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# Abbeyville



B3810 Abbeyville

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## Location

Fosters Lane, KYNETON VIC 3444 - Property No B3810

## Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Abbeyville is a vernacular single storey house of coursed squared basalt, believed to have been constructed between 1855 and 1858. The principle elevation incorporates three similar French windows, the central one serving as the front door and leading to a central axial hall. The corrugated iron hipped roof extends beyond the exterior walls to form a timber framed returning verandah, which covers the original shingles in the front section. On the north elevation there is a canted timber bay and evidence that there was once a pair of such bays along this side. At the rear of the house are timber stables of unknown date which have decorative bargeboards and a small Gothic window on the front facade. The house is believed to have been constructed for Charles Young, a prominent local auctioneer and farmer, who later helped found the Lauriston and Edgecombe Roads Board, served as Shire President, and as an M.L.A. for the Kyneton Borough, serving as minister for Water Supply and Agriculture (1881-1888) and Mines (1881). Despite alterations over the years, including the possible removal of one bay window and twentieth century addition at the rear, Abbeyville remains substantially intact.

How is it significant?

Abbeyville is of architectural and historic significance at a regional level.

Why is it significant?

Abbeyville is architecturally significant at a regional level as one of Kyneton's earliest substantial houses. While the house is a simple vernacular structure with little ornamentation, it incorporates some fine detailing, such as the coursed squared basalt walls and the timber bay window. It is a relatively substantial house for this period, larger in scale than the more modest cottages typical of the area at the time.

Abbeyville is historically significant at a regional level for its associations with local auctioneer, farmer and politician, Charles Young.

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