Dwelling (Former Police Station and Gaol)



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Location

29 Main Street MYRNIONG, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO186

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

What is significant?

The former Police Station and Gaol at 29 Main Street, Myrniong.

How is it significant?

The former Police Station and Gaol at 29 Main Street, Myrniong is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The former Police Station and Gaol at 29 Main Street, Myrniong is of historical significance as an early and important civic building demonstrating the establishment of Myrniong in the 1870s. The Police Station and Gaol were constructed around 1870, but only used for that purpose until 1877. The Gaol is of historical significance as a rare building type dating from an early period in Victoria's history, and demonstrating law enforcement practices in the mid 19th century.

The former Police Station & Stables, 29 Main Street, Myrniong is of aesthetic significance as a representative and intact example of an early bluestone Police Station, contributing to the distinctive group of bluestone buildings in Main Street, Myrniong. The building demonstrates key features of a mid 19th century bluestone dwelling including the hipped roof, symmetrical design, tuckpointed bluestone ashlar with dressed quoins, skillion verandah spanning between end wing walls, four panel front timber door, and timber framed double hung windows with six pane sashes. The Gaol at the rear is of aesthetic significance as a rare surviving example of a building type. It is also of significance for its construction in local sandstone.

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An ashlar bluestone former police station and gaol (outbuilding), built about 1870 and operating until 1877.

It has local historical significance in demonstrating the effect of government action on a rural community, and architecturally significant as a representative example of a relatively intact surviving early bluestone house, one of a group in Main Street.

Heritage Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel

Study/Consultant Catrice, 1995;

Other Names Police Station and Gaol,

Hermes Number 124294

Property Number

Physical Description 1

House.

Double-fronted symmetrical bluestone early house with an outbuilding, formerly police residence and goal. Walls are ashlar with dressed quoins. There is a timber verandah with a concave roof; extending between two wingwalls with sandstone parapets. A very unusual type, like a row house. There is a hip, M - profile roof with a skillion extension at the rear. The four -panel door has a fly-screen door and fanlight. There are stone chimneys.

Outbuilding.

A two-storey sandstone outbuilding at the left of the house, at the rear The gable facing has doors in both levels, like a barn, with monolithic stone lintels.

Historical Australian Themes

Governing

Intactness

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

MATERIALS, FORM, FACADE. VERANDAH.

UNPAINTED FINISH.

House. Good. Wing walls have been painted. The verandah decoration appears to have been replaced. The fence is not appropriate.

Outbuilding. Reasonable. A skillion addition at left appears to have been removed, or burnt down.

Usage/Former Usage

USE: House.

PR EVIOUS USE: Police Station and Gaol.

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