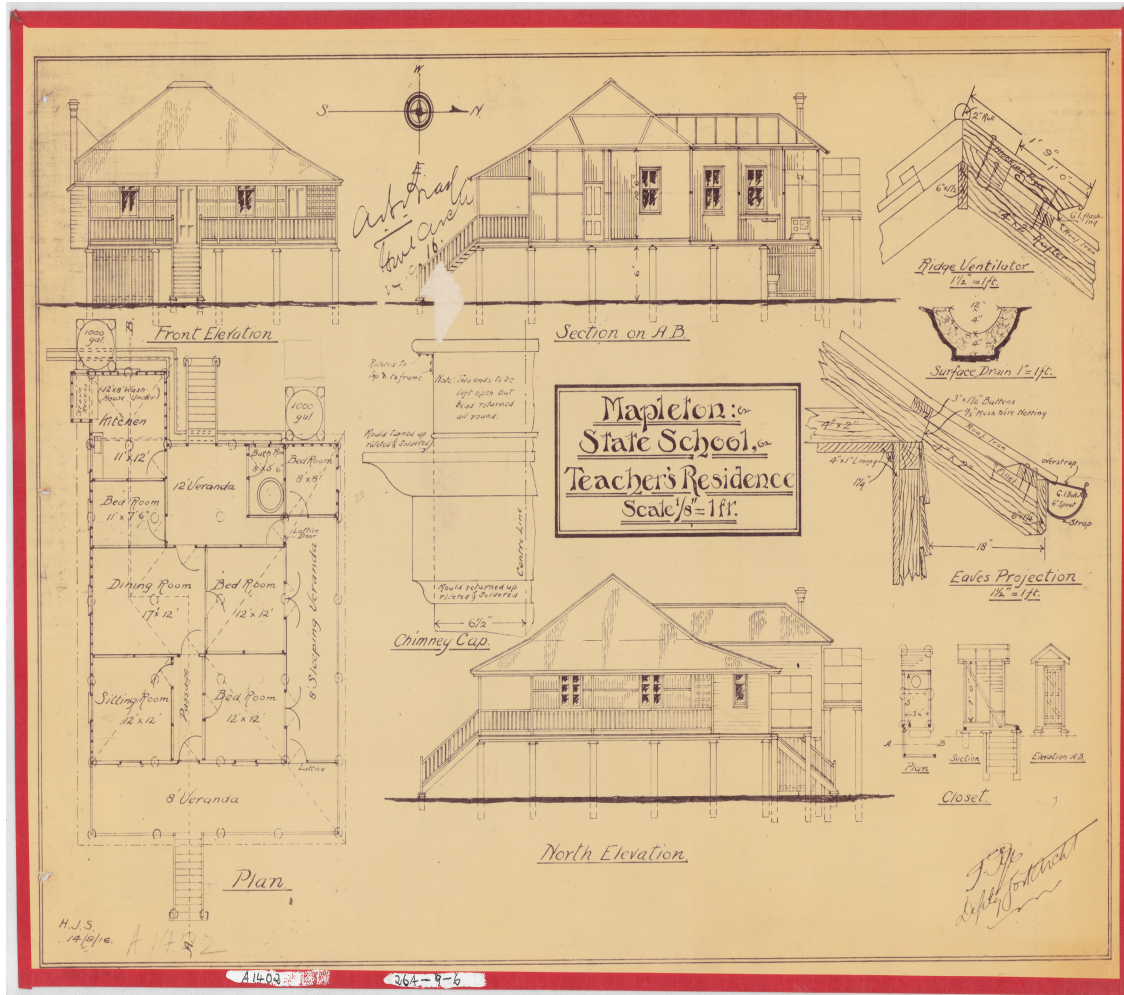


## The Old School House (TOSH)



This copy of the blueprint drawings were sourced from the Queensland State Archives. The building originally was high set and located on Flaxton Drive where the school car park is now located. Construction of the home began in 1916.

The building had four bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, kitchen (with an annex for a wood fired stove) and a bathroom. (When you visit the building today this configuration can clearly be seen). The residents survived on two 1,000 gallon (4,500L) water tanks! The first occupant Headmaster Mr Francis Watt and his family took up residence on 30 April 1917.

At the request of the community, the building was moved from Flaxton Road to its current site at 17 Obi Obi Road so that a community facility could be established. The relocation took place in May 1997 and was funded by the Maroochy Shire Council.

MADCA has leased the building from Council to be used as a community facility. During its life at the current site it has been used as a meeting centre, housed the arts and crafts gallery 'Enigmas', and acted as the boutique 'Katie Rose' for the Sunshine Coast Hospice and lately the Op Shop for RangeCare.

The grounds and gardens are maintained by an enthusiastic group of volunteers supported by MADCA.

It is refreshing to see that part of our heritage has been preserved and used for community benefit. Congratulations to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Cr David Law for funding repairs and renovations required.

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