
FORMER HM PRISON (CASTLEMAINE)

Location

36-48 BOWDEN STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1231

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO600

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Interpretation of Site	HM Prison, Castlemaine was constructed of local sandstone between 1857 and 1861 . It represents an important phase in the development of prison design associated with the completion of the Model Prison at Pentonville in 1842. The influence of the Pentonville plan is evident in the radial wings, central hall and exercise yard (industries building) of Castlemaine Gaol. Beechworth, Bendigo and Castlemaine were the most accurate representations in Victoria of Jebb's panopticon design. The completion of the Castlemaine Gaol in 1861 represents an important phase of prison construction in Victoria. Between 1857 and 1864 a remarkable period of building activity saw eight prisons constructed on Pentonville principles in metropolitan and regional areas.
Archaeological Significance	Site is of archaeological significance as the burial site of 10 executed prisoners between 1865 and 1876
Hermes Number	192281
Property Number	

History

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Former HM Prison, the burial site of 10 executed prisoners:

21 August 1865: David Young

10 March 1866: Long Poy

31 July 1867: William H Terry

14 August 1868: John Hogan

23 May 1870: Ah Pew

20 May 1872: James Wilkie

11 March 1873 : Samuel Wright

20 May 1873: Pierre Barbun

9 August 1875: Ah Kat

22 May 1876: John Duffus 1820

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