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## Location

Grant Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO79

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

A Modern World War II Memorial hospital built over 1954-57, including a nurses home and two war memorials.

It is of historical significance locally, as a development in the community life of Bacchus Marsh, funded by their donations. The nurses home demonstrates an association with Sir William Angliss, of Greystones, the well known pastoralist and meat industry leader.

Architecturally it is (at least) locally significant as a representative example of an early postwar Modern rural hospital- in relatively intact condition.

Finally it has social significance to Bacchus Marsh people as known and valued by the community and part of its sense of identity, including as its World War II Memorial.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995; |
| Other Names               | Bacchus Marsh & District War Memorial Hospital,   |
| Hermes Number             | 117148  |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Conditions

Good. The significant elements of any hospital are threatened by redevelopment due to changing needs.

## Intactness

Very good. The entrance area has been recently reconstructed.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

MATERIALS. FORM. PLAN/LAYOUT. USE. WINDOWS. I

MEMORIALS.

## Physical Description 1

A Modern hospital complex in spacious grounds, consisting of flat roofed, generally single-storied pavilion blocks. These have generally painted brickwork and timber modular 'Window-wall' windows from cill height, with steel deck roofs. The

entrance has a deep projecting canopy at roof level, with planter boxes at sides. The pavilion blocks are linked by corridors: the main block is generally rectangular, a further block is U-shaped and the nurses' wing is L-shaped and double storey. This has Calcil sand bricks.

Before the entrance is a recent war memorial in the form of an obelisk, with older bluestone pavement paved with the words 'Lest We Forget'. The footpaths to Grant Street are paved in diamond pattern pre-cast pavers.

There is an ANZAC memorial tree in the south-east corner of the grounds, its story well documented with various explanatory plaques.

## Usage/Former Usage

USE: Hospital.

## Historical Australian Themes

Township.Country Life

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