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# Bairnsdale Court House



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## Location

Nicholson Street,, BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875 - Property No B2382

## Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1462

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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One of Victoria's most distinctive and delightful pieces of fantasy architecture built in 1892-1894 to the design of the Public Works Department, drawings by A J Macdonald. The facade has witch's hat turrets, based on Viollet-le-Duc's Carcassonne, flanking an Australo-Romanesque archway elaborately decorated with Australian flora and fauna by the Metung carver Albert Smith, delicate wrought iron gates and a pair of windows each of three vertical lights surmounted by a bizarre multi-lobed disc. The side elevations are enlivened above eave height by a symmetrical array of four dormers and two banded chimney stacks, while on the east there is also a rusticated

arched portico. Internally, the court room is exceptionally fine, with a timber panelled roof on hammer beam arches, a stepped rear gallery, intact cedar-panelled bench, dock and jury-box, remarkable near-circular fireplace openings and fine stained glass windows, in which the figure of Justice placed in each of the multi-lobed lights is highly effective and original.

Classified: 'Regional' 16/4/1970

Revised: 21/06/1984

Hermes Number 67901

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