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## FORMER POLICE RESIDENCE



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davey street avoca front view  
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former police residence  
davey street avoca rear view  
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former police residence  
davey street avoca side view

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### Location

6 DAVEY STREET AVOCA, PYRENEES SHIRE

### Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1661

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO6

### VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Former Police Residence, Avoca, built in 1859, is part of a larger justice precinct designed by the Public Works Department and includes the court house (1859), powder magazine (1860) and lock-up (1867). The original single storey residence consisting of four rooms is constructed of red brick with a hipped slate roof and a return verandah also roofed in slate. The building was remodelled and extended in 1902 however the timber additions have since been demolished, as has a two stall stables building.

The Former Police Residence is no longer in police usage.

### How is it significant?

The Former Police Residence, Avoca is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

### Why is it significant?

The Former Police Residence is historically significant for its early date of construction. The residence is important for its relationship with the nearby courthouse, magazine and lock-up which together form an example of an early justice precinct. The building, together with the other buildings in the precinct, played a significant role in Avoca's past and has a close association with the area's goldmining history. The Police Residence is historically important for its ability to reflect Avoca's former status as the administrative capital of the surrounding goldmining areas, and the police presence on goldfields generally.

The Former Police Residence is architecturally significant as one of the earliest examples of police buildings erected throughout Victoria in the mid nineteenth century. The simple detailing and lack of ornament are important features as they reflect the building's utilitarian function and demonstrate an important period in the development of the Public Works Department.

*[Online Data Upgrade Project 2004]*

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. Note: All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component.

General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: A Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan.

General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. Minor Works : Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works must submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	38
Property Number	

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## **History**

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The draft statement of significance and the above history were produced as part of an Online Data Upgrade Project 2003. Sources were as follows:

Frances O'Neill, Police Buildings Survey  
Avoca Shire Heritage Study, 1993-94  
National Estate Register  
National Trust Register

## **Extent of Registration**

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings  
Avoca Shire  
Former Police Residence, Davey Street, Avoca.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p3086]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*