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# FORMER MALDON COURT HOUSE



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## Location

FOUNTAIN STREET MALDON, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1652

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO352

## VHR Registration

August 20, 1982

## Amendment to Registration

May 23, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 24, 2000

A timber court house was constructed in 1857 but when completed in December 1857 the timber fittings were too big for the building - there was no room for the public. By 1860 plans had been drawn up for the new brick court house, the architect being Kaweran (this appears to have been a misspelling of Kawerau who was an architect with the Public Works office 1855-60). The successful tender was for £2016 by John Robertson in December 1860. Apparently there was some trouble with the building of the Court House, as operations were stopped in February 1861 due to inferior materials and workmanship. Work was resumed in April 1861 when Maldon bricks were substituted for Castlemaine bricks. By July the courthouse was nearly finished and was described as handsome but small. The Court House was closed in 1968-69.

[Source: Conservation Study]

Former Court House, Fountain Street, Maldon, is a brick court house erected in 1861 to the designs of the public works department of Victoria, replacing a timber structure of 1857. Symmetrically arranged, the face brick structure is characterised by the dominant central body of the building, decorated with prominent impost moulding, oversized round vent and paired arches to the recessed porch. There are gabled side wings with windows and the chimneys and plinth are other features. The former Court House forms part of the important historic townscape of the former gold-mining town of Maldon, one of the most notable in Victoria. The structure also has historical associations and is of architectural note. The Court House is illustrative of the essentially Italianate classical revival designs evolved by the public works department at this time and is of interest for its modest size, the simplicity and heaviness of its detailing, its planning and its composition. The former Court House is in fair condition and is reasonably intact. The building ceased to be a Court House in 1968/69.

[Source: Register Of The National Estate]

## 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](#).

Construction dates	1861,
Architect/Designer	Kawerau, Frederick,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	673
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

Amendment of Register of Government Buildings  
Maldon Shire  
Former Court House, Fountain Street, Maldon.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G39 12 October 1988 p3090]

Transferred to the Victorian Heritage Register 23 May 1998 (2 years after the proclamation of the Heritage Act 1995 pursuant to the transitional provisions of the Act)

*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/>*