



## Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Napoleons Police Station and Residence is located at 4835 Colac - Ballarat Road, Napoleons. It stands on land temporarily reserved for police purposes on 28 November 1888. It was constructed in 1888 to a design by the Public Works Department of Victoria. It comprises an asymmetrical single storey timber clad building, constructed in a highly picturesque style, with gothic detailing. It features three major projecting gable wings, two minor gables, a steeped pitched roof and three paired chimneys set on the diagonal. The windows are double hung sashes with the upper panes divided into nine sashes. Two small timber porches enclose the public and private entrances. In 1916 the Police Station was acquired by the Education Department to serve as the teacher's residence for the Napoleons State School. A rear timber extension has been added to the western elevation in the late 20th century. A timber clad outbuilding, with former holdings cells, is located at the rear of the yard. There are no significant plantings within the grounds.

How is it significant?

The former Napoleons Police Station and Residence is of historical and architectural significance to the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former Napoleons Police Station and Residence is of historical significance as an early police building established to provide a permanent police presence in the Napoleons district and the southern Buningyong goldfields in the 1880s. It is also significant for serving as a teacher residence for the Napoleons State School from 1916 until the 1960s.

It is of architectural significance as a surviving Public Works Department building, constructed in the picturesque style, which reflects a shift in design aesthetic of public buildings following the departure of William Wardell in 1878.

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Other Names	Yarrowee Police Station,
Hermes Number	31700
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

The former Police Station and Residence is located on allotment 10, section H within the township of Napoleons, Parish of Yarrowee. The building is deeply set back from the Colac - Ballarat Road, with outbuildings located at the rear.

The former Police Station and Residence is an asymmetrical single story building, constructed in a highly picturesque style, with gothic detailing. It features three major projecting gable wings, two minor gables, a steeped pitched roof and three paired chimneys set on the diagonal. Two small timber porches enclose an entrance into the private residence and into the police station located on the northern and southern elevations respectively. The windows are double hung sashes with the upper panes divided into nine sashes. The front windows are hooded. The windows are treated almost as an aedicule. A rear timber extension has been added to the western elevation in the late 20th century.

There are no significant planting within the grounds. A single timber clad outbuilding, including former holding cells, is located at the rear of the yard.

The former Police Station and Residence is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the former Napoleons Police Station and Residence.

7 Governing

7.6 Administering Australia

7.6.3 Policing Australia

7.6.4 Dispersing justice

8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **Physical Description 2**

Extent of Registration: to the extent of the former Police Station and Residence and stables (but not including the interiors or the 20th century extension to the rear of the residence), being the whole of Allotment 10, section H, township of Napoleons.

## **Integrity**

The former Police Station and Residence is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

*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.*

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