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# Farmhouse "Vallence's Farm"



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## Location

289 Werribee Vale Road MADDINGLEY, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO174

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

What is significant?

The Farm Complex comprising the 19th century brick homestead, timber barn and brick dairy known as Vallence's Farm and located at 289 Werribee Vale Road, Maddingley.

How is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 289 Werribee Vale Road, Maddingley is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Farm Complex at 289 Werribee Vale Road, Maddingley is of historical significance for its demonstration of the early settlement of the Maddingley area for farming purposes. Henry Vallence erected this farmhouse and an adjoining dairy following his purchase of the allotment in the Werribee Vale in March 1864. The property is of historical significance for its associations with the most prominent farming family in the Maddingley area, the Vallence family. The complex of buildings is of historical significance for showing the operations of a 19th century farm.

The Farm Complex at 289 Werribee Vale Road, Maddingley is of aesthetic significance as an excellent intact example of a 19th century farm complex, including a homestead, barn, and dairy. The homestead is of architectural significance as an early and substantial farm residence in the area. The tall hipped roof, original doors and windows, and scalloped timber valence to the verandah contribute to the significance of the building. The dairy and the timber slab barn are of local architectural significance as rare surviving examples of these early types of buildings.

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An apparently Edwardian brick farmhouse, although there has been a farmhouse here since 1864. It has an early (?) underground dairy. It has local historical significance as a representative embodiment of a way of life and probably a changing sequence of architectural styles. The dairy is of local architectural significance as a relatively rare surviving example of a building type.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
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## Physical Conditions

No assessment

## Intactness

No assessment

## Physical Description 1

An apparently Edwardian red brick farmhouse, with a verandah in the angle and two chimneys, sited high on the crest of the escarpment. There is remnant garden planting all around. The upper and lower aqueducts are visible, the upper spans a valley as a bridge to the north-west of the house. An old underground dairy, 3 or meat safe 4 is said to remain on the property. Obscured by its elevation and planting.

## Historical Australian Themes

Agriculture

## **Usage/Former Usage**

USE: Farmhouse.

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