
Court House Rushworth Historic Area



B4737 Court House

Location

77 High Street,, RUSHWORTH VIC 3612 - Property No B4737

Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1483

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The original Court House was built on this site in 1853 but became inadequate for the requirements of the district so the court, along with its furniture and fittings was moved into the nearby Shire Hall which was built in 1869. Erected in the late 1870s, this very plain rendered single storey but lofty Court House has a central arch headed entrance door and high level windows to each side. Internally the boarded ceiling, the exposed roof truss, furniture and fittings and the inner timber porch are intact.

Historic Area Statement of Significance: Rushworth is a gold mining town of considerable historic character. There is a wealth in its historic buildings and other structures which remain from its early development in the 1850's and the subsequent boom of the decades to follow.

The twentieth century saw a shift in Rushworth's importance as a mining town, to a servicing centre for the surrounding rural community. Essentially a town of the past, Rushworth has been largely by-passed by twentieth century development. This general decline has, however, had a positive effect in conserving the town's historic urban fabric. The decline whilst resulting in the loss of some buildings, has caused few intrusive replacements. About the town, many of Rushworth's boom period buildings remain in a largely intact condition and an atmosphere of tranquility pervades in this historic township.

The character and significance of the town is largely a function of its landscape setting; the spacious High Street; the town's irregular layout of straight streets; which are a legacy of Rushworth's boom period subsequent decline.

Classified: 06/12/1982.

Revised: 03/08/1998

Part of Historic Area

Hermes Number 67592

Property Number

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