

## - NARRABURRA SUBSIDISED SCHOOL - 1941-1943 (LITTLE RED SCHOOL)

With the closing of the Bundawarrah School in 1939, there was a need for another school between Temora and Sunnymede, which was 24 kilometres north of Temora. The State Government did not think it was necessary so was not in favour of doing anything.

But, it was wartime and parents could not afford the time, the money, or the petrol to drive children to school. After some discussion with the education department it was decided that something would have to be done, so slowly they relented. Some students had already missed a lot of school.

The Department of Education said that if parents built or found a suitable building in the area, the government would supply all the materials and pay the teacher.

Carl Goesch offered a worker's hut on his property known as 'Rocky Park', but the hut had not been used for some time. It needed repairs such as a new floor, verandah, the tank cleaned, a general clean up and painting. This offer was accepted and working bees commenced.

When the school opened in about May 1941, Miss Elsa Appelt accepted the position as teacher. She was not a fully qualified teacher, but was training at the Teachers' College in Bendigo Victoria, coming home before finishing, to take the position.

On the day of the opening, Elsa was taken to the school by two soldiers in uniform. One was her brother, Norman Appelt, and the other was Walter Forck. Sadly, both of these men were later killed in World War II.

The number of students fluctuated between 7 and 11. The school closed at the end of 1943, when Miss Appelt resigned from teaching to go nursing. Elsa married Mervyn Reichelt at Trungley Hall in 1946, then lived in the Gilgandra district.

Pupils at the school during its existence were Ken, Max, and Bruce Goesch; Merle, Ron, Noel, Dawn and Ellis Hartwig; Ailsa Eisenhauer; Harold Fritsch; Jean Kite; Avril and June Booth; and Sid and Irene Workman.



Back: Jean Kite, Ailsa Eisenhauer, Max & Bruce Goesch, Harold Fritsch.  
Front: Noel, Ellis, Dawn, Ron & Merle Hartwig, Elsa Appelt with John Goesch