

Dwelling "Pentland" and Garden



House, Pentland

Location

85 and 87 Main Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO100

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Residence and gardens at 85-87 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.

How is it significant?

The Residence and gardens at 85-87 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh is of local historical and architectural significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The Residence and gardens at 85-87 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh is of historical importance for its representation of the beginning of the boom period in Bacchus Marsh when the railway came to the town and industry was being established. The property is of historical significance for its associations with well-known Bacchus Marsh Shire Engineer and Secretary, D. A. Little who served at the Shire for 27 years between 1885 and 1913. Little designed and lived in the residence at 85-87 Main Street, which is a rare example of his architectural work.

The Residence and gardens at 85-87 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh is of aesthetic significance as a representative example of the late Italianate domestic style. It is also significant for its incorporation of a relatively early cavity wall in the construction. Its prominent location on the Main Street hill facing the township and the well-established garden setting contributes to the significance of the place.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Architect/Designer	Little, DA,
Hermes Number	117606
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

Reasonable

Intactness

Fair. Brickwork is all painted, the cast-iron verandah valance and brackets have been removed and there are infills to the verandah in timber.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. VERANDAH. VERANDAH DEC. CHIMNEYS. DOORS. WINDOWS. FENCES, HEDGES..

Physical Description 1

Double-fronted brick tuck-pointed Italianate house, almost symmetrical, with a hip. Chimneys have abstracted mouldings. The verandah extends around three sides, with cast-iron fine Corinthian posts. There is a random rubble bluestone fence and some garden remnants. Apparently, there is a cavity in the wall on the west (?) side for weathering.

Physical Description 2

Garden. A simple garden with a central path and stone steps to the front verandah with lawn either side, and a driveway to the east of house at the base of the sloping lawn. Large specimen trees dominate the front lawn, a combination of exotic and natives, with an Italian Cypress at the driveway entrance. A low privet hedge links the driveway to the east boundary. A large Poplar towers over the garden to the east adjacent to a mixed shrubbery along the house.

Plant species include: *Liquidambar styraciflua*, Liquidambar. *Cupressus sempervirens*, Italian Cypress. *Crataegus oxyacantha*, Hawthorn. *Brachychitonp opulneus*, Kurrajong. *Eucalyptus crenulata*, Silver Gum. *Populus* sp., Poplar. *Cordyline australis*, Cabbate Palm. *Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'*, Purple leaf Cherry Plum. *Agapanthus orientalis*, Blue Agapanthus. *Rosa* sp., *Palm* sp., Roses. *Ligustrum ovalifolium*, Hedge Privet.

Usage/Former Usage

USE: House

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