

Photographs of Signage and the Lysterfield Boys' Farm House site taken at Lysterfield Park, Victoria, in June 2020



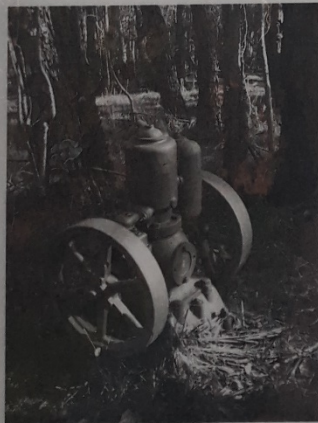


## Supplying Water to the Lysterfield Boys Farm

Water was an important part in the running of the Boys Farm with steps taken to provide the needed supply in order to meet the needs of the house and farm:

During times of drought the Dome topped wells provided water to the milking sheds and the farm house. A pump supplied water from the creeks running through the property to the wells for storage, which ensured that water would still be available when the creeks dried up.

From the well, water was pumped to the concrete separating and cooling room. A wash room with steam boiler for cleansing cans and buckets adjoined the shed located next to the dairy site.



**Above** One of the old Dome topped wells used to store water for use in the Dairy and Dorms.  
**Left.** The old pump at the dairy site.

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## Lysterfield Boys Farm Dairy Site

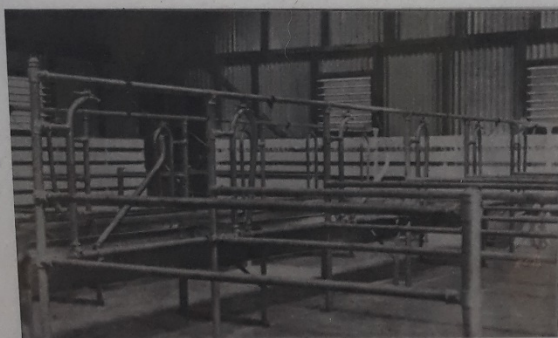
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Cream and milk production was the main revenue-producing activity on the Farm. A fine Jersey herd of 70 cows provided this cream and milk, with another 19 heifers added later.

The existing dairy and milking shed were a disgrace and had been condemned. At several hundred pounds a new 70 X 30 feet shed was erected made of galvanised iron with a cement floor. There were twenty-four bails built of galvanised piping and the feeders were made of galvanised iron troughs.

A milk contract for 300 quarts daily brought in £26 per week at the then current price of one shilling per gallon. They were able to purchase twenty-four more cows to add to the herd. The boys milked the cows under the most hygienic conditions.

They claimed to have one of the best milking sheds in Australia.



Above. Corner of New Model Cowshed.



# Everyday Activities carried out on Lysterfield Boys Farm

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**Above.** Haymaking. The Manager, Mr. H. T. Wraight is in the centre.



**Above and Below.** Boys with stools and buckets off to the Milking Shed.



**Above.** Boys Making Cement Bricks



**Above.** A group of the first boys at the Farm.



**Above.** A view of the Piggeries



## Site of the Lysterfield Boys Farm Dormitory

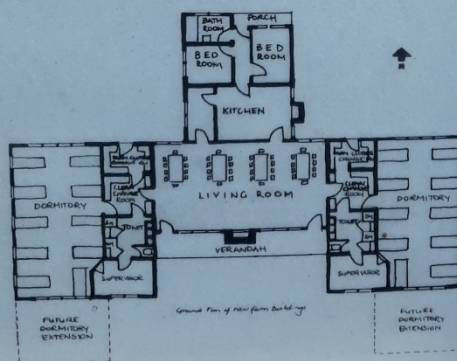
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With the design and construction of a very effective house that would be used as a dormitory twenty-two more boys were able to be accommodated for. Previous accommodation only housed nine boys.

These boys were to eventually live and work on farms so no luxurious ideas could be entertained. The building was constructed of wood with an estimated cost of £2,000. Roomy and convenient dormitories were used for sleeping alone, with dressing rooms and lockers located alongside the bathroom. A hot-water system provided hot water for the showers.

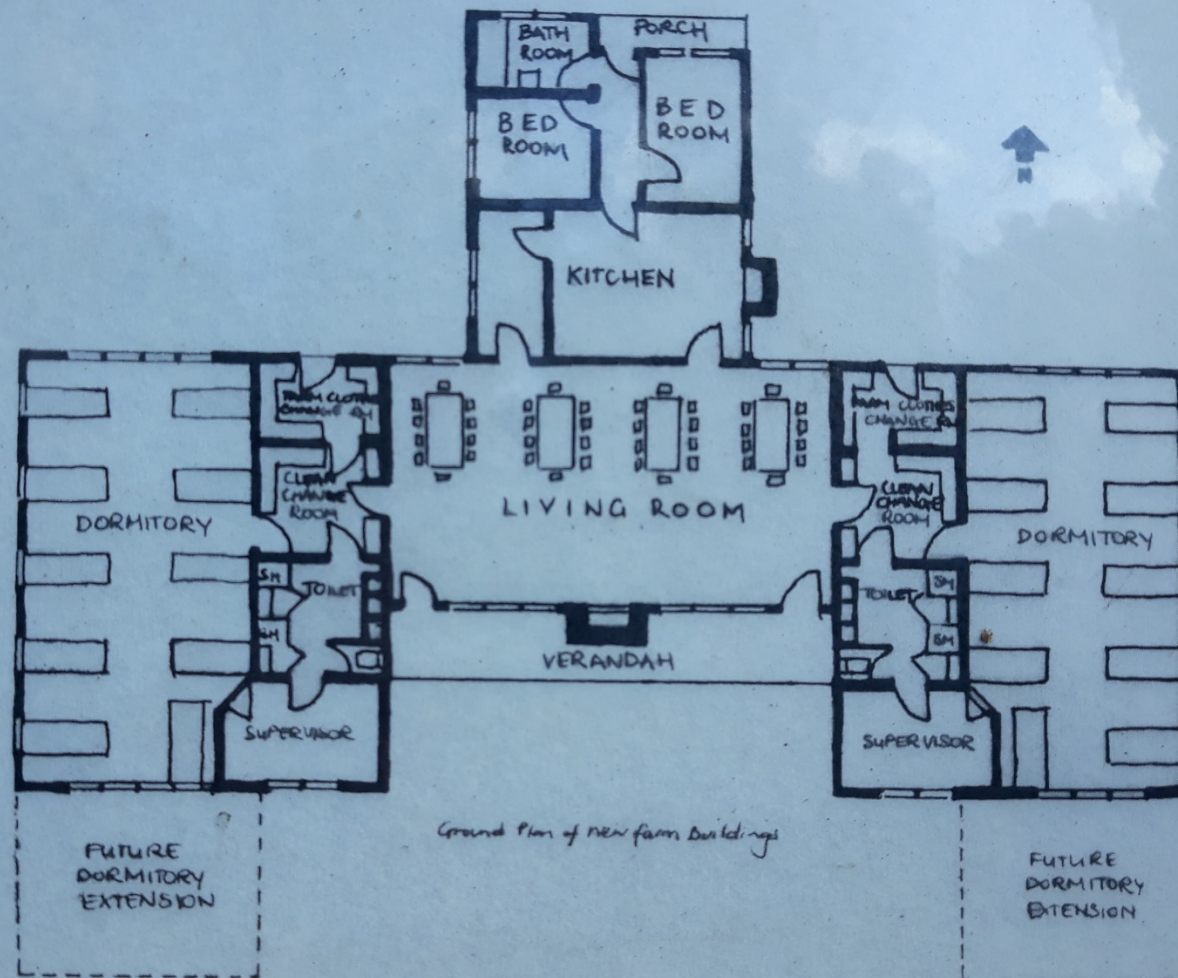
Located in the 36 X 30 feet dining and living room that was to be the centre of the boys social life was a full sized billiard table, a gift from the Narre Warren North Mechanics Institute.

As shown in the plan below two more dormitory extensions were planned for the future when funds became available.





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This is an image taken at the site of the Lysterfield Boys' Farm House in June, 2020. It shows a bare, grassed area with a domed top well and eucalyptus woodland in the background. The sign titled 'Site of the Lysterfield Boys Farm Dormitory' can be seen in the foreground.





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