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# House, 375 Bacchus Marsh Road (Avenue of Honour)



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## Location

375 Bacchus Marsh Road (Avenue of Honour) BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO145

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 10, 2015

What is significant?

The Residence and its setting at 375 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bacchus Marsh.

How is it significant?

The Residence and its setting at 375 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bacchus Marsh is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Residence and its setting at 375 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bacchus Marsh is of local historical significance for its early date of construction (original building 1848) demonstrating the pre gold rush settlement of Bacchus Marsh. The building is of historical significance as a rare surviving example of an 1840s dwelling in Victoria. The building is also of historical significance for its associations with Mahoney family, a pioneering family and ongoing prominent residents of Bacchus Marsh. The stone cottage was built by stonemason and bricklayer, James Mahoney whose family had settled in the area in 1844.

The Residence and its setting at 375 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bacchus Marsh is of local aesthetic significance as a representative example of an early settler's cottage dating from the late 1840s. The basalt quoins indicate its construction by a stonemason. Very few 1840s buildings survive in Victoria to demonstrate the construction methods and appearance of the buildings constructed by the pioneering settlers.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Construction dates	1848,
Hermes Number	117428
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Fair, although neglected and derelict. The garden is overgrown.

## Intactness

Reasonable. The porch and rear addition appear to be 1920's.

## Physical Description 1

An asymmetrically four-bay rendered masonry cottage, with a hip roof across. It has the entrance porch in the second bay, a gable facing supported on masonry piers. It has (brown) basalt quoins, three brick chimneys (two symmetrically on the ridge and one in the rear, right corner), and four I2-pane double-hung early windows.

There is a skillion extension at the rear. An open shed at right, rear, is constructed on unsawn pole timbers with a low pitch roof.

## Physical Description 2

The Garden. This is a now-derelict garden, with a variety of older exotic plant species and younger native trees. The majority of the plants are shrubs with some trees towards the rear of the house.

Older plant species include : *flex aquifolium*, Holly. *Schimus molle*, Peppercorn Tree. *Abelia x grandiflora*, Glossy Abelia. *Olea europaea*, Olive. *Coprosma repens*. Mirror Bush. *Acmena sinithii*, Lilly Pilly. *Agave sp.* *Citrus limon*, Lemon. *Pittosporum sp.* *Wistaria chinensis*, Chinese Wisteria. *Camellia japonica hybrids*, Camelia.

Newer plant species include: *Ulmus procera* *Eucalyptus sp.Reeds* - English Elm (suckers or self seeded from street trees). (possibly plantings in last 20 years), completely invaded throughout the garden, due to lack of maintenance.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

### Agriculture

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