

Yurgo

Yurgo siding was built on the same design as Nunkeri. It was a focal point for farmers and when they began considering erecting a hall and establishing an oval, the siding was the area to be considered. In 1924 an area of 10 acres was surveyed for a town area.

Yurgo school first operated a mile north of Yurgo, in a stone outbuilding 13ft x 12ft, of a farmhouse. The first teacher was Mr John A Moore. His school had 12 pupils and opened on January 26th 1926. Mr Moore stayed two months. This building was only to be a temporary arrangement until the Yurgo hall was built. It did not meet with Department requirements - it had no ceiling or heating, no table or chair for the teacher. The District Inspector described the toilets of the school as "but bag structures of primitive type, otherwise crudely effective". The Chairman of the school committee replied to this by saying such arrangements had to be tolerated. Part of his letter included this statement

"As regards to sanitary arrangements, that arrangement is good enough for a temporary affair, as there are people up here living in bag rooms, to say nothing of enjoying the luxury of bags for their WC's. This is as yet a primitive district and our arrangements must be primitive."

The Education Department decided to tolerate the building until the hall was completed. They paid rent from January to September 1926 but declined to after that.

The Yurgo school was transferred to the new hall on June 27th 1927. Yurgo school continued after the opening of Karoonda Area School and did not close until December 1946. A new bus run to the Area School incorporating the Nunkeri run began at the beginning of the 1947 school year.

Teachers who taught at Yurgo were:

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| John Moore | 1926 January - March |
| Dora Wright | 1926 |
| Aunger Evans | 1927 January - April |
| Lucy Millard | 1927 - 1930 |
| Mavis Harrip | 1930 May - December |
| Constance Robinson | 1931 - 1934 |
| Malcolm Clode | 1934 - 1935 |
| Iris Smith | 1935 - 1938 |
| E McDonnell | 1938 - 1939 |
| E Chapman | 1939 - 1940 |
| Ruth Darby | 1941 - 1942 |
| Elizabeth Crawford | 1943 - 1946 |
| Marian Keats | 1946 |