Former Bellarine Shire Hall and Court House including interior

Location

11 High Street, DRYSDALE VIC 3222 - Property No 253083

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1620

HO78

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The former Bellarine Shire Hall and Court House was erected in 1880 by contractors John Baxter and Son from designs prepared by P.W.D. architects, as amended by Andrew McWilliams, Shire Secretary, and prominent Geelong and district architect. This finely proportioned Italianate building of red brick with arcaded entrance porch is typical of P.W.D. architecture of an earlier era (1860-1875). The structure has notable associations with local government on the Bellarine Peninsula.

References

National Trust Of Australia (Victoria), File No. 409.

Geelong Advertiser, 4th July 1878, suggestion made to the Government by the Bellarine council to erect a town hall at Drysdale to act as court of Petty Sessions.

7th November, 1878, Bellarine Shire Hall to be used as a police court.

14th May 1880, tender for new Shire Hall and court House, A McWilliams, Shire Secretary.

3rd June 1880, description of building.

30th July 1880, progressing rapidly.

5th August 1880, description of building.

20th October, 1880, 28th October 1880, Opening Ceremony on 27th October 1880.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21455
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