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## Former A.N.A. Hall. Branch 99.



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### Location

154 Main Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

### Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO109

### Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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An unpretentious timber hall with a grandiloquent and very eclectic Edwardian Baroque facade, designed by Smith and Filler architects of Ballarat and built in 1904-5.

It is of regional historical significance as an extraordinary embodiment of the ideals and social values of its period and for its long association with social and benevolent developments in community life.

It is regionally architecturally significant as an extraordinary expression of an architectural style and of the work of its architects. As a benevolent society meeting hall it is a relatively rare and splendid survival.

Finally, it is socially significant to Bacchus Marsh as being known and valued by the community as part of its sense of identity and as a focus for social occasions.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Architect/Designer	Smith & Filler,
Hermes Number	117257
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Good. Redevelopment?

## Intactness

Reasonable. But the left-hand steep pyramidal roof and the right hand octagonal candle snuffer roof their finials and short towers have been removed. Brickwork has been all painted and a flagpole added at the corner. One internally illuminated sign and another cantilevered sign have been attached.

## Physical Description 1

A two-storey brick public building of very eclectic Edwardian Baroque design. There are four bays to Main Street with the fifth bay forming the splay of a corner octagonal tower. At ground floor level, the elevation is almost symmetrical: there are two segmental head shop windows, with small-pane upper sashes and a flat architrave with crosettes, keystone, cill and transom moulds. There is a triple window at the corner. At centre is a recessed porch with double-doors. There is a deep broken pediment over, supported by pilasters with ogee tops. Over this is a balconette supported on brackets. It has an arched canopy supported on Ionic columns on pedestals. Between these is a balustrade with square ballusters.

At first floor level is a stringcourse moulding and there is a frieze and deep cornice with a parapet. First floor windows have broken pediments supported on brackets with cills. The frontispiece continues up through the parapet as an embossed nameplate, surmounted by a broken pediment with the date embossed. This is supported on Doric pilasters with broad volutes. The parapet has recessed panels between piers. Chimneys have Classical mouldings. This building is merely one room deep. At rear is a simple single storey timber hall with hip roof; gabled vents and external chimney.

## Historical Australian Themes

Community Life/ Townships.

## Usage/Former Usage

USE : 2 Shops & hall

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