

## FORMER BLACKSMITH'S COTTAGE AND SHOP



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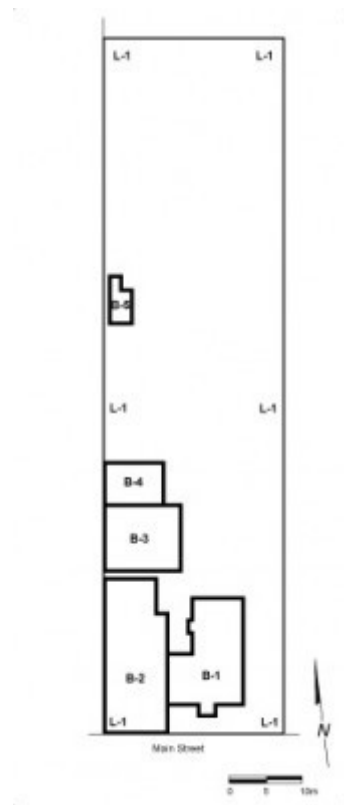
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& shop main street  
bacchus marsh front view of  
cottage 1997



former blacksmiths cottage  
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bacchus marsh view of  
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former blacksmiths shop registration plan

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## Location

100-102 MAIN STREET BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0462

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO8

## VHR Registration

March 12, 1980

## Amendment to Registration

May 21, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 17, 1999

Located at the junction of the Government Road to Maddingley and the main Government Road from Melbourne to Ballarat, the site has been occupied by a blacksmith since 1852 and possibly as early as 1850. The complex is of major

historic importance because of its direct associations with the function of Bacchus Marsh as a staging point along the "Gold" Road from Melbourne to Ballarat. The site was in continuous use as a blacksmith and wheelwright's premises and cottage until 1940 with various additions occurring until c.1930. It was the last "smithy" to survive in the town.

The cottage is described as constructed of stone in 1852, however, the rear timber section which abuts the stone section remaining posts suggesting that the stone wall was built later. The structure of the rear timber rooms and verandah is interesting in several aspects:

- \* the morticed heads to the doors, suggesting construction prior to the establishment of the Blacksmith's shop where nails are common;
- \* the lack of a ceiling although in 1975 the calico lining was still in place;
- \* partial lining to interior walls;
- \* beaded profile weatherboards.

The blacksmith's shop is the second on the site but is of great importance in maintaining the continuity of function and historical associations of the complex with the earliest gold rush days and possibly the pre-gold pastoral settlement of the area.

### 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:

### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

#### 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.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations 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 alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

#### Exterior

- \* Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.
- \* Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials, advertising signs etc, and making good.
- \* Installation or repair of damp-proofing by either injection method or grouted pocket method.
- \* Erection of small, plain (not "period") outbuildings including sheds, aviaries, kennels, poultry sheds and the like provided that no new outbuilding is larger than 10 square metres in floor area or 2.4 metres in height.
- \* Regular garden maintenance.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of garden watering systems.

#### Interior

- \* Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of the original paint or other decorative scheme.
- \* Removal of paint from originally unpainted or oiled joinery, doors, architraves, skirtings and decorative strapping.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of carpets and/or flexible floor coverings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of curtain track, rods, blinds and other window dressings.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted artworks.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of heating units is concealed from view.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ. Note: if wiring original to the place was carried in timber conduits then the conduits should remain in-situ.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation in the roof spaces.
- \* Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates	1877,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	FORMER BLACKSMITHS COTTAGE AND FORGE,
Hermes Number	49
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 462 in the category described as a Heritage Place is now described as:

Former Blacksmith's Cottage and Shop, 100-102 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh, Moorabool Shire Council.

### EXTENT

1. All of the buildings marked B-1 (cottage), B-2 (blacksmiths shop), B-3, B-4 & B-5 (outbuildings) on Diagram 601792 held by the Executive Director:
2. All of the land marked L-1 on Diagram 601792 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 10071 Folio 219 being Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 313071N.

Dated 7 May 1998  
RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*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/>*