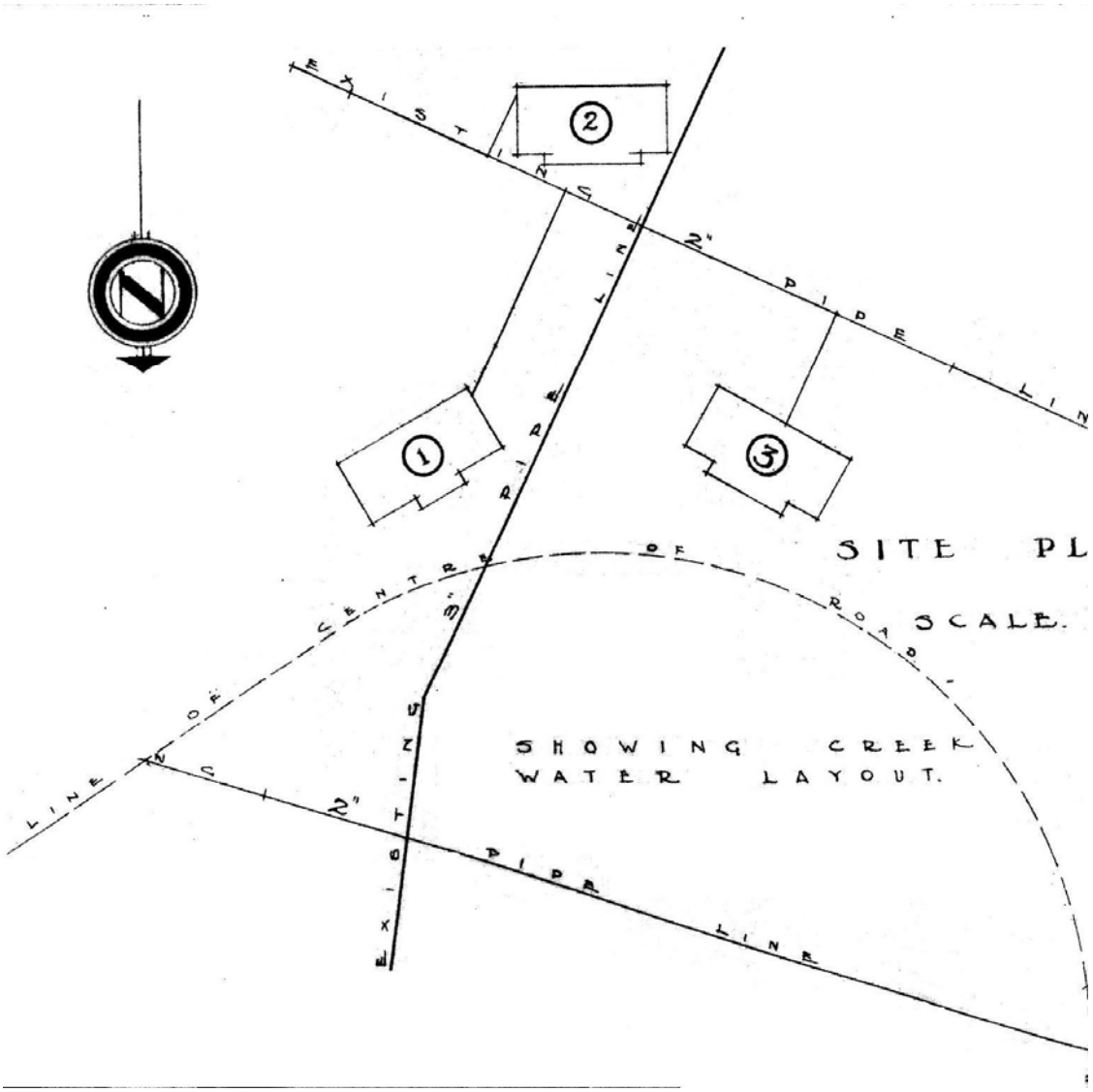


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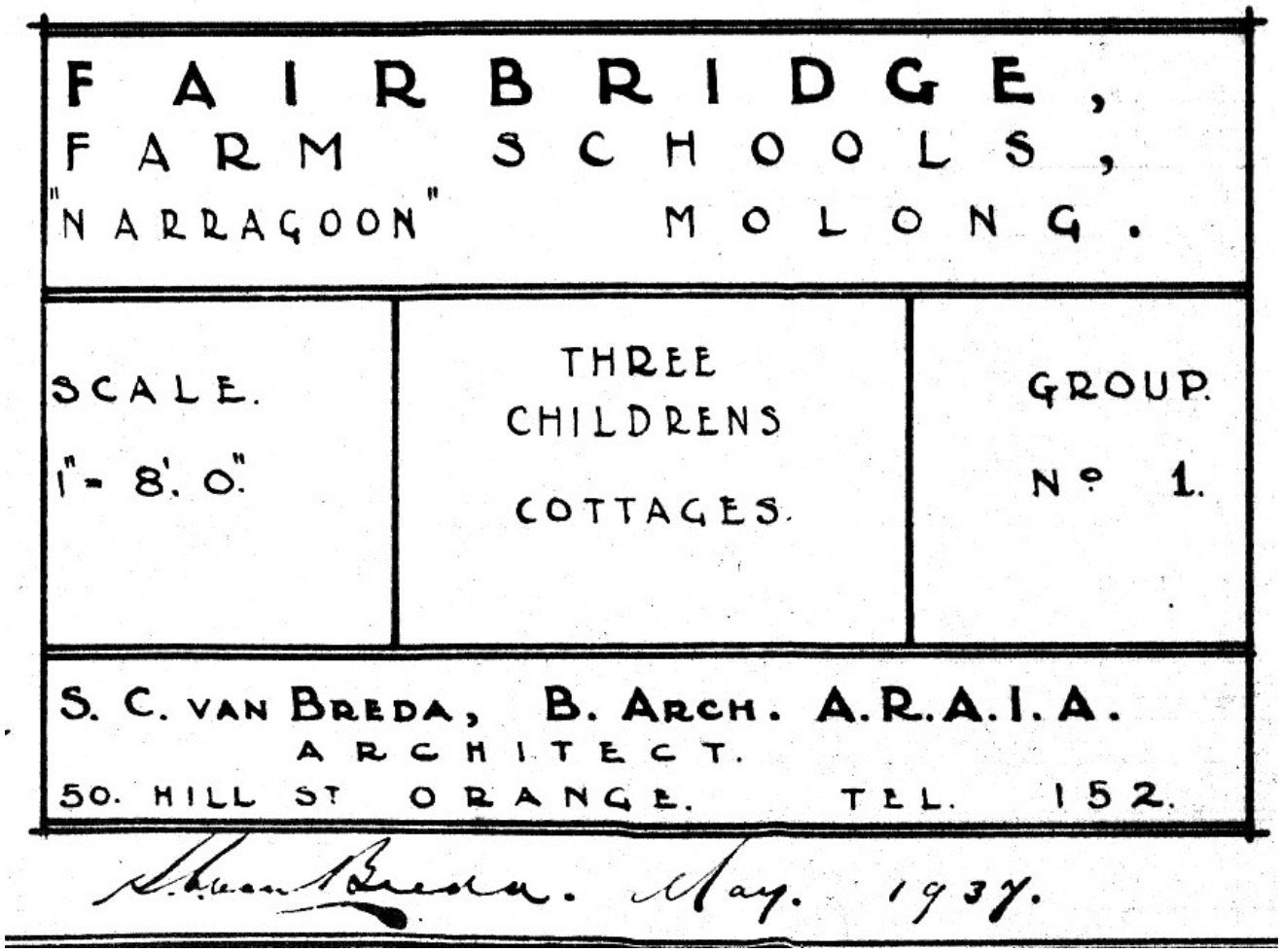


**Figure 12 Date Plan Drawn Up.**

**Figure 13 Molong Cottage, Side View, 3/6/2006.**

**Figure 14 Molong Cottage Front View, 3/1/2006.**

**Figure 15 Molong Cottage, Front Steps, 3/1/2006.**

**Figure 16 Molong Cottage Rear View, 3/1/2006.**