
First Shire Hall



B2873 First Shire Hall 11
Ardlie St Westmeadows

Location

11 Ardlie Street, WESTMEADOWS VIC 3049 - Property No B2873

Municipality

HUME CITY

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Early Broadmeadows building with unusually steep pediment.

A plaque on the chimney of the former Shire of Broadmeadows Hall records the date of construction as 1866. The unusually planned single storey multi-gabled structures built of alternating courses of squared basalt and granite, rockfaced and with fine axed details and encircling timber verandah. The first occupants were the Broadmeadows District Roads Board established in 1850.

Broadmeadows township, now Westmeadows, was a rural village en route to the gold diggings and the north. It was heavily reliant upon passing traffic for toll revenue. The township grew rapidly in the years 1850 - 1870 and then stagnated. The former Shire Hall was erected on a Public Buildings reserve and is of interest as a survivor of this era of township development and for its unusual masonry details.

The Hall was extended by construction of a brick addition of unknown date and converted to a residence. The

exterior is essentially intact and parts of the original timber ceiling panelling survives internally.
Classified: 27/01/972

Hermes Number 65895

Property Number

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