# Fairbridge Settlement Catalogue

**Section 3 – Brown Cottage (Matthew Robinson)**

Brown Cottage was the third Cottage to be completed in 1938. Fourteen of the first party of children from England, were housed in Brown Cottage.

Brown Cottage was always in use from the time Fairbridge opened in 1938 up until Fairbridge closed in 1973 and was always used as a boy's cottage.

Miss Wall became the first cottage mother of Brown Cottage arriving at Fairbridge March, 22 1938 just 3 days before the arrival of the first party. Miss Brooks who arrived at Molong on the same train as the first party, (Miss Brooks now Mrs Goulding) lived in Brown cottage, cottage mothers quarters with Miss Wall and was in charge of the cooking for the staff in Molong cottage until such time as the Nuffield Hall was completed. Miss Brooks latter became the cottage mother of both Brown and Gowrie cottages.

Brown cottage had two attic type air vents on the roof making it very easy to distinguish from any other cottage. Canary cottage also had this feature but had three air vents on the roof. Like Molong and Gowrie cottages Brown cottage had two water tanks and steps leading up to either side of the front verandah.

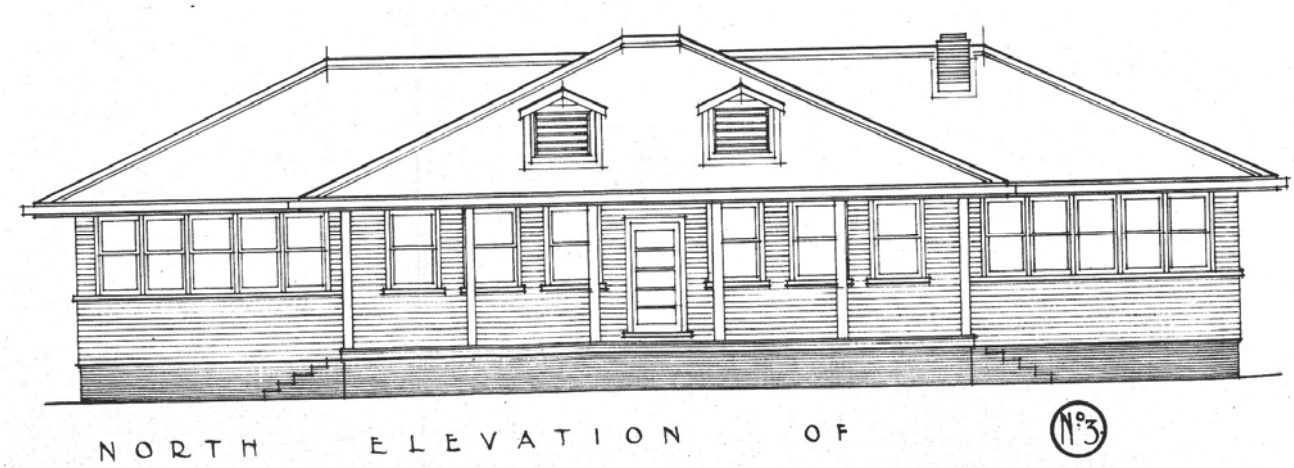
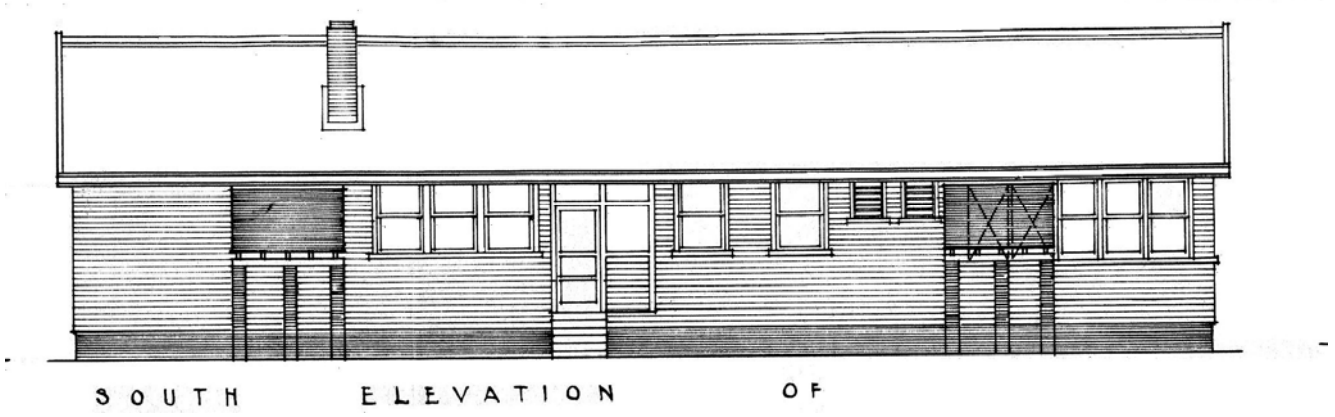



**Figure 1, North Elevation for brown Cottage. 1937.**

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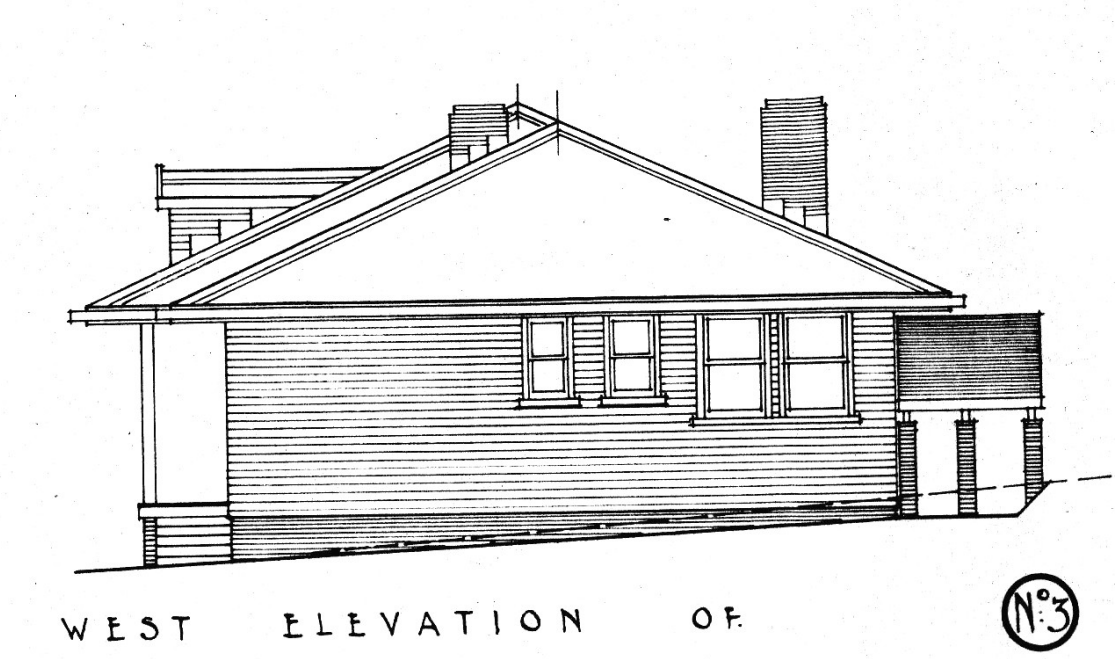


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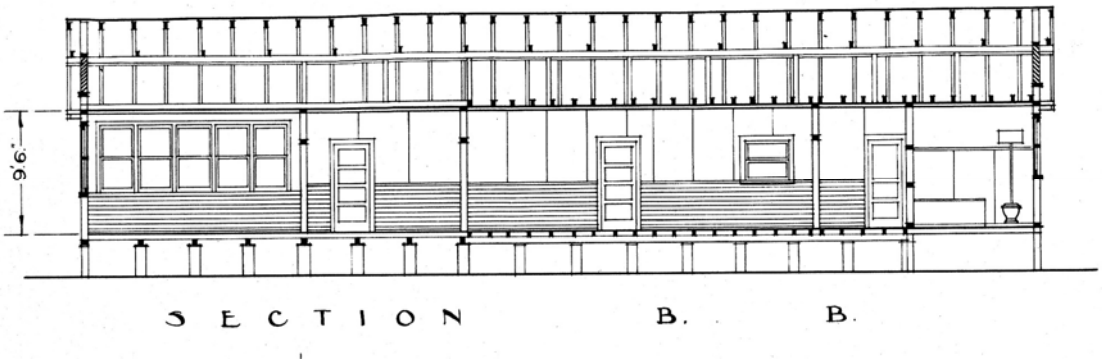


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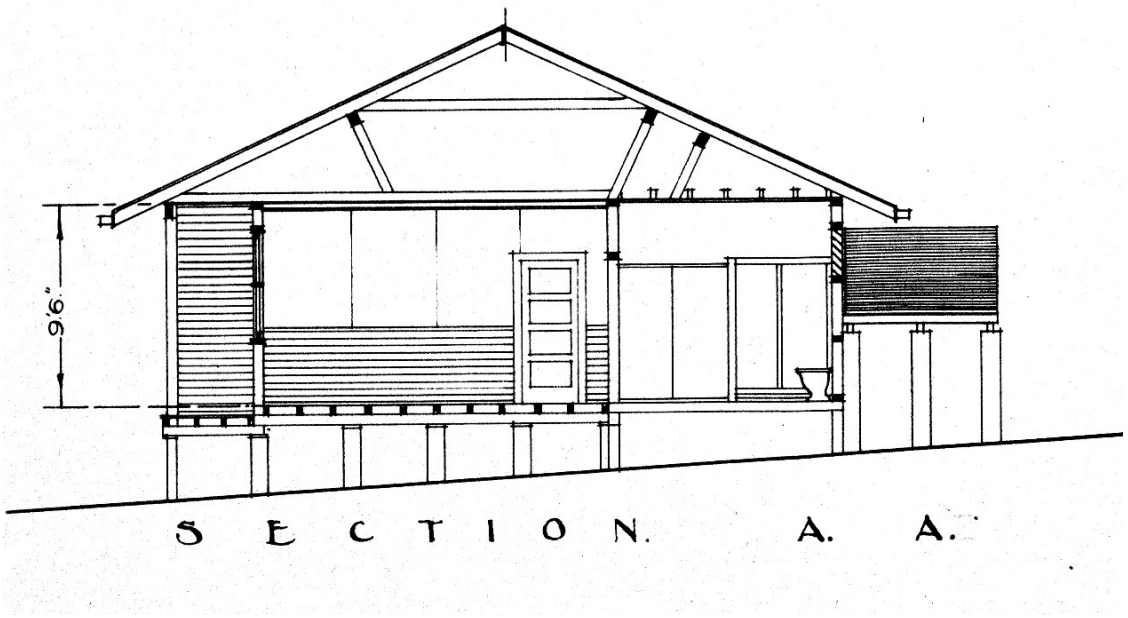


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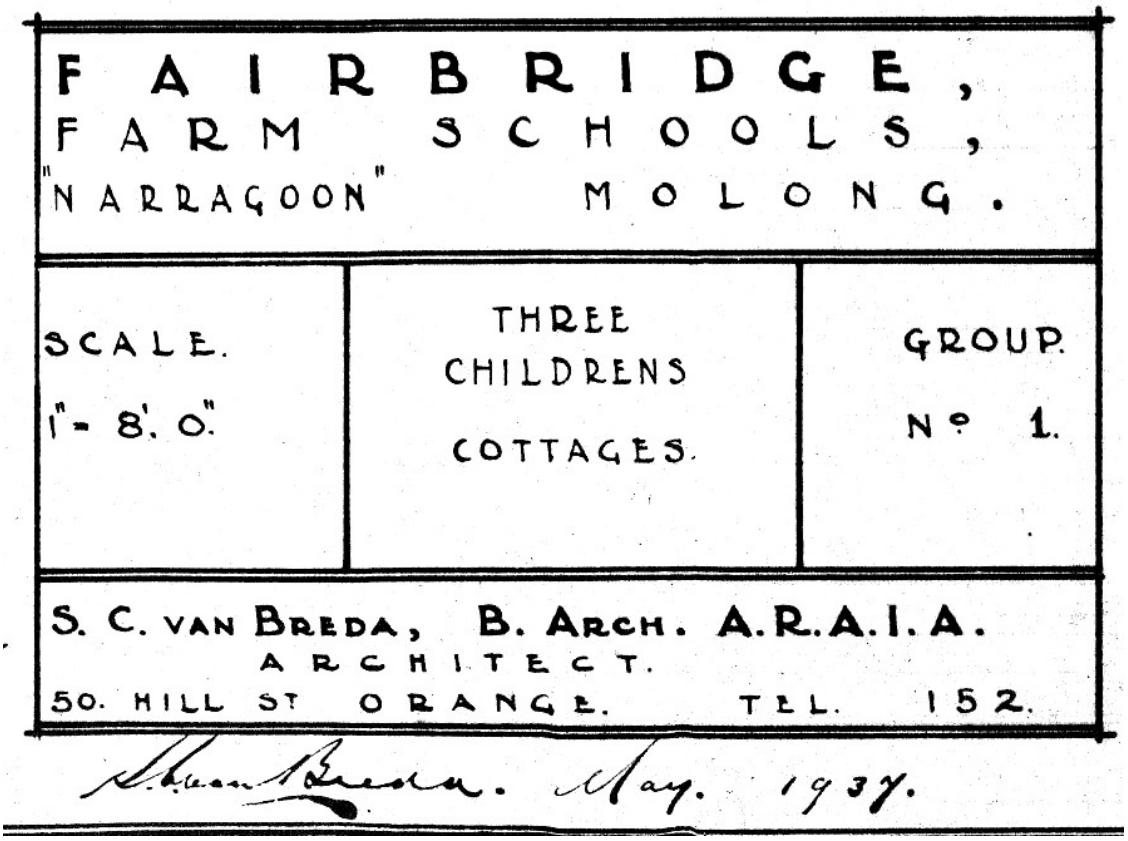


**Figure 6 Brown Cottage Plan Drawn Up May, 1937.**

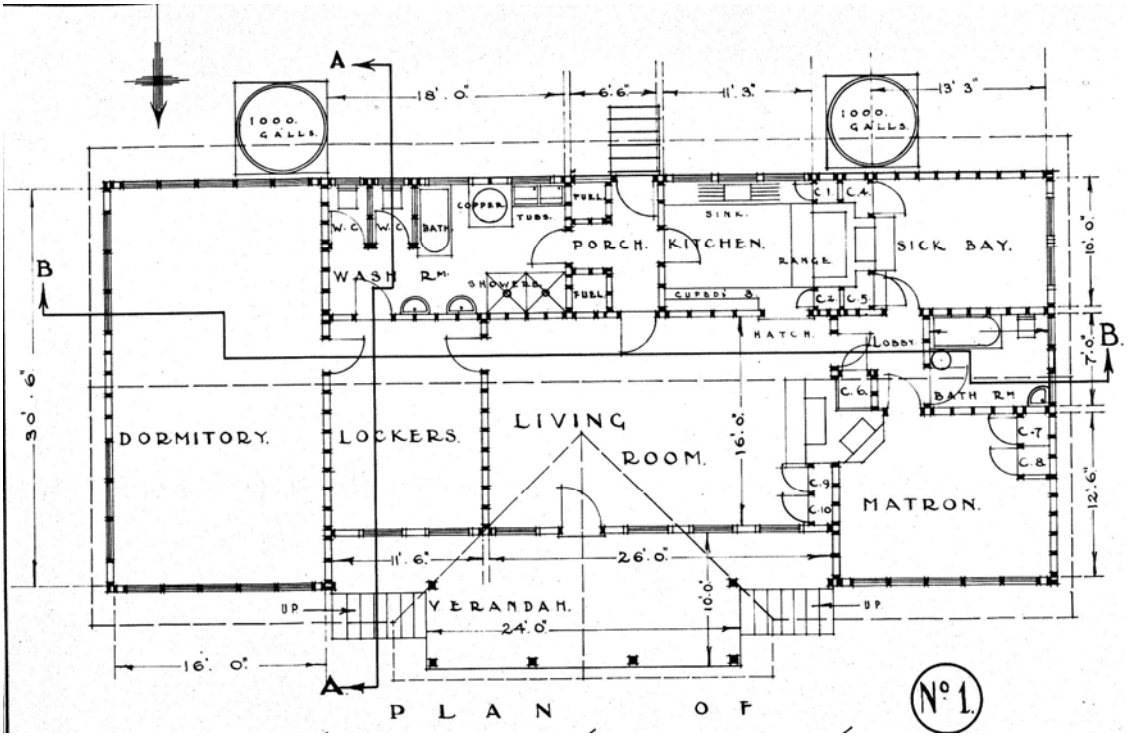


**Figure 7 Floor Plan for brown Cottage. May 1937.**

**Figure 8 Brown Cottage when First Completed.**

**Figure 9 Molong left Brown in Centre and Blue to Right on Opening Day 24 Nov. 1938.**

**Figure 10 Brown Cottage, Photo Taken 1960.**

**Figure 11 Brown Cottage, New Cottage in the Background, pre, 1945**

**Figure 12 Brown Cottage General Site, 3/1/2006.**

**Figure 13 Jimmy Walker Former Resident of Brown Cottage, General Site. 9/2/2006.**

**Figure 14 Brown Cottage in it's present location on a farm at Garra near Molong 5/3/2006**

**Figure 15 Brown Cottage 5/3/2006**