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Location

8 Gisborne Road BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0504

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 1993

An early brick, partly two-storey, newspaper printing works and publishing office, the earliest section (identified on the accompanying plan) built in 1865. Here was published the *Bacchus Marsh Express* newspaper (1866-1970).

Through its forceful and intelligent editor (until 1915) and part proprietor, Christopher Crisp, *The Express* was influential on Alfred Deakin and the Australian Federation movement at the end of the nineteenth century. This is one of a group of three buildings associated with the newspaper (also refs:192 & 194). It contains two presses, a printing machine and a collection of old type blocks.

The building is of state historical significance for its association with the *Express*, with Crisp and with the development of newspaper publishing and printing in the Community life of Victoria. It is also of State historical significance as a rare surviving representative embodiment of the newspaper industry in the late nineteenth century in Victoria. It is finally of social significance as known and valued by the community as part of its sense of identity of the place and as an embodiment of a sequence of varied approaches to conservation action, over twenty-five years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	The Express,,
Hermes Number	117662
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Reasonable. There is cracking to all rendered stone, especially in front, centre. The ground level has risen above the floor level, allowing damp penetration. Difficult access and car parking may limit its continued commercial use. It is unclear if all of the scheduled significant equipment survives.

Intactness

Reasonable. First floor windows have been replaced. Two of the verandah brackets are lacking. Glazing bars from the right-hand display window are missing and replaced with otto metal. Roofing and roof-plumbing have been replaced in quadrant profile oddly. There is a recent addition at left.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

MATERIALS. FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. USE.

VERANDAH DECORATION.

DOORS. WINDOW

Physical Description 1

An L-shaped, shallow two-storey, commercial building, gabled across the site, with a wing extending at rear. It has two bays with a display window in each and french doors on the right, where there is a continuous timber lintel. The left and window has a pair of sashes with segmental heads and 12 panes. There are two windows to each bay at first floor level, with sequential heads. The first floor level has rendered brickwork, otherwise brickwork is exposed. Ground floor level, is stone, rendered. There is a low concave verandah with cast-iron lade brackets. Quadrant roof gutter links front and rear gutters to form a pediment effect. Inside are various items of printing equipment:

1. 'Eagle' hand printing press. Old and possibly unique.
2. 'Wharfedale' flatbed printing press, manufactured Yorkshire, England (c1880s, 60s) .
3. "Chandler and Price", hand-platen printing machine (c188??).
4. Mostly modern type blocks.

8 Letter to Mrs S. Hawker, National Trust of Australia (Victoria), from P Milner and L.J. Jones, Mechanical Engineering Department, University of Melbourne, 23 April 1981.

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Historical Australian Themes

Townships/Community Life/Industry/ Conserving.

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