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## Former Customs House



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### Location

28 Gipps Street,, PORT FAIRY VIC 3284 - Property No B3470

### Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Local

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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A simple bluestone Customs House of 1860 -61, in good condition and with a somewhat unusual open-work timber verandah valence employing elliptical motifs.

The present old Customs House replaced an earlier structure constructed in 1844 on the other side of Gipps Street. The present building was erected in 1860-61 by the builders Cox & Co. from locally quarried basalt. The timber verandah was added in 1866. Designers of the building were the Public Works Department of Victoria. It is a utilitarian structure with virtually no embellishments. The building is of considerable historical importance as it was erected at the time when Port Fairy was at the peak of activity as one of the largest and busiest shipping and trade harbours in Western Victoria. The structure is now used as a private residence.

This Former Customs House is constructed in Bluestone and its features include the Front verandah and the flat, hipped, corrugated iron clad roof and its prominent chimneys.

Classified: 31/07/1975  
Part of Port Fairy Historic Area.  
Classified: 02/03/1981.

Hermes Number 69358

Property Number

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