
Court House - Port Fairy Historic Area



B0343 Court House Gipps St
Port Fairy



B0343 Court House, Port
Fairy

Location

30 Gipps Street,, PORT FAIRY VIC 3284 - Property No B0343

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

National

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1480

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 14, 2008

The Courthouse was built in 1859-60 by James Mason to a design by the Public Works Department, and is of fine quality Grey Volcanic Stone, cut and tooled with excellent craftsmanship.

Over the years it has been virtually untouched and remains a superb example of an early courthouse, perfectly axial, with a fine strong central pediment over an arcaded open vestibule.

The Architect is believed to have been James Balmain. The original building has only a small stone porch and the present arcaded portico was added in 1859. The Court House is closely associated with the early history of Port

Fairy and its substantial nature reflects the prominence of Port Fairy as a settlement during this period. The substantial bluestone building is axially planned with a central court room flanked by side offices and has an arcaded, open entry vestibule added later. The bluestone masonry is coursed and the various decorative mouldings are executed in smooth dressed basalt. The detailing to the arcade, cornice and pediment and the chimneys are notable features of the building. The design of the Court House is one of the finest early Court Houses in Victoria and is rivalled only by the Portland Court House as a building of exemplary design and masonry construction. The interior and fittings are intact and are an important feature.

Classified: 'Regional' 12/05/1959

Revised" 'State' 18/11/1965

Revised: 02/12/1968

Part of Port Fairy Historic Area. Classified: 02/03/1981

Field Note 2010: Current usage Port Fairy Historical Society museum.

Other Names Port Fairy Historical Society,

Hermes Number 69351

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